

WOTZ STUDIOS PRESENTS YOUR CITIZENS OF TOMORROW.



Sharon, child of Barbara Burns



David, Becky & Colette, children of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Callen



Marcy, Melissa & Debbie, children of Carolyn Carlson



Kevin, child of Mrs. Cheryl Huston



Traci & Timmy, children of Louis Eaton



Jeff & JoAnna, children of Joan Johnson



Julie, Joyce & Janet, children of Jack Martens



Kara & Tricia, children of Doyle Wiles



Krystine, Kimberly, Rebeka, & David, children of Mrs. Roger Kiel



Andrew & Natalie, children of David A. Johnson



Carolyn, child of Mrs. Mary Ann King



Chuck, child of Charles DeGraff



Kyle, child of Dennis & Kathi Rider



Susan, child of Mrs. Willis Lewis



Katti, child of Sandra DeWitt



Jody, Jessy, Jenny & David, children of Nancy Chappel



Todd & Jimmy, children of Mrs. Susan Graham



Johathan, Stephen, Ricardo, Carlo, Lucia & Joseph, children of Barbara Chavez



April, Matthew, Joel & Tiana, children of Mary K. Drent



Richard, Ronnie, Tina & Gary, children of Richard Sellers



Bradley, Kelly & Craig, children of Mrs. James Veltkamp



Kimberly, Joseph & Terry, children of Mrs. Joseph Frankeberger

The Toms, And The Vintons by Robert Tuffelmire



Dr. Alice (Kitty) Vinton

Several communities sprang up within the boundaries of Sparta and the surrounding area. Included among them was the Village of Englishville. The village of Englishville has been for years considered a part of Sparta. It is located on a line between section - (1) Alpine, and section 36 Sparta Township. The Village was named after Joseph S. English, one of the first settlers to come to the area in 1845. The Englishville Cemetery came in about 1847, the school in 1852, the post office on July 29, 1856; and by 1881 the Village of Englishville had a general store, post office, a large school house, a feed mill, a hotel, a railroad depot, a blacksmith shop, a shoe shop, a steam saw, lath and shingle mill, and a Baptist Church.

There was a Rev. A.B. Toms who was born on March 2, 1800 in Bennington, Vermont. He married a lady named Mary Davenport in 1825 who was born on June 15, 1804

in Hartford, Connecticut. They had seven children all born in the state of New York.

Rev. A.B Toms, and his family came to Michigan in the mid 1840s, and they settled on section-1 in the Village of Englishville.

Their daughter, Electa, died in 1847 at the age of four. She is one of the first to be buried in the Englishville Cemetery.

Their son, Edwin, was born in 1873 and married a lady named Johanna (Ann) Crowley.

Johanna was born in Cork County Ireland in 1841. She came to the United States with her family, and they settled in the Village of Sparta. Johanna had five brothers and two sisters: William, Dave, Patrick, John, Jerry, Mary and Olive.

Both of Johanna's parents lived to be over 100.

Edwin and Johanna bought their farm on section -13, Alpine Township. Their only child, a

daughter Alice Genevieve (Kitty), was born on this farm on May 10, 1861. Johanna was a midwife, and she helped to deliver many of the babies in the Alpine, Sparta area.

Alice Toms grew up on the farm she was born on, and years later she would tell her children the stories of the Indians coming down the road by their farm to do their trading in Grand Rapids.

Rev. Toms died on Sept. 3, 1880. Mrs. Mary Davenport Toms died in March of 1882. Both are buried in the Englishville Cemetery with their daughter Electa.

William Henry Maybee came to live on the Edwin-Johanna Toms' farm when he was a young man. He helped them to build their house in 1870. He lived with the Vintons until he was killed by a train on Bridge Street in Grand Rapids in 1898 when he was 56 years old. Edwin and Johanna buried him in their family plot in the Alpine Cemetery.

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