

## Lucy Lewis

### The first student to attend the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution

**Born:** 1850 in Melbourne  
**Years at the school:** November 1860 to December 1866  
**Married:** Solomon Moss on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1896  
**Died:** November 17, 1930 aged 79 in Prahran

Sarah Lucy Ann Lewis, known as Lucy Lewis was the first ever student to attend the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution and was educated at the school for 6 years.

Her parents, Thomas (watchmaker) and Sarah migrated from England to Australia in 1848 on the ship 'Frances Ridley'. It was her mother who wrote a plea for education for her deaf daughter which was placed in 'The Argus' newspaper and to which FJ Rose responded.

At 45 years of age, Lucy married Solomon Moss who is also deaf and is registered as the 5<sup>th</sup> pupil to attend the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution.

At the time when Lucy married, she listed her occupation as a dressmaker and was living in Windsor.

Lucy died at the age of 79, and had no children.

#### **Some information about Lucy's husband, Solomon Moss**

**Born:** 1848 (approx) London, England  
**Occupation:** Basket Maker  
**Died:** 1914 in Carlton North