1891 CENSUS: RG12/607. Folio 18. Page. 34. Address: 20 Kings-road, Wimbledon, Surrey.

Joseph TOMS. Head. M. 39. Wine & Spirit Merchant. Brighton, Sussex. Marian TOMS. Wife. M. 32. Coulsdon, Surrey. Alfred M. TOMS. Son. 2. Streatham, Surrey. Alice E. BAIGENT. Serv. S. 17. General Servant. Chertsey, Surrey.

1898 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 429 TOMS Joseph, Coome Hay, Pellhurst-road, Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13./1024. Folio 106. Page 32. Address: Lytchett Villa, Pellhurst-road, Ryde, IW.

Joseph TOMS. Head. M. 49. Living on Own Means. Brighton, Sussex. Marian TOMS. Wife.. M. 42. Coulsdon, Surrey. Alfred M. TOMS. Son. 12. Streatham, Surrey. Maggie RAWLINSON. Serv. S. 21. General Servant Domestic. Swineshead, Lincs.

In 1911 Alfred was living at Lytchett Villa, Pellhurst-road, Ryde, with his parents, Joseph and Marian, and a servant Lucy DOWNER.

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1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS – 11 Pellhurst-road, Ryde TOMS Marion **TOMS Alfred Maurice** 

1947 REGISTER OF ELECTORS – Gray Lodge, Vernon-square, Ryde **TOMS Alfred M.** 

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## DEATH OF MR. A. MAURICE TOMS, OF RYDE

The death occurred on Friday week of Mr. Alfred Maurice TOMS (77), of The Tiny House, 10 Nelson Place, Ryde.

Born at Whaddon, near Croyden, Mr. TOMS came to the Island at the age of seven. He was educated at Stubbington House, Fareham and Weymouth College. At the age of 18 Mr. TOMS interested himself in the anti-vivisection movement and was for many years a speaker with the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection. Between 1914 and 1919 he served with the 1/6th Royal Hampshire Regiment in the Near East.

During the last war he was a member of the Home Guard. Afterwards he became well-known as a spesker on the local Conservative platforms, especially in support of the late Sir Peter MACDONALD, K.B.E. For 14 years he was chairman of the Ryde branch of the Conservative Association at the time of his death was a committee member of the St. John's Ryde branch, a member of the Conservative speakers' panel for the Island, and a member of the Constituency Executive Committee.

Mr. TOMS was elected rector's warden at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binstead, this year. For several years he had been a deputy rector's warden, and was a sidesman at the church. A lover of animals, he devoted much time to the activities of the Island branch of the R.S.P.C.A., later becoming vice-chairman.

Although born on the mainland, Mtr. TOMS had Island connections. His ancestors included Bishop KEN, one-time rector of Brighstone, and General Richmond WEBB, Govenor of the Island in the reign of Queen Anne.

A service at the church of the Holy Cross, Binstead, conducted by the Rev. H.A. GILROY, R.D, (rector), on Tuesday, preceded interment at Ryde Cemetery. The 23rd Psalm (Crimond) and "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," were sung. The mourners included Mr. V.D.S. FOWLER, Mr. and Mrs. A.W.S. FOWLER, Mrs. Wade FOWLER, Mr. P.H. QUICKFALL, Mr. G. COAD, Mr. J.R.J. CHANNER, Miss V.L. PRICE, Mr. and Mrs. L. PEEKE, and Mrs. C. WRIGHT, Miss G. ORCHARD, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. WIGHTMAN and Mr. J.H. FURZER, Ald. Mark WOODNUTT, M.P., and the I.W. Conservative Association were represented together with the following: Ryde St. John's, Newport, Northwood, Carisbrooke, Gurnard, Godshill, and Wroxall branches and the Young Conservatives. Others represented were the churchwardens, sidesmen and parochial church council of the Holy Cross, Binstead; the Island branch of the R.S.P.C.A.; the Island branch of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection. And Messrs. James ROBINSON and JARVIS.

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