

Christina MacCarthy – Matron at The Lodge

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Christina MacCarthy was the Matron at The Lodge in Effingham in the 1960s and 1970s. She and her staff, including a number of nurses, were employed by Surrey County Council – the owners of The Lodge – to look after approximately forty women patients there, most of them elderly and some of them epileptic. This article presents what is known of Christina's time there, much of it drawn from accounts in local newspapers.

Introduction

Mrs MacCarthy featured in the life of Effingham for a quite short period, from about the early 1960s until the late 1970s. Her origins lay in Ireland and it was to Ireland that she returned when she departed from Effingham, circumstances which present us with much difficulty in finding key sources that might clarify her life. The significance of her period in Effingham is that she served as Matron at the home for epileptic women housed in The Lodge, the former grand home of the Pauling family, and in that role often featured in the local newspapers.

She was born in 1919. Contributors to public family trees on *Ancestry* claim, without offering firm sources, that her parents were Francis ('Frank') Jennings and Julia (née Macken). This couple married in Kilmaine, County Mayo on 20 July 1909 [FHL: Film No. 101261; *The Irish Standard*, 14 August 1909]. The GRO index for Ireland provides a birth reference for Christina [District Ballinrobe, Group Reg. ID 1698031, 9 Sept 1919] which cites her mother's maiden name as Macken.

The 1911 Census finds Francis occupied as a farmer and living in a house of 7 rooms with Julia in Ballyargadaun, County Mayo. They had with them their first child John James Joseph, a relative Mary Jennings and a servant. The entire household was Catholic and Francis spoke both English and Irish.

Unfortunately, no census was taken in Ireland in 1921 owing to the political unrest in that country, so potentially depriving us of absolute confirmation that Francis and Julia were the parents of Christina. Francis died in 1932 and Julia nearly fifty years later, in 1982. They are commemorated, with several other members of the Jennings family, on an elaborate and very well preserved gravestone in Neale Cemetery, County Mayo.



Figure 1a The Jennings family grave in Neale Cemetery, County Mayo.

Christina is known from later sources to have married or partnered a man named Cyril MacCarthy (his preferred surname spelling). The earliest date at which we can potentially place her in England is 1945 when a Christina 'McCarthy' was recorded in the Electoral Register for Chertsey as residing in The Shiel Nursing Home, Elgin Road. However, there was no other McCarthy/MacCarthy present with her. This Christina was likewise listed at this address during 1946-48 – again with no apparent partner – and was presumably working there.

'Our' Christina had certainly become a registered nurse on 7 June 1945. The latter detail is known from the list of nurses compiled for the period 1 September to 31 December 1952 in the *General Register* published by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Her entry there names her as 'McCarthy, Christina (née Jennings)' and states that she had qualified at the Nelson Hospital for Wimbledon, Merton and District. Thus she had evidently married prior to September 1952, yet there appears to be no convincing marriage registration for her in either the GRO index for England and Wales or that for Ireland.

The Council's *Roll of Assistant Nurses* (begun in 1944) for 1947-48 records a 'Christina McCarthy' having 'permanent address' The Shiel Nursing Home, giving this person's date and place of Enrolment as 'Sept. 28, 1945, London'. It is not certain that this record pertains to 'our' Christina, as only unusual circumstances could cause a registered nurse to become subsequently an

enrolled one. The Royal College of Nursing have advised that the registers of this period contain many errors but most probably this enrolled nurse at The Shiel was some other person.

The next date for which we have a source definitely identifying Christina is 1960 when the Electoral Register finds her living with Cyril MacCarthy (as spelt) at 125, Hagley Road in Edgbaston, Birmingham. Soon afterwards they moved near to the south-east, the Electoral Register for 1964 listing them at Elm Court, Marlborough Road in Hampton, Middlesex. However, we know that by late 1963 they had already moved to Effingham, as in late December of that year Christina featured in a long newspaper article about events there at The Lodge, where she now held the position of Matron [*The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 28 December 1963].

Matron at The Lodge

The Lodge at this time was designated as a home for epileptic women, although as the years passed it had also accommodated an increasing proportion of (mostly elderly) non-epileptic women, the total number of such residents being a few dozen. The home was owned and managed by Surrey County Council (SCC). The Council had acquired it in August 1932 from The School for the Indigent Blind which had purchased the house, with 14 acres of land, in 1928 from Dolores López (née Guibara) Pauling who had formerly been the third wife (and widow) of the wealthy railway contractor George Craig Saunders Pauling; he had purchased The Lodge, with a far larger area of land, in 1897.

