

# WELL KNOWN PENNSYLVANIA CLERIC DIES

## Rev. Thomas M. Thomas Of Chester Passes Away At 71

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 6—  
Rev. Thomas M. Thomas, of  
1402 West Third street, a re-  
tired Presbyterian minister of this  
city, died Thursday, December 29,  
in the Chester hospital after an ill-  
ness of eleven days.

Rev. Thomas, who was 71 years  
old, suffered a broken left leg on

Dec. 17 when he  
fell in his home.

At the time he  
was injured he  
was preparing to  
go to Cheyney  
to attend the  
25th anniver-  
sary celebration  
being held in  
honor of Doctor  
Leslie Pinckney  
Hill, president  
of the Cheyney  
Teachers' col-  
lege, who has  
been its presi-



Rev. Thomas

dent for 13 years since becoming  
connected with the college.

Following the injury both pneu-  
monia and a stroke developed. He  
was a former trustee of the col-  
lege.

He was born in Orangeburg, S.  
C., where he was educated in its  
public schools and the Lincoln uni-  
versity at Lincoln university, Ches-  
ter county, where he received his  
A. B. degree in 1895 and his degree  
in theology in 1898.

His first charge after graduation  
from the university was in this city  
where he founded the Fifth Pres-  
byterian church, the only Race  
Presbyterian church in Delaware  
county, and which he served contin-  
uously as its pastor until June  
of this year when he retired, a term  
of 40 years.

He was a member of the Minis-  
ters Alliance and the Chester Pres-  
bytery. During his tenure as pastor  
of the church, he built up the con-  
gregation to 150 members. He was  
also the oldest Race preacher in  
length of service in Delaware coun-  
ty.

Since coming to this city, Rev.  
Thomas took an interest in the ad-  
vancement of the Race. At one  
time he conducted a trade school  
in the 1800 block of West Third  
street where many were taught me-  
chanical trades. He also conducted  
a printing shop at one time in the  
West End.

Rev. Thomas was a classmate of  
Robert S. Abbott, owner and pub-  
lisher of the Chicago Defender at  
Claflin university in South Caro-  
lina.

His survivors are his widow, Mrs.  
Mary B. Thomas, who before her  
marriage was Miss Mary B. Nugent,  
a member of one of Chester's older  
families. A son, Richard M. Thom-  
as; one sister, Mrs. Ackline Shaw,  
and a nephew, Joseph Daniels of  
this city, also survive.