

Lucas, Thomas Geoffry 1872 - 1947



Thomas Geoffry Lucas [commonly known as Geoffry Lucas; first name frequently misspelt Geoffrey] was born in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, England, on 6 June 1872. After training with architect Walter John Nash Millard (1854-1936) in Hitchin, he studied at the studio of Frank Baggallay (1855-1930) and Millard from 1889 to 1891. He also studied architecture at the Bartlett School, University College London, the Architectural Association and the Royal Academy Schools in London. He then worked as an assistant to William Flockhart (1852-1913), Baggallay and Millard, Leonard Aloysius Scott Stokes (1858-1925) and Frederick Arthur Walters (1849-1931).

Lucas set up in private practice in Hitchin in 1895. He was in partnership with Edward William Mountford (1855-1908) from the late 1890s to c.1908; with Thomas Arthur Lodge (1888-1967) from c.1913 to 1923 [or 1920 - sources differ]; and with Henry Vaughan Lanchester (1863-1953) and Thomas Arthur Lodge as Lanchester, Lucas & Lodge from 1923 [or 1920 - sources differ] to 1930. Lucas withdrew from the partnership in 1930 and thereafter practised independently.

A drawing of a house at Norton, Hertfordshire, designed by Lucas is illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1907 (p.23); a drawing and a ground-floor plan of cottages at Henlow, Bedfordshire, a photograph and plans of cottages at South Mimms, Hertfordshire, and a drawing and a ground-floor plan of 'Poynder's End' near Hitchin designed by Lucas are featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1908 (pp.B57, 558, B60); and two watercolour drawing of a country house,t wo watercolour drawings and plans of cottages at Letchworth and

Apsley Guise, Bedfordshire, and a drawing of a house at Hampstead designed by Lucas are featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1910 (pp.53, 55, opposite p.1).

Other projects by Lucas included Hitchin Town Hall; Poynders End in Hertfordshire; various restoration and ecclesiastical work in Swansea, Aldershot, Spalding, and elsewhere; Lucas Square and other houses in Hampstead Garden Suburb; Capital and Counties Bank in Hitchin; Stockton-on-Tees War Memorial (1923); a housing scheme in Weybridge, Surrey (1923); Morley College in Westminster, London (1923).

Lucas was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1899 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1911. He exhibited at the Royal Academy [as Thomas G. Lucas and Geoffrey Lucas] from 1896 to 1929. He died at his home in Walmer, Kent on 3 October 1947.

Worked in

UK

Works

Hitchin Town Hall; Poynders End, Herts; Yewlands, Broxbourne; and many private commissions. Restoration and ecclesiastical work at Downham Market, Swansea, Aldershot, Spalding, Elton, Framingham, Pigot, etc. Lucas Square, and other houses at Hampstead Garden Suburb; houses, Banbury; Little Offley, Herts; rectory of St. Clement Danes, Strand; Capital and Counties Bank, Hitchin; All Saints' Church and Rectory, Gretna; Housing scheme, Portsdown Hill, Hants; Bovril's premises, Old Street, 1920; Stockton-on-Tees War memorial, 1923; Housing Scheme, Weybridge, 1923; Morley College, Westminster, 1923; etc., etc. (Has practised as senior partner in Lucas and Lodge, and is now partner in Lanchester, Lucas and Lodge.) [Source: *Who's Who in Architecture 1926*]

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