

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN RELATIVES:

Appleby, Texas 31 Jul 1910  
Mary Laura Elizabeth Tynes Judd and Caroline R. Compton to  
Reverend W. E. Tynes.

Dear Cousin,

We have not heard from Uncle Fleming in a year or more. His post office when last we heard was Bayminett, Alabama. If you write to him, I suppose some of his people will get the letter if he is not there. He is a bachelor and a fine violinist and a mighty good man. I have but one brother living and no sisters. He lives in sight of me. He has a wife and 5 children.

As ever, your cousin

Tazewell, Virginia 18 Feb 1920  
L. A. Tynes to Mr. Walter E. Tynes, Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

I want to advise you of Father's death in November of 1914, with pneumonia. It would have been a great pleasure for him to have met you and talked over our family history and at which time, no doubt, he could have aided you in preparing the family tree that you refer to.

Sincerely and truly yours,

Tahlequah, Oklahoma 29 Apr 1920  
John B. Tynes to Rev. Walter E. Tynes, D.D., Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Tynes:

You are probably right in your conjecture that my family emigrated from England at an earlier date than yours; for during the settlement of South Carolina, many emigrants from Barbados were among the settlers in that state and it is not unreasonable to suppose that one or more of our names might have then left the island to seek their fortunes in a wider and more promising field. I don't know the exact time of this migration. Peyer's (or Roger's) history of Barbados makes no mention of it, but it probably was in the earlier half of 17th century and not long after the Legislature of South Carolina had voted a considerable sum of money (for those days) to help the Barbadians rebuild Bridgetown, the capitol of the island that had been devastated by fire.

Tahlequah, Oklahoma (cont.)

It was Major Tynes, I believe, who told me in one of his letters that a "Sands" Tynes was mentioned in Herry's History of General Marion. Have you come across the name in that history? If not, may it not be that "Sands" is a corruption of "Sam" -- a brother of your great-grandfather, Fleming Tynes? There is a branch of the Tynes stock in Bermuda that is connected with my family in Barbados through my grandfather, Capt. Thomas Tynes and his elder brother Capt. John Tynes. The Bermuda Tynes could possibly be traced back and found among the political offenders of Cromwell's time who were exiled from England for their adherence to the Royalist cause after its crushing defeat of Naseby, during the reign of Charles II. It is regrettable that much of the early history of our family is so uncertain, owing to the loss of written records -- if any such had existed -- and to the changes that occur with the lapse of years.

As to myself, I am the oldest and the only survivor of the five sons and one daughter born to my parents, John William and Mary Tynes, both of Barbados. Born on 8th of March, 1833, I was eighty-seven years old on that date last month. On the same date in 1854, I married Margaret Batson (or Babson or Bafson) who was my good true wife and helpmeet 62 years -- until she "went home" on 23rd January 1916. She was 79 years old -- "a mother in Israel" of whom it was said of yore, "The heart of her husband safely trusteth in her, and her children arise up and call her blessed."

My brother, Thomas Edward Tynes, 56 years old, died in Portsmouth Oh. January 5, 1892. His family still resides there. My three younger brothers died in their childhood. My only sister, "Kate", wife of Elias Tynes Dunscombe, died in Barbades when 64 years old, Aug. 1904.

In earlier life, I was a bookkeeper and accountant and was always an omniverous reader with a decided preference for literary work--some of which was published when written. From '79 to '85, I was associated with my brother in a business, shipping iron ore and fire-clay from Indian Run, Kentucky to Cincinnati, Ohio and other points on the Ohio River. In October '85 I removed with my family to Lincoln, Nebraska, where three of my children were then residing. In 1899, we all came to the territory now the state of, Oklahoma, where I live with my daughter, Margaret, wife of Prof. I.N. Clark, recently of the N.W. Normal School at this place, whose breaking health after 40 years of sedentary work in the schoolroom made a change of occupation desirable.

Sincerely yours,  
Jne. B. Tynes

Lynchburg, Virginia 22 Aug 1927  
Clinton Maury Kilby to Mr. Tynes (probably Walter E. Tynes)

Dear Mr. Tynes:

The Tynes family of this state resided largely in Eastern Virginia, Isle of Wight County. The adjoining county is Nansemond, in which I was born--in Suffolk. My mother, who recently died at the age of 85, was a Tynes, and through her I learned of my ancestors.

The Timothy Tynes of whom you spoke and who freed many slaves was her great uncle. He was a bachelor and owned about one hundred or more slaves. They were offered to his brother Robert on the condition that Robert Tynes should name his son, Henry Lexington Tynes (my grandfather), "Timothy" after him. But Robert Tynes declined to do so, and then the old man got mad and freed his slaves. I have the names of about forty of them (obtained from the Isle of Wight Co. records). These slaves settled along the James River, from its mouth to Richmond and took the name of Tynes.

Buford Tynes of West Virginia is a son of the late Capt. A. J. Tynes of Tazewell, Va. He went to school to me in 1897. Captain Tynes was a great-grandson of Col. Samuel Tynes, the Tory, of South Carolina. So far as I know, we are not related.

The Tynes of Eastern Virginia have all died out except one young man, Robert Tynes, who is my half second cousin. My brother and sister [unidentified] are living in Suffolk.

Clinton Maury Kilby

Waco, Texas 31 Dec 1956  
Nannie Tynes Bailey to Jewel Paul Hunt

Dear Jewel:

Looking through a package of letters that Mother had, I found some other information. Possibly you have this already. Some of it I can't read.

Children of Fleming Tynes I, and his wife,  
daughter of his sister and Uriah Watkins:

1. Fleming II, married Jane Warren
2. Minor Tynes, md. Eliza or Elizabeth Doughty  
Issue: Oscar, Jem, Flem, Minor, Maria Brister, Amanda.