

William RUNDLE 1819 – 1872

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The earliest RUNDLE I can find in Cornwall (England) is Ambrose RUNDLE, marrying Margaret Horskin in March 1777, at St Blazey. This is near St Austell, in the eastern part of Cornwall. Ambrose was probably born around 1755 in St Blazey, but I cannot find any proof yet. Three generations (at least) lived in this village. Ambrose and Margaret nee HORSKIN had a child Joseph RUNDLE, born in 1791.

Ambrose RUNDLE was born in and lived in St Blazey, in Cornwall (marked as '1' on the map).



Joseph RUNDLE married Elizabeth ROBINS in January 1814, in St Blazey. They produced one son William, born in 1819, and six daughters. As far as I have been able to determine, only William RUNDLE left Cornwall for Australia, everyone else seemed to stay in their home county. The parish is known for tin and copper mining, but in more recent times, they also mined China clay in the area. Today, 'The Eden Project', in an old clay quarry, dominates the area. the

William RUNDLE is recorded as living with his parents and youngest sister in the family residence in 1841 and 1851 census. He married Caroline GEORGE in 1851, after the census was taken. Their first child, William, was born in 1852. This family then embarked for Australia in 1854.

The family of William, Caroline nee GEORGE and young William arrived at Port Adelaide on 24 October 1854, on the barque 'Isle of Thanet'. They probably came here as assisted immigrants, and went straight to Burra for William to work in the mines there. They stayed in Kooringa (part of Burra) till at least June 1865, when the youngest daughter Emily died. Altogether, three of their children died in Burra before the age of three, so it may not have been a great time for them in Burra. Also, the mine in Burra was struggling to find ore in the 1860's, so William must have started to look for work elsewhere. The cemetery where their children are buried is very old, and very few headstones remain. I took a photo in April 2018 (below).

The old cemetery at the end of Chapel Street, Burra Kooringa, where William and Caroline have three children buried. Not much is left.



Not sure when William RUNDLE moved to Moonta, and he is not listed in the Annual Almanacs 1866-72. He died in Moonta in December 1871, of inflammation of the lungs, likely a typical miner's disease.

William RUNDLE's eldest son, also William, was born in Cornwall in December 1852. He came to South Australia with his parents, and married Ann MORRIS in 1876 in Moonta. Ann's father William Laity MORRIS is another one of my 15 ancestral men who came to South Australia in the 1800's, and are being written up in this series. William RUNDLE was a wheelwright according to his marriage certificate, and so was his new father-in-law. It would be easy to deduce that William Laity MORRIS was our William's teacher of his craft, and the said Ann would have had plenty of time to get to know her future husband. The couple had eight children, with four dying at an early age. Three were born in Moonta, and the rest at Port Adelaide. I found an entry in the Sands and MacDougall Directory 1900, showing their address as living in College Crescent, Portland Estate, in Port Adelaide. The seventh child was Edwin Morris RUNDLE, my grandfather, born in December 1887 in Port Adelaide.

Edwin married Maude Holbrook RANN in December 1914, at Port Adelaide. Edwin was listed as sawyer/woodcutter, and Maude as an accountant, a very unusual occupation for a woman at this time. Again, one could speculate they met at the Globe Timber Works, where my mother Connie got her first job as a shorthand typist. On Edwin's death certificate, he is described as a retired caretaker, so was this at the Globe Timber Mills also? Edwin and Maude retired to live in Cheltenham, and Maude died in 1946, eight and a half months before I was born. Family stories indicate that Connie was very close to her mother and was distraught at her death. Their children, Lance (born 1916, died 1973), Constance (born 1920, died 1974), and Neil (born 1928, died 1994), all died at relatively young ages, but lived fruitful lives. Unlike my fathers line, Edwin and Maud's cousins are quite numerous. I am in contact with Neil's children, but not with those of Lance.

