

Elizabeth Ellis (1838 – 1913)

Elizabeth (Betsy) Ellis was born October 15th 1838 to James Ellis and Mary Ann Luxon, and baptized January 6th 1839, in Caudle Down.¹ Caudle Downⁱ is a small mining village in the district of St. Austell, in the county of Cornwall England.ⁱⁱ

Betsy was 11 years old when her family arrived at the ports of Philadelphia in April 1849. By August 1850 Betsy lived with a 33 year old farmer, William Holstein, and his family, who lived a few homes away from her Ellis family, in Upper Merion Township in Montgomery County Pennsylvania.

Betsy married William Toms² about 1858 in the Colebrookdale area of Berks County Pennsylvania.³ William was born December 21st 1828 to William Toms and Elizabeth Thomas⁴ in Wrestling Downs, and baptized April 5th 1829.⁵ His father William married Elizabeth Thomas November 24th 1827 in the district of St Austell Cornwall England. His father was a miner and the family lived in Wrestling Downs, a small mining village in the district of St Austell Cornwall England.⁶

Betsy and William lived in Boyertown Berks County, and Douglas Township Montgomery County Pennsylvania. William was 83 years old when he died April 21st 1912 in Colebrookdale.⁷ Elizabeth was 75 years old when she died October 17th 1913 in Douglas Township Montgomery County Pennsylvania.

William was laid to rest April 26th 1912 and Elizabeth on October 21st 1913 at the Boyertown Cemetery, Berks County Pennsylvania.⁸

William and Elizabeth Toms had nine children, but only five survived in 1900.

- i. Chester Toms was born about 1858
- ii. Henry Toms was born about 1860
- iii. James Ellis Toms was born October 15th 1861 in the Boyertown area of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County Pennsylvania. He married Agnes Kain. James was 81 years old when he died June 2nd 1943 while in Yeadon Delaware County Pennsylvania. He was laid to rest June 7th 1943 in the Fairview Cemetery in Boyertown Cemetery, Berks County Pennsylvania.⁹
- iv. Charles E. Toms was born June 27th 1865 in the Boyertown area of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County Pennsylvania. He married Lillie W. Wentzel and they lived in Moyersvilleⁱⁱⁱ area Colebrookdale Township. Charles was a farmer and member of the Good Shepherd Reform Church, and the Moose club. And since April 1884 Charles was a charter member of the Friendship Fire Company. Charles was 67 years old when he died March 18th 1933, and was laid to rest March 23rd 1933 in the Union Cemetery Pottstown Pennsylvania.¹⁰ He and Lillie had five children.¹¹

ⁱ The towns of Caudle Down and Stenalees in St. Austell are within a half mile of each other.

ⁱⁱ St Austell is a civil parish and major town in Cornwall, England, UK. It is situated on the south coast approximately 10 miles (16 km) south of Bodmin and 30 miles (48 km) west of the border with Devon.

ⁱⁱⁱ Moyersville is located at the junction of the Pottstown and Reading highway.

- a. Lizzie Toms who married Elwood Reider and they lived in Pottstown
 - b. Leon Toms of Gabelsville
 - c. Anita Toms who married Joseph Reppert and they lived in Moyersville
 - d. Della Toms who married Ralph Nester and they lived in Clifton Heights
 - e. John Toms of Lebanon, Lebanon County Pennsylvania.
- v. George Toms was born about 1868
- vi. Mary E. Toms was born February 18th 1871 in the Boyertown area of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County Pennsylvania. She married Edward S. Burden, and they lived in Colebrookdale. Mary was 86 years old when she died March 6th 1957 in Colebrookdale. She was laid to rest March 9th 1957 in the Fairview Cemetery in the Boyertown Cemetery, Berks County Pennsylvania.¹² One child of Mary and Edward was a daughter, June Burden who married Herb.^{iv}

^{iv} The name June Herb came from June Herb, JuneRose56@aol.com

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End Notes

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- ¹ Elizabeth (Betsy) Ellis Baptism and Family Residence: The information came from their daughters, Elizabeth Ells, baptism record; Date: 1839, 6-Jan; Name: Ellis, Betsy; Father: James; Mother: Maryann, Abode: Caudle downs; Occupation: labourer (laborer); St. Austell Baptisms from Church of England registers, 1839; Transcribed by Julia Mosman, OPC, for the St. Austell History & Genealogy Website; <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~staustell/SubIndexes/StAustellBapIndx.htm>
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- ⁵ William Toms Baptism, Place of Birth and Baptism, Parents Names, and Father's Occupation: The information came from the following record: Baptism Day Month: 05-Apr; Year: 1829; Parish Or Reg District: Austell, St.; Forename: William; Surname: TOMS; Father Forename: William; Mother Forename: Elizabeth; Residence: Wrestling Downs; Father Rank Profession: miner; Transcriber: Julia Mosman; <http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org>
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