

### **Sarah Mary Blathwayt**

Sarah Mary Oates was born about 1834 in Jamaica. She was the daughter of George Hibbert Oates, a plantation and slave owner, and Margaret Cross, described in George Hibbert Oates' will as a 'free woman of colour'. As a young child - possibly after her father's death in 1837 - Sarah Mary came to Bath to live with her grandmother, Mary Oates, and her aunt, Anna Maria Oates, at 6 Sion Hill. The family were well-off, living on legacies from various members of the extended family, many of whom were owners of plantations and enslaved people in the Caribbean. Sarah Mary married the Reverend Walter Thomas Blathwayt in 1876; he inherited Dyrham Park in 1899, and they lived at Dyrham House until his death in 1909.



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