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Was born in Hughesville, Charles County, Md., in 1877. He received his early and secondary education in the public schools of the county and in an Episcopal High School at Charlotte Hall, Md. He entered Howard University in 1896; graduated with honor in 1901 with the degree of A. B., giving special attention during his collegiate courses to the sciences. Immediately after graduation he was awarded scholarship by the Catholic University of America (D. C.) to pursue graduate work in Chemistry and allied sciences in that institution. He left, however, early in the year 1901-1902 to accept position at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

In the fall of 1902 he accepted position in the elementary schools of Baltimore, was advanced to the High School before the end of the year and given the task of establishing courses in the biological sciences in that school. He was called to Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo., 1910; called back to Baltimore 1911; was appointed professor at Howard University, 1913, to fill the new chair of Applied Biology and Nature Study.

He pursued graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University, University of Rochester, Cold Spring Harbor Biological Laboratory (N. Y.), Columbia University and Cornell University (one year). He received the degree A. M. from Howard University, his thesis being "A Review of the Classification of Cryptogams."

He is at present carrying on researches on the potato in connection with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Nature Study Society of America, the American School Garden Association, and the School Men's Club. He is a member of many other organizations for spiritual and racial uplift.

He has contributed articles of biological nature to current magazines, such as "Education" and "Southern Workman." He married Miss Laura E. Miller, of Hampton, Va., in 1907, a graduate of Hampton Institute and of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.