## POOR DOCUMENT

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## AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL FRAGMENT LEFT BY SEYMOUR LUCAS

Written When He was Elected to Royal Academy

Early Bent for Art-Great-Grandmother Nursed Nelson on Her Knees, Her Family and His Being

London, May 19—(By Mail)—Sey-lour Lucas, R. A., who died Tuesday ight at Southwood Hospital, had been

the Times:
The announcement of the death of mour Lucas reminds me of a document confided to me thirty years ago, en the artist's election to the associateship of the Royal Academy seements to him to fling open the gates of cess—when his main object in, life them well-nigh attained, and when the rest would be easy. I never saw a mental happier, or more confident, or modest in what seemed to him

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say was unexpected, was subsequently the cause of a rapproachment between the two brothers. John was quick to recognize what he called my talent, and undertook to look after me; but the path to that happiness was a stony one.

I was born in London on December 21, 1849. One of my first recollections is my scribbling on the walls of the kitchen and on the meat-safe with chalk, with sad results for me—for the chalk sketches of even a predestined Academician don't come off so easily. From drawing zigzags I got my first idea of a human face, and I was forever practising the drawing of them, moved by an irresistible desire to decorate the kitchen wall, which no punishment could quench. There was an ancestral possession, a wax doll, which my sister played with as a reward—the highest to which she could aspire; and I conceived the fiendish idea of scraping off the wax features and modelling them into a portrait of Uncle Richard. I knew the wages of my sin; but when my parents recognized the likeness for a capital one they soon forgave me, Unhappily, the painful acknowledgement of my effort had already been administered.

When quite a small boy I was sent

When quite a small boy I was sent to a private school in St. Martin's lane, where among my fellow-pupils were two boys, the sons of the Haymarket art dealer, Mr. Tooth; it is curious that the dealer, was acquaintanceship was art dealer, Mr. Tooth; it is curious that in later years our acquaintanceship was renewed, and their father, bought my first picture. While at school I failed lamentably at grammar and geography, but I kept my place through the help of my schoolfellows in return for the assistance I gave them when drawing day came round.

Working at Fifteen.

In 1864, I being 15 years old, I had to leave school to earn my own living, for my father's business did not prosper, and I was a tax he could ill afford. I was destined for trade, but my horror of business, particularly of coachbuilding, was softened for a time by the advances of a clever monumental sculptor named Ross. I went to him for a term of three months. I knew it was a trade, but I was enamored of the art that was in it, and I was happy. But towards the end of the period, when all went well, my dear mother conceived the idea that a monumental sculptor must work upon a scaffold, and, being there, must fall from it and break his neck. She would listen to nothing; and the Ross connection came to an end.

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