

William Laity MORRIS 1807 – 1897

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William was born in Penzance, Cornwall (1) and married in Gulval (2) where his wife Honor LAWRY was born.



In this third iteration of my narratives, I have been unable to find any new information, although I did find an obituary in Trove, for William Laity MORRIS.

It is still difficult to be sure about William's parents. They are James and Elizabeth MORRIS, but I can find no marriage nor definite birth records for them. Elizabeth is possibly Elizabeth LAITY as her supposed LAITY surname was included as a middle name in several descendants. However, I cannot find any Elizabeth LAITY in the known LAITY histories that might be the link. There is a large amount of history and knowledge of the LAITY surname in Cornwall and elsewhere, but no-one can connect us to any of the LAITY family groups.

The MORRIS families were, however, very prolific and produced large families in South Australia, so I have many cousins in Adelaide, although I know very few.

We can be sure that William Laity MORRIS married Honor LAWRY in Gulval, Cornwall, in 1828, and William was recorded in the 1841 census as living in Gulval, Cornwall with his wife and six children. They lost two more children in 1842, before they left the old country. The family of mum, dad and five children arrived in Adelaide on 14 August 1847 on the ship 'Cressy', to start a new life. Three more children were born in South Australia. Their eldest child was also William Laity MORRIS, born 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall.

William senior worked in Adelaide as wheelwright initially, before setting up his own business in King William Street south. He was well regarded as a wagon builder in Adelaide for many years. He lived to the age of 80 years, a great age for his generation.

His eldest child, also William Laity MORRIS, was born in 1828, and married Ann TRELOAR in 1853, in Adelaide. Together, they brought nine children into the world. The first, Ann MORRIS, was born in 1854, in Adelaide, and the next six children were born in Kapunda. Ann died two weeks after her ninth child was born, and William soon remarried to Mary WILLIAMS. They had a further five children together. William lived to the age of 80 years, and died at Queenstown in 1908.

Anne MORRIS, born in 1854, married William RUNDLE in 1876 in Moonta. William and Ann were my great grandparents. You can continue this family story through my RUNDLE grandparents to my SQUIRE family, my parents. These two narratives have been written and published previously.

William Laity MORRIS's home page: <https://jansquire.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=I1000&tree=squire>

RUNDLE narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=80&medialinkID=80>

SQUIRE narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=75&medialinkID=76>

Facebook Summary

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♂ 1828 - 1908 (80 years)

Generation: 1

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1. William Laity MORRIS was born in 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 7 Sep 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall, England (son of William Laity MORRIS and Honor LOWRY); died on 22 Jul 1908 in Old Port Road, Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.

William married Ann TRELOAR on 01 Oct 1853 in St. John's, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. Ann (daughter of William TRELOAR and Ann PASCOE) was born in 1831 in Wendron, Cornwall, England; was christened on 21 Apr 1831 in Wendron, Cornwall, England; died on 29 Jul 1874 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

Children:

- i. Ann MORRIS was born on 15 Aug 1854 in King William Street, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 28 Mar 1928 in High Street, Queenstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 31 Mar 1928 in Cemetery, Cheltenham, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. William MORRIS was born on 15 Aug 1856 in North Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 26 Feb 1860 in Allens Creek, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Susannah Treloar MORRIS was born on 21 May 1858 in North Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 11 Feb 1860 in Allens Creek, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Susan Treloar MORRIS was born on 17 Mar 1861 in Victoria township, South Australia, Australia; died on 20 Jul 1934 in Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.
- v. William Laity MORRIS was born on 24 Nov 1862 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 28 Nov 1864 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia.
- vi. William Leaity MORRIS was born on 27 Oct 1866 in Kapunda, South Australia, Australia; died on 18 Mar 1869 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- vii. Florence Helena MORRIS was born on 29 Dec 1869 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 13 Nov 1870 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- viii. Marion MORRIS was born on 04 Sep 1871 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 16 Oct 1964 in Daw Park, South Australia, Australia.
- ix. Augustus MORRIS was born on 16 Jul 1874 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died in 1875.

