

SARAH SEAR

1816 – 15 Mar 1900

Born : WHADDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,
ENGLAND

Died : MUSWELLBROOK NSW

Buried : MUSWELLBROOK CEMETERY



Sarah was the first child born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Betsy) Sear in 1816 and baptized at Whaddon in Buckinghamshire, England.

Her father Joseph Sear was the son of a farmer and was only 20 years old and a farm labourer from Steeple Claydon when he married Sarah's mother 20 year old Elizabeth Ridgway, she was a farmer's daughter.

At the time of Sarah's birth King George III had been on the throne for 56 years. Agriculture was the mainstay at that time and the very flat countryside of Whaddon was made up almost entirely of farms.

Sarah's parents were settled for some time after she was born, though no record could be found of any other children being baptized in Whaddon. Known siblings of Sarah were – Mary (1820), William (1822), Jesse (1824), Jane (1826), Leah (1829) and Thomas (1831). There also appears to be another child born in 1834 – Susanna. Then further entries were found for Mark Sear (1837-1838) and Henry Alban Ridgway Sear (1839).

It seems that the Sear family finally settled in 1836 in Gawcott, a hamlet near Buckingham. Here there was an entry stating that a Joseph Ridgway Sear son of Sarah Sear, single woman of Gawcott, was baptized on 26 March 1836. Sarah at this time was 20 years old.

When Sarah was 25 years old, with a 5 year old son, she would both read and write she probably sort employment using these skills. In 1843 at the age of 27 Sarah married a widower Simon Thomas Wilder, a fisherman, who was 48 years old with a number of young children.

Sarah and Simon had 4 children –

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| THOMAS JOHN | born 27 April 1844 in Nash, Buckinghamshire, England. On 27 February 1865 he married Caroline Charlotte Budden in Muswellbrook.
Thomas and Caroline had 7 children – Elizabeth Caroline, Sarah Mary, Keziah Jane, Thomas John, John W., James and Veasley (Verlie) B.
Thomas died 1 June 1912 in Parramatta. |
| ELIZABETH JANE | born 19 May 1845 in England. Elizabeth was a sickly child she had tuberculosis and finally succumbed to the disease when she was 15 on 14 April 1860. |
| CHARLES WILLIAM | born 19 December 1846 in England. On 14 August 1868 he married Cecelia Taylor in Muswellbrook.
Charles and Cecelia had 10 children – Charles, Frederick Simon, Adolphus, Edward Augustus, Henry, Herbert John, Lilly Virginia, Josepha, George and Emily May.
Charles died on 15 September 1931 at Muswellbrook. |
| ROLAND | born 8 April 1848 in England. In 1869 Roland married Mary Ann Budden, a cousin of Caroline's. |

Roland and Mary had 6 children – Elizabeth Jane, George Roland, Charles Henry, Simon Thomas Victor, William James and Joshua Frederick.
Roland died in 1880.

In 1848 at the age of 53 Simon Thomas Wilder died of complications with a disease of the heart. After Simon died Sarah decided to leave England and sailed to Australia on the “Ellenborough”. At this stage Sarah was 38. She arrived on 31 October 1854 accompanied by her four children and her stepson Joshua Frederick (15). Why she chose to leave England is unknown but it seems her own son Joseph had come out earlier, so maybe he suggested it would be a good place.

In 1855, one year after arriving she married William Toseo at Tilligherry, near Stroud, in the parish of St. Andrew. William was stated to be a Christian Chinaman about 12 years Sarah’s junior. Sarah and William had 3 daughters – Leah (1857), Mary (1858) and Jane (1861). William died aged 67 on 30 August 1895.

Sarah died, aged 84, on 15 March 1900. There is a family plot in Muswellbrook Cemetery where members of the Toseo family are buried. Most of the writing has gone but for Sarah it read –

SARAH TOSEO
Died March 15 1900
Aged 84 years

BIRTH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Sarah Sear
SEX OF CHILD	Female
DATE OF BIRTH	1816
PLACE	Whaddon,, Buckhamshire, England
FATHER	Joseph Sear
OCCUPATION	Farm Labourer
BIRTH PLACE	Thornborough England
AGE	20
DATE OF MARRIAGE	March 1816
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	England
MOTHER	Elizabeth (Betsy) Ridgway
OCCUPATION	
BIRTH PLACE	Whaddon Buckhamshire England
AGE	20
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MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FACT FILE

GROOM	Simon Thomas Wilder
STATUS	Bachelor
PLACE OF BIRTH	Maidenhead, Berkshire, England
OCCUPATION	Fisherman
AGE	48
USUAL RESIDENCE	Maidenhead England
FATHER	William Wilder
OCCUPATION	Fisherman
MOTHER	Mary Shrives
<u>BRIDE</u>	Sarah Sear
STATUS	Spinster
PLACE OF BIRTH	Whaddon England
OCCUPATION	
AGE	27
USUAL RESIDENCE	Whaddon England
FATHER	Joseph Sear
OCCUPATION	Farm Labourer
MOTHER	Elizabeth (Betsy) Ridgway
<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	1843
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	
RELIGION	
WITNESSES	
MINISTER	

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DEATH REGISTRATION FACT FILE

NAME	Sarah Toseo
DATE OF DEATH	15 Mar. 1900
PLACE	Musclecreek Nsw
OCCUPATION	
AGE	84
CONJUGAL STATUS	
PLACE OF BIRTH	Bricklow, Buckingham, England
TIME IN AUST COLONIES	58 Years
FATHER	Joseph Sear
MOTHER	Betsy Ridgway
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Cookham Berkshire England Tilligherry
AGE AT MARRIAGE	27 Years 39 Years
NAME OF SPOUSE	Simon Wilder William Toseo
CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE	John T. (58), Charles W (54), Mary (42) Living One Male And Two Femals Deceased
INFORMANT	M. Peacock, Daughter, Muslecreek Nsw
CAUSE OF DEATH	Heart Disease Dropsy,
LENGTH OF ILLNESS	12 Months
DATE OF BURIAL	17 Mar. 1900
PLACE OF BURIAL	Muswellbrook Cemetery
MINISTER AND RELIGION	William White, Church Of England
WITNESSES	H.J. Jackson, (?) Glenister

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