

<b>Street Address</b>	End of Lucas Drive, Jetty area, Lamb Island (Thomas Lucas grave)
<b>GPS/RPD</b>	Near L12 SP142456
<b>Place Type</b>	Built



Google Earth, 2017.



Thomas Lucas' Grave, Lamb Island (AHS, 2017).

<b>Condition</b>	Fair	<b>Integrity</b>	Fair
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	Local Heritage Place		
<b>Non-Statutory Listings</b>	No current listing		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	23/01/2017		

**Historical Context**

Situated on the hill above the jetty on Lamb Island, Thomas Lucas' grave is the only grave on the island.[1] Thomas Lucas was born in 1836 in Beechwood, Berkshire, England, and commenced oyster farming from the 1880s around the Moreton Bay region.[2] Believed to be the first European settler on Lamb Island, he lived on the Island with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Thomas, Lucy, Henry, Richard and Mary.

Lucas died on the Island in 1895.[3] There has been debate in the historical record surrounding Lucas' life, with local historians claiming he was a convict and settled in the Moreton Bay region as early as 1865.[4] Lucas' grandson, John Wood, has refuted this using convict records and Lucas' death certificate to verify that he was not a convict and only lived on Lamb Island from the 1880s.[5] Lucas' name was given to Lucas Passage between Macleay and Lamb Islands.[6]

**Physical Description**

The grave site is situated in a prominent and picturesque site overlooking the ocean, adjacent to the road reserve which leads to the public jetty and ferry terminal. The grave has a small stone headstone with more recent concrete bollards and pipe fencing, and a plaque correcting Lucas' date of death on the headstone, as the original inscription was believed to be incorrect. An interesting contrast to the setting, a Telstra phone box is located at the perimeter.

**Statement of Significance**

The headstone is a locally significant place as it embodies historic and associative values. The site is historically important as it is the only grave on Lamb Island and it is associated with the biographical history of one of the first European settlers on the island, Thomas Lucas. Lucas was an oyster farmer in the Moreton Bay region, which was historically significant in the local area.

<b>Criteria A</b>	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.
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Thomas Lucas' grave site is significant for its association with the first reported non-Indigenous settler of Lamb Island.

<b>Criteria H</b>	The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history.
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The headstone has a special association with Thomas Lucas who, as an oyster farmer in the area, was instrumental in developing local industry.

**Primary Themes**

1.0 Peopling Places	1.04 Family and marking the phases of life
6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings	6.01 Establishing settlements and towns

### References

- [1] The Week, 18 January 1985, p. 18.
- [2] Bayside Bulletin, 28 February 2011; Sunday Mail, 12 June 1932, p. 21.
- [3] "When Was it? Russell, Lamb, Macleay and Karragarra Islands," Redland City Council, 2009, p. 4; The Week, 18 January 1895, p. 18.
- [4] Ibid.
- [5] Bayside Bulletin, 28 February 2011.
- [6] Ibid.



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