

# Thomas WILLIAMS 1812- 1879

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Thomas' father was Richard WILLIAMS, and he married Mary HOCKING in 1805, in St Just. There are too many Richards in that area to be sure when and where he was born. However, we can be fairly sure that at least six children were born to Richard and Mary in St Just. The fourth was Thomas, born in 1812.

Fig. 1 – Cornwall, England.  
Thomas was born at St Just, Cornwall (1), and married in Lelant (2). He was in St Erth (3) for the 1841 census.



Thomas WILLIAMS married Rachel TREVORROW in Lelant, Cornwall in 1836.

We can follow Thomas and Rachel through the 1841 and 1851 census, and then in Shipping lists when the family left Plymouth in 1857 for Port Adelaide. He would have agreed to come to Kapunda to work in the mines there, even though he was in his mid-forties on arrival. In the 1864 South Australian Almanac, he is listed as miner, but by 1875, he has become a farmer. He dies in 1879. Thomas' second child and first son was Edward, born in 1839 in Cornwall.

Edward was seventeen years old on arrival in Kapunda, and by age twenty two years, he was married to Mary MOYLE, and was living in Kapunda. They had four children, including Mary WILLIAMS, born in 1862 in Kapunda. Edward was a miner, working in Broken Hill, Kapunda and Moonta. He sadly died on the way to church one Sunday in 1916.

Mary WILLIAMS married Frederick MEINCKE in 1882, in Kapunda, and together they had four children, including Ernest Gordon MEINCKE. E Gordon and most of the MEINCKE family changed their surname to LANGDON in 1915, due to anti German sentiment. Sadly, Mary died at age 28. Mary WILLIAMS is Anne SQUIRE's great grandmother.

Frederick married again, and he had a further six children with Jane WILSON.

I have previously written about the MEINCKE family, and Frederick MEINCKE is Anne's great grandfather. You can read the MEINCKE narrative here: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=81&medialinkID=81>

# Facebook Summary

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# Edward WILLIAMS

♂ 1839 - 1916 (77 years)

## Generation: 1

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1. Edward WILLIAMS was born in 1839 in St Hilary, Cornwall, England; was christened on 7 Jul 1839 in St Hilary, Cornwall, England (son of Thomas WILLIAMS and Rachel TREVORROW); died on 10 Sep 1916 in Frewville, South Australia, Australia.

Edward married Mary O'Connor MOYLE on 24 Oct 1861 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia. [\[Group Sheet\]](#) [\[Family Chart\]](#)

Children:

- i. Mary Ann Moyle WILLIAMS was born on 18 Aug 1862 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 26 Nov 1862 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Mary Anne Moyle WILLIAMS was born on 27 Aug 1863 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 18 Jan 1889 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. John Thomas WILLIAMS was born on 1 Dec 1866 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 28 Nov 1867 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. John Thomas Connors WILLIAMS was born on 29 Sep 1869 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died on 10 Apr 1911 in Parkside, South Australia, Australia.
- v. Edward Perry WILLIAMS was born on 10 Sep 1883 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 14 Dec 1883 in Kadina, South Australia, Australia.

## Generation: 2

2. Thomas WILLIAMS was born in 1812 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 8 Apr 1812 in St Just, Cornwall, England (son of Richard WILLIAMS and Mary HOCKING); died on 29 Jan 1879 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.

Thomas married Rachel TREVORROW on 19 Mar 1836 in Lelant, Cornwall, England. Rachel (daughter of Thomas TREVORROW and Mary POLMEAR) was born in 1811; died on 18 Feb 1912 in Broken Hill New South Wales, Australia. [\[Group Sheet\]](#) [\[Family Chart\]](#)

3. Rachel TREVORROW was born in 1811 (daughter of Thomas TREVORROW and Mary POLMEAR); died on 18 Feb 1912 in Broken Hill New South Wales, Australia.

Children:

- i. Mary Martin WILLIAMS was born in 1838 in St Ives, Cornwall, England; was christened on 27 Apr 1838 in St Ives, Cornwall, England; died on 25 Jan 1924 in Glen Osmond, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. 1. Edward WILLIAMS was born in 1839 in St Hilary, Cornwall, England; was christened on 7 Jul 1839 in St Hilary, Cornwall, England; died on 10 Sep 1916 in Frewville, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Constance WILLIAMS was born in 1841; was christened on 27 Mar 1842 in St Erth, Cornwall, England; died on 28 Oct 1866 in Victoria township, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Martha Maria Sarah WILLIAMS was born in 1845.
- v. Charlotte WILLIAMS was born in 1847.
- vi. Thomas Henry WILLIAMS was born in 1849; died on 14 Nov 1924 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- vii. Richard WILLIAMS was born in 1852; died on 18 Jul 1912 in Parkside, South Australia, Australia.
- viii. John WILLIAMS was born in 1854.

## Generation: 3

4. Richard WILLIAMS

Richard married Mary HOCKING on 8 Dec 1805 in St Just, Cornwall, England. [\[Group Sheet\]](#) [\[Family Chart\]](#)

5. Mary HOCKING

Children:

- i. Richard WILLIAMS was born in 1806 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 26 Oct 1806 in St Just, Cornwall, England.
- ii. Constance WILLIAMS was born in 1808 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 28 Feb 1808 in St Just, Cornwall, England.
- iii. Mary WILLIAMS was born in 1811 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 18 Jan 1811 in St Just, Cornwall, England.
- iv. 2. Thomas WILLIAMS was born in 1812 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 8 Apr 1812 in St Just, Cornwall, England; died on 29 Jan 1879 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.

- v. Margaret WILLIAMS was born in 1814 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 13 Aug 1814 in St Just, Cornwall, England.
- vi. John WILLIAMS was born in 1817 in St Just, Cornwall, England; was christened on 21 Mar 1817 in St Just, Cornwall, England.

6. Thomas TREVORROW was born in 1769 in St Ives, Cornwall, England; was christened on 12 Mar 1769 in St Ives, Cornwall, England (son of John TREVORROW and Mary ?).

Thomas married Mary POLMEAR on 9 Sep 1792 in St Ives, Cornwall, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

7. Mary POLMEAR  
Children:

- i. 3. Rachel TREVORROW was born in 1811; died on 18 Feb 1912 in Broken Hill New South Wales, Australia.

## Generation: 4

12. John TREVORROW

John married Mary ?. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

13. Mary ?  
Children:

- i. 6. Thomas TREVORROW was born in 1769 in St Ives, Cornwall, England; was christened on 12 Mar 1769 in St Ives, Cornwall, England.

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