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FREDERICK DOUGLASS PATTERSON

PRESIDENT

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson was born in Washington, D. C. He was taken as a child to Texas, remaining in that state until he completed his elementary and secondary education which he secured at Prairie View College.

Graduating from Prairie View in 1919, where he had spent four years in agricultural study, he entered Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa. Here he spent four years earning the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine in 1923. He obtained the degree of master of science from the same institution in 1927.

The year 1931-32 was spent in study at Cornell University where he received the doctor of philosophy degree in the field of bacteriology.

For five years he was an instructor at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, part of the time serving as director of agriculture. He was connected with Tuskegee Institute for seven years, serving as veterinarian and as instructor in agriculture before being promoted in 1933 to the directorship of the Agricultural Department.

He was elected president of Tuskegee Institute in 1935.