

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 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 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, but by age twenty two years, he was married to Mary MOYLE, in Kapunda. They had four children, including Mary WILLIAMS, born in 1862 in Kapunda.

Mary married Frederick MEINCKE in 1882, in Kapunda, and together they had four children, including Ernest Gordon MEINCKE. Gordon and most of the family changed their surname to LANGDON in 1915. Sadly, Mary died at age 28. Frederick married again, and had a further six children with Jane WILSON.

I have previously written about the MEINCKE family, and Frederick MEINCKE is Anne's great grandfather.

Related Surnames Through Marriage

Rachel TREVORROW

Thomas married Rachel in 1836 in Cornwall, but I cannot find much out about her. Her birth year is deduced from Census entries, and there is no South Australian death information. Did she remarry after Thomas died?

Mary HOCKING

Richard WILLIAMS married Mary HOCKING in 1805, but again there are too many similar entries to be sure about their birth and death information.

Facebook Summary

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Thomas WILLIAMS is Anne SQUIRE's great great great grandfather. These relationships show Anne's connection to the WILLIAM's ancestors.

Anne's mother is Dorothy Joan LANGDON, born 1919 in Adelaide, and died 2014, also in Adelaide. She married Raymond Stodart KEIGHTLEY in 1943.

Anne's grandfather was Ernest Gordon MEINCKE (later LANGDON). He was born in 1886 in Kapunda, and he died in 1964 in Adelaide. He married Effie Blanche BARRETT in Adelaide in 1911. Ernest changed his surname in 1915.

Anne's great grandmother was Mary Ann Moyle WILLIAMS, born in 1863 and died 1889, both in Kapunda. She married Frederick William MEINCKE in 1882 in Kapunda.

Anne's great great grandfather was Edward WILLIAMS, born in 1839 in Cornwall, England and died in 1916 in Adelaide. He married Mary O'Connor MOYLE in 1861 in Kapunda.

Anne's great x 3 grandfather was Thomas WILLIAMS, born in 1812 in Cornwall, and died in 1879 in Kapunda. He married Rachel TREVORROW in 1836 in Cornwall.

Anne's great x 4 grandfather was Richard WILLIAMS, born around 1780, probably in Cornwall. He married Mary HOCKING in 1805 in Cornwall.

Thomas WILLIAMS

♂ 1812 - 1879 (67 years)

Generation: 1

[More detail](#)

1. 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. [[Group Sheet](#)]

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. 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.
- 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: 2

2. Richard WILLIAMS

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

3. 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. 1. [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.

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