William married Mary Maria WILLIAMS on 25 Dec 1875 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

Children:

- i. George Herman MORRIS was born on 24 Oct 1876 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died on 13 Nov 1940 in Alberton East, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Jethro MORRIS was born on 17 Feb 1878 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died in 1881.
- iii. Ethel MORRIS was born on 15 Jul 1880 in Moonta, South Australia, Australia; died in 1907.
- iv. Mabel MORRIS was born on 14 Feb 1882 in Goodwood, South Australia, Australia; died in 1960.
- v. Eva MORRIS was born on 30 Jan 1885 in Goodwood, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2. William Laity MORRIS was born in 1807 in Penzance, Cornwall, England; was christened on 06 Dec 1807 in Penzance, Cornwall, England (son of James MORRIS and Elizabeth ?); died on 10 Feb 1897 in Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried in West Terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

William married Honor LOWRY on 24 May 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall, England. Honor (daughter of John LOWRY and Elizabeth JORY) was born in 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 19 Jun 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 04 Apr 1888 in Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried in West Terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

3. Honor LOWRY was born in 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 19 Jun 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England (daughter of John LOWRY and Elizabeth JORY); died on 04 Apr 1888 in Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried in West Terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Children:

- i. 1. William Laity MORRIS was born in 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 7 Sep 1828 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 22 Jul 1908 in Old Port Road, Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Thomas MORRIS was born in 1830 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 24 Oct 1830 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 27 Oct 1834.
- iii. Honour Lawry MORRIS was born in 1833 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 17 Feb 1833 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 25 May 1859 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Thomas MORRIS was born in 1835 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 21 Jun 1835 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 29 Sep 1917.
- v. John MORRIS was born in 1837 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 16 Nov 1842.

- vi. Richard MORRIS was born on 10 Nov 1839 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 17 Apr 1907 in Willaston, South Australia, Australia; was buried in Willaston Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.
- vii. Job MORRIS was born on 18 Apr 1841 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 26 Dec 1842 in Gulval, Cornwall, England.
- viii. Elizabeth MORRIS was born in 1846; died on 28 Jun 1905.
- ix. Jane MORRIS was born in 1848.
- x. Job MORRIS was born on 05 Feb 1850 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- xi. Martha MORRIS was born on 12 Jan 1852 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; died on 07 Dec 1940 in Unley, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 3

4. James MORRIS

James married Elizabeth ?. Elizabeth was born in 1789; died on 18 Oct 1848. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

5. Elizabeth ? was born in 1789; died on 18 Oct 1848.

Children:

- i. 2. William Laity MORRIS was born in 1807 in Penzance, Cornwall, England; was christened on 06 Dec 1807 in Penzance, Cornwall, England; died on 10 Feb 1897 in Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried in West Terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

6. John LOWRY

John married Elizabeth JORY on 28 Feb 1807 in Kea, Cornwall, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

7. Elizabeth JORY

Children:

- i. 3. Honor LOWRY was born in 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; was christened on 19 Jun 1808 in Gulval, Cornwall, England; died on 04 Apr 1888 in Edwardstown, South Australia, Australia; was buried in West Terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. John LOWRY was born in 1810 in Kea, Cornwall, England; was christened on 18 Feb 1810 in Kea, Cornwall, England.
- iii. Eleanor LAWRY was born in 1813 in Kea, Cornwall, England; was christened on 26 Sep 1813 in Kea, Cornwall, England.
- iv. William LOWRY was born in 1816 in Kea, Cornwall, England; was christened on 16 Mar 1816 in Kea, Cornwall, England.
- v. Elizabeth LAWRY was born in 1819 in Kea, Cornwall, England; was christened on 1 Nov 1819 in Kea, Cornwall, England.
- vi. Mary LOWRY was born in 1822 in Redruth, Cornwall, England; was christened on 13 Oct 1822 in Redruth, Cornwall, England.
- vii. Edward LOWREY was born in 1824 in Redruth, Cornwall, England; was christened on 8 Apr 1824 in Redruth, Cornwall, England.