

Lucas, John Snr (1797-1883)

Sponsored: Isaac Ayres (Norfolk, carpenter)
 Elizabeth Ruffels (Suffolk, housemaid)
 James Cornell (Suffolk, carpenter and wheelwright)

John Lucas Snr was born on 25 June 1797, Norfolk Island and died on 11 June 1883 at Kingston. He was the son of Thomas Silas Lucas a marine with the First Fleet and arrived at the “settlement,” Hobart with his parents and three brothers, in the ‘City of Edinburgh’ about October 1808. His mother was a convict, Ann Howard (1758-1832). In 1809 they went to reside at Brown’s River, his father having secured a grant of land along the banks of the stream, including the site on which Kingston now stands. After his father’s death in 1815 John and his brother, Nathaniel, carried on farming. After the partnership dissolved John became the owner on the southern side of Brown’s River, on which he resided until his death, and his brother on the northern side. John took an active interest in local politics from the inauguration of responsible government, and in all public matters connected with the Kingborough district and the colony generally. (Extracts from Obituary, *The Mercury*, Tues 12 June 1883, p2)

John S Lucas applied at Brown’s River for Immigrant Bounty Tickets on 30 June 1856.