

# William RUNDLE 1819 – 1872

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St Blazey was in a mining region, primarily mining tin and copper, but in the mid 1800's it was also becoming known for China clay mining. The nearby Eden Project, in a clay quarry, and which I have visited, is a major tourist attraction and tropical plant arboretum.

**Source of the RUNDLE surname** (from the Familysearch website):

English nickname from Middle English roundel (Old French rondel), a diminutive of round(e) 'rotund, plump'. Compare Round. Perhaps from the personal name Rondulf, a West Midlands variant of Randulf. See Randolph and Randall. Habitational name from Randall Wood in Shorne (Kent), from Old French rondel 'circle, something circular'. Altered form of German Rundel .

## **Ambrose RUNDLE b c1690**

The earliest RUNDLE I have found is Ambrose, and he is recorded on his son's baptism certificate, as indexed on the Findmypast website. He is recorded as living in St Blazey, near St Austell (marked as 1 on the map). This was a significant China Clay mining area, although it would be many years after Ambrose's death before clay mining began. Now, the Eden Project, nearby, uses one of the clay quarry areas.

In Ambrose's time, however, copper and tin mining were the predominant local industry, and he would have been involved in some way.

## **Ambrose RUNDLE b1715**

Ambrose's son, also Ambrose, was born in 1715, in St Blazey, Cornwall. He married locally, but I cannot find a record of this. I do know he had a son, also Ambrose born in St Blazey in 1739. This Ambrose probably also worked in the mining industry.

## **Ambrose RUNDLE b1739**

This Ambrose RUNDLE was born in 1739, still in St Blazey, and he married Margaret Horskin in March 1777, at St Blazey. This is near St Austell, in the eastern part of Cornwall. Several generations (at least) lived in this village. Ambrose and Margaret nee HORSKIN had a child Joseph RUNDLE, born in 1791. I am a little concerned here that the parents may be too old, but I cannot find a birth record of Margaret to see how old she was at this birth. But, there are no other records for her. It was about this time that China clay was discovered in the area, and when the locals learnt how to mine and use it.



### **Joseph RUNDLE b1791**

Joseph RUNDLE was born in 1791, and he married Elizabeth ROBINS in January 1814, in St Blazey. They produced one son William, born in 1819, and six daughters. In the 1841 census, Joseph is described as a mine labourer, and is at least a fifth generation resident of St Blazey.

As far as I have been able to determine, only William RUNDLE left Cornwall for Australia, and 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.

### **William RUNDLE b1819**

This William RUNDLE is the subject of this narrative. He is recorded as living with his parents and youngest sister in the family residence in the 1841 and 1851 census. In the 1851 census, he is described as a tin miner. 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 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. I found that he lived in Blanche Street, Moonta when he died, but I do not have a street number, nor can I find any reference in the Land Titles system. He died in Moonta in December 1871, of inflammation of the lungs, likely a typical miner's disease.

### **William RUNDLE b1852**

William and Caroline RUNDLE's eldest son, also William, was born in Cornwall in December 1852. He came to South Australia with his parents, aged just 2 years, and married Ann MORRIS in 1876 in Moonta. Ann's father William Laity MORRIS (and another Cornwall resident), is also one of my almost 20 ancestors who came to South Australia in the 1800's, and is 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 RUNDLE was apprenticed to William Laity MORRIS, 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.

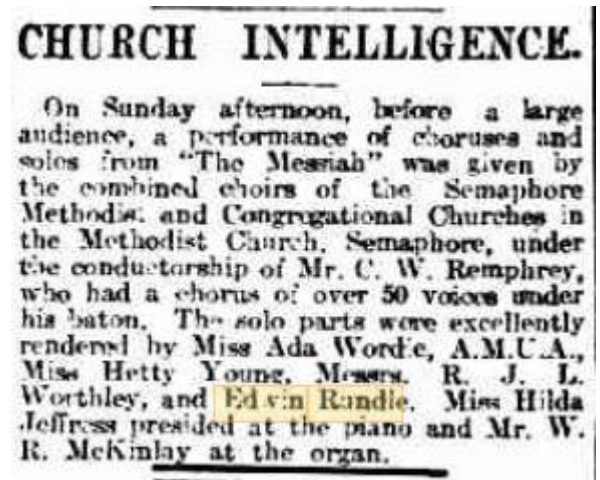
### **Edwin Morris RUNDLE b1887**

Edwin RUNDLE was born in Port Adelaide in 1887, and he 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. Edwin and Maude's 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 Maude'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.

The newspaper notice (right) describes one such concert at the Semaphore Methodist Church.

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 a Victor Harbour nursing home in the nineteen seventies.

Right: from left, Maude, Edwin, Lance, Connie and Edwin RUNDLE. The photo would have been taken in or soon after 1940.



### **Constance Maude RUNDLE b1920**

Constance was known as Connie for most of her life and married Ken SQUIRE in 1944. Ken SQUIRE is included in the SQUIRE narrative, already published. I can recall being told that Connie's mum Maude met Ethel GILL at Ethel's wedding to John SQUIRE in 1914. This is also recorded on the marriage certificate because Maude signed the Certificate as a witness. They clearly kept in touch, and these influential women almost certainly orchestrated the matching of Connie with Ken SQUIRE in the early 1940s. Ken and Connie's 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

Congregational church as they moved around. At Rose Park, she edited the local Congregational Church newsletter for a time.

There is more information on the SQUIRE family in the SQUIRE narrative. You can read it here:

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

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♂ 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] [Family Chart]

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] [Family Chart]

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 (son of Ambrose RUNDLE and ? ?); 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] [Family Chart]

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] [Family Chart]

7. Elizabeth ?  
Children:

- 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.

## Generation: 4

8. Ambrose RUNDLE was born in 1715 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 1 Jan 1715 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England (son of Ambrose RUNDLE and ? ?).

Ambrose married ? ?. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

9. ? ?  
Children:

- i. 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.

## Generation: 5

16. Ambrose RUNDLE

Ambrose married ? ?. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

17. ? ?  
Children:

- i. 8. Ambrose RUNDLE was born in 1715 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England; was christened on 1 Jan 1715 in St Blazey, Cornwall, England.