Sarah Ann BOND (1840-1934)

Sarah was aged 17, single, CE, literate, nursemaid and came from Suffolk in England when she migrated to Tasmania on the 'Trade Wind' in 1858. Sarah was sponsored by Michael Fenton of Hobart Town and discharged from the Quarantine Station, Impression Bay on 15 April 1858 to James Crear of Clyne Park near Cleveland.

Sarah married another passenger from the 'Trade Wind', William Watkinson (1826-1896) who was born at Suffolk. He too was discharged from Quarantine at the same time as Sarah and released to James Crear. See more details for William Watkinson under his name.

Although the shipping records showed Sarah as originating from Suffolk it was likely that she was born in Liverpool, Lancashire to John Bond (1820-1894) and Sarah (1821-1862) nee Jones. Sarah Ann may have spent time in Suffolk where she met her future husband. William and Sarah married at Clynevale House, Epping Forest, in the Campbell Town district, on 11 February 1859. They had eight children all of whom lived in New South Wales.

Sarah's parents, John (1820-1894) and Sarah nee Jones (1821-1862) were living in Launceston at the time of her arrival. John was employed as a Cooper. Sarah was a widow when she married John. She was previously married to Edward Thomas who died soon after their marriage on 23 July 1837 at Liverpool.

After Sarah's death on 7 November 1862, at the age of 41 in Launceston, John remarried Bridget McCann (1841-1921) in 1863 at Launceston. John was aged 42 and Bridget was aged 22. Bridget was the same age as her step-daughter, Sarah. John and Bridget had a son, William in 1864, Sarah's half-brother.

Sarah Ann and William Watkinson moved to Sydney between 1875 and 1881. A daughter, Edith, died in Waterloo, aged 4, in 1881.

Sarah died on 17 October 1934 in Lindfield at the age of 94. Her husband, William, predeceased her by 38 years. He died on 1 September 1896 in Sydney. Both were buried at the Rookwood General Cemetery.

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