Edwin has appeared in several newspaper articles as being an accomplished baritone and bass, and he has sung in several concerts, and at weddings for extended family members. Edwin was also recorded as an entrant in a Champion gentlemen's solo competition, as reported in 'The Register', Thursday 20 April 1922. He was a member of The Port Adelaide Orpheus Society.

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

On Sunday afternoon, before a large audience, a performance of choruses and solos from "The Messiah" was given by the combined choirs of the Semaphore Methodist and Congregational Churches in the Methodist Church, Semaphore, under the conductorship of Mr. C. W. Remphrey, who had a chorus of over 50 voices under his baton. The solo parts were excellently rendered by Miss Ada Wordie, A.M.C.A., Miss Hetty Young, Messrs. R. J. L. Worthley, and Edwin Randle. Miss Hilda Jeffress presided at the piano and Mr. W. R. McKinlay at the organ.

From The Advertiser 16 December 1919.

Edwin and Maude moved from Port Adelaide to Fourth Avenue, Cheltenham, probably after retirement, and lived there until Maud died in 1946. Edwin remarried in 1950, to Rita BAWDEN, and moved to Fulham Gardens, where I remember visiting many times. Edwin died at his home in 1958, and Rita died in Victor Harbour in the nineteen seventies.

Constance was known as Connie for most of her life and married Ken SQUIRE in 1944. I can recall being told that Connie's mum Maude met Ethel GILL at Ethel's wedding to John SQUIRE in 1914. They clearly kept in touch, and these influential women almost certainly orchestrated the matching of Connie with Ken SQUIRE in the early 1940s. Their three children were born in 1946 (Graham later to be known as Jan), 1949 (Jeffrey) and 1954 (Valerie).

Ken and Connie lived with Ken's father in Torrensville when they first married, but moved to Glenside soon after Ken's father died. They subsequently moved several times in the eastern suburbs as they tried to find a better climate to help with Connie's severe asthma illness. Connie kept regular contact with 'the Globe girls', a group of former Globe Timber Mills' office staff, and devoted her time to her family and to various activities in the Methodist and Congregational churches as they moved around.

There is more information on the SQUIRE family in the SQUIRE narrative.

Related Surnames Through Marriage

Caroline GEORGE 1825 – 1904

Caroline GEORGE was the wife of William RUNDLE (senior). She was born in Luxulyan, Cornwall in 1825, and married William in 1851. Her first child was born a bit less than 12 months later, before the couple came to Adelaide, South Australia.

Caroline's parents were Henry GEORGE and Rachel BENNETTS. Henry was born in 1791, and Rachel in 1794. They married in Calstock, Cornwall, which is some 40km to the east, in 1812. Henry and Rachel had ten children over the next 21 years, and Caroline was the seventh, born in Luxulyan (marked '1' on the map).



Henry GEORGE's parents were Thomas GEORGE and Priscilla BENNET. Thomas was born in 1758, in St Winnow, Cornwall. Priscilla BENNET was also born in 1748, in Lanhydrock, Cornwall. They married in Lanhydrock, Cornwall, in 1775. They had five children, born locally, and Henry was the youngest of them.

Thomas's parents were Thomas GEORGE and Elizabeth LAWRENCE. They would have been born around 1715, but I cannot find any record of the vents. They were, however, married in Lanhydrock, Cornwall, in 1742.

Elizabeth ROBINS 1785 – 1832

William RUNDLE's parents were Joseph RUNDLE and Elizabeth ROBINS. Elizabeth was born in St Blazey, Cornwall, in 1785. She married Joseph RUNDLE in 1814, also in St Blazey, and had seven children. William was their third child.

Elizabeth's parents were Wiliam and Elizabeth ROBINS, but I cannot find a marrigae record for them. They would have been born around 1760.

Margaret HORSKIN c1750- ?

William RUNDLE's grandparents were Ambrose RUNDLE and Margaret HORSKIN. I cannot find a birth or death record for Margaret, but she would have been born around 1750, probably in St Blazey. Ambrose and Margaret married there in 1777. Joseph was born in 1791, so there most likely have been more children born before him, and Joseph would have been the youngest..

