

Prominent Pastor Dies

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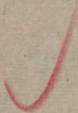
Dr. Tynes was vice-president of Virginia Theological Seminary and College where he taught Greek, Hebrew, and theology.

He was born in Sandy Mount, Va., in 1879. His father, James Thomas Tynes, a sergeant in the Civil War on the Union side, was born a free man in 1834.

Dr. Tynes graduated from St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School in Minnesota and received advanced degrees from Ohio State University. He was married to the late Mrs. Lucy Rich Tynes, the first woman principal of Northern Neck Academy in Virginia.

Surviving are sons, T. R. Tynes of Saint Croix, the Virgin Islands, Frank W. Tynes of New York, Dr. Victor H. Tynes, a Greensboro dentist, and Dr. Morris H. Tynes of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Dr. Margaret Tynes of Milan, Italy, world-famous opera singer, and Mrs. Angeline Roberts of New York.

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