

## WILLIAM TOMS

Died at Goodison Station, Mich., October 8, 1887, William Toms; aged 68 years, 5 months and 17 days.

Mr. Toms was born in Devonshire, England, April 12, 1819. Was married May 10, 1840, to Miss Elizabeth Polyblank; had two daughters, one of whom is living. He came to America in 1842, leaving his family to follow after he had prepared a house for them, which they did in June 1850. He followed the shoemaker's trade for many years. He held office longer than any other person in the township of Oakland; he had been Justice of the Peace for 20 years and also held the office of Town Clerk five years in succession, serving the town well in everything that was required of him.

His wife died one year ago. Since her death he had been living with his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Barkham.

He was Postmaster and Bay City R. R. agent at the time of his death, which was sudden. He was in the post office attending to his duties, and suddenly fell to the floor, from which his daughter and Mr. Griffin helped him to the house when they thought he was getting better. He asked for his books to show his daughter so that she would have no trouble to settle his business in case he did not get well. His friends who were at his bedside thought he would soon get better so that he could sit up, when suddenly he called for his daughter and expired in about five minutes. Dr. J. E. Wilson soon arrived but he was too late. He pronounced the cause of death as asthma of the heart.

Mr. Toms will be greatly missed in the community in which he had lived so many years.

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