Facebook Summary

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William's parents were Joseph RUNDLE and Elizabeth ROBINS. They married in 1851, in St Blazey, Cornwall, where both Joseph and Elizabeth grew up.

William's grandparents were Ambrose RUNDLE and Margaret HORSKIN. They married in 1777, in St Blazey, and they also grew up in St Blazey.

William RUNDLE

♂ 1819 - 1871 (52 years)

Generation: 1

[More detail](#)

1. William RUNDLE was born in 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 27 Jun 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England (son of [Joseph RUNDLE](#) and [Elizabeth ROBINS](#)); died on 26 Dec 1871 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia.

William married [Caroline Frances Bennetts GEORGE](#) on 24 Dec 1851 in Luxulyan, Cornwall, England. Caroline (daughter of [Henry GEORGE](#) and [Rachel BENNETTS](#)) was born in 1825 in Luxulyan, Cornwall, England; was christened on 18 Dec 1825 in Luxulyan, Cornwall, England; died on 30 Jul 1904 in Moonta Mines, South Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)]

Children:

- i. William RUNDLE was born in 1852 in Tywardreath, Cornwall, England; was christened on 25 Dec 1852 in Tywardreath, Cornwall, England; died on 15 Jul 1919 in High Street, Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. [Rachel RUNDLE](#) was born on 9 Feb 1857 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia; died on 6 Sep 1859 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. [Absalom RUNDLE](#) was born on 13 Feb 1859 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia; died on 24 Feb 1860 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 26 Feb 1860 in Burra Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. [Mary Ann RUNDLE](#) was born on 5 Jul 1861 in Burra, South Australia, Australia; died on 7 Dec 1932 in Moonta Mines, South Australia, Australia.
- v. [Elizabeth Grace RUNDLE](#) was born on 20 Sep 1862 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia.
- vi. [Emily RUNDLE](#) was born on 31 Jan 1864 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia; died on 5 Jun 1865 in Kooringa, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 7 Jun 1865 in Burra Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2. [Joseph RUNDLE](#) was born in 1791 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 3 Apr 1791 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England (son of [Ambrose RUNDLE](#) and [Margaret HORSKIN](#)).

[Joseph](#) married [Elizabeth ROBINS](#) on 29 Jan 1814 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England. Elizabeth (daughter of [William ROBINS](#) and [Elizabeth ?](#)) was born in 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 9 Oct 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; died in 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was buried on 30 Dec 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

3. [Elizabeth ROBINS](#) was born in 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 9 Oct 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England (daughter of [William ROBINS](#) and [Elizabeth ?](#)); died in 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was buried on 30 Dec 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.

Children:

- i. [Jane RUNDLE](#) was born in 1815 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 17 Sep 1815 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.
- ii. [Mary RUNDLE](#) was born in 1818 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 1 Feb 1818 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.
- iii. 1. [William RUNDLE](#) was born in 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 27 Jun 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; died on 26 Dec 1871 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. [Mary RUNDLE](#) was born in 1821 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 10 Jun 1821 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.
- v. [Anne RUNDLE](#) was born in 1823 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 2 Feb 1823 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.
- vi. [Joanna RUNDLE](#) was born in 1824 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 3 Oct 1824 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.
- vii. [Rebecca Robins RUNDLE](#) was born in 1826 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 16 Oct 1826 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.

Generation: 3

4. [Ambrose RUNDLE](#) was born in 1739; died on 27 Feb 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was buried on 28 Feb 1819 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.

[Ambrose](#) married [Margaret HORSKIN](#) on 4 Mar 1777 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

5. [Margaret HORSKIN](#)

Children:

- i. 2. [Joseph RUNDLE](#) was born in 1791 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 3 Apr 1791 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.

6. William ROBINS

William married **Elizabeth ?**. [[Group Sheet](#)]

7. **Elizabeth ?**

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- i. 3. **Elizabeth ROBINS** was born in 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 9 Oct 1785 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; died in 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was buried on 30 Dec 1832 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.

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