

Burtrust Tobias
“B.T.” Wilson

B. T. Wilson was an educator, community leader and musician in Kerrville for more than 58 years. He came to Kerrville to be principal of the Kerrville Colored School and teach math. But he became much more than that and in the process, transformed the educational experience for Black children in the town. “Prof” as he was called by his students, became a role model and worked unceasingly to inspire in his students a love for education. He changed the name of the school to Doyle School, formed an a cappella choir that performed all over Texas, as well as an athletics program that competed statewide. When integration came to Kerrville, B.T. went to Tivy High School where he taught math and continued his role as a community leader. B.T. also loved music and performed regularly on his bass fiddle with several local groups. After his retirement, he became even more active in the musical community. In this story, B.T. reminisces about his unique experiences in Kerrville.

Cross References:

Bishop College
Guadalupe College
Fisk College
Doyle School
Wings Over Jordan Choir

Names:

John Paul Walton
LaVerne Allen Walker Griffin
L. E. Cheeks
Theodore Martin
Louis Neal
Marty Smith
Herb Hall
Bob Holt
Joyce Harrison
Nobie Isaac
Rosa Mills