

Losh, Sarah (Sara) c. 1785 - 1853



Sarah Losh [also known as Sara Losh] was born in Wreay, near Carlisle, England in c.1785 and baptised on 6 January 1786. Following the death of her father in 1814 and of her sister, Katherine in 1835, she was financially independent and a land owner.

Nothing is known about her training as an architect. Most of her work as an architect was in the Wreay area from the 1820s. One of her most significant works is considered to have been St. Mary's Church in Wreay, designed between 1840 and 1842 which was much admired by Dante Gabriel Rossetti who described it as "an extraordinary work". He added that Losh "must have been really a great genius and should be better known". The architectural historian Nikolaus Pevsner later described St. Mary's Church as one of the best examples of the best examples of church architecture from the Victorian period. Another significant architectural project by Losh was the restoration and extension of St John the Evangelist's Church, in Newton Arlosh, Cumbria in 1844

Losh died at her home, Woodside in Wreay on 29 March 1853

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