The inmates at The Lodge were looked after by a team of nurses and other staff headed by a Matron, but appointments to the facility – and probably other aspects of its administration – were under the

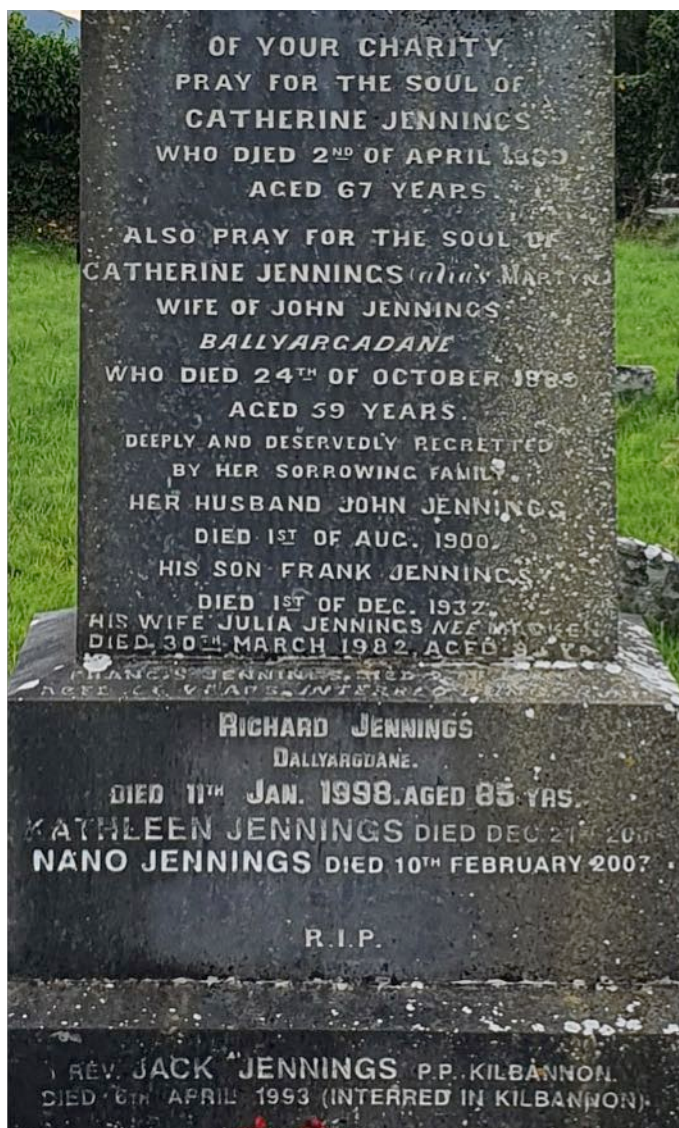


Figure 1b The Jennings family grave – close-up.

authority of the Superintendent of SCC's Home for the Aged, which was named The Oaks and stood near the Dorking Road in Epsom close to Epsom Hospital. The local newspapers of the 1960s contained many advertisements seeking to recruit staff to The Lodge, requiring them to submit their applications to this Superintendent at The Oaks.



Figure 2 The Nelson Hospital, Merton Park, in which Christina had qualified as a registered nurse in June 1945.



Figure 3 The Lodge as it appeared when it was a home for the blind, about 1928-32.

We do not know who the first Matron at The Lodge was. The position was held during and after the Second World War by Mary Jane (née) Young whom the 1939 National Register records as the Matron there with five nurses and a cook; her birthdate is given as 28 January 1881. The Electoral Registers show her there from 1939 up to 1948. We do not know who held the position from then until Christina arrived.

The book *Effingham – A History in Photographs* by Effingham Local History Group mistakenly states that Christina had been the Matron ‘as far back as 1943 and probably earlier’. This assertion arose from taking at face value a date ‘Christmas 1943’ handwritten against a cutting of the above-mentioned article actually published (as discovered only recently) in December 1963. The cutting was one of many that had been stuck into a foolscap album donated to ELHG in its first year, 2010. That album was understood from the donor to have been originally the property of either Christina or one of her patients at The Lodge. The cuttings are generally in very poor condition, having been stuck in using sellotape. These, and other newspaper articles discovered about events at The Lodge, are almost the only sources we have to tell us anything about Christina's time there. Representative examples are given in Appendix I.

The article of 28 December 1963 describes the preparations for Christmas. In secrecy, Christina had kept wrapped gifts for all her 40 residents in a ceiling-high safe formerly used (it was stated) by the Paulings to store their family silver. On Christmas morning she and her assistant placed them under the Christmas tree. The Lodge had been visited during the week by members of Effingham Women's Institute to perform Scottish dancing and also by carol singers from the Manor House School and the Effingham Young Wives Club. The residents had also been taken by coach to see London's lights and after Christmas they had been invited to a tea provided by the Women's local branch of the British Legion.

In March 1964 Christina welcomed guests to a coffee morning ‘at home’ at The Lodge, including the Matrons of some other SCC homes. One other guest was Florence Nicholls of 9, Norwood Close whose late husband Walter had once been employed as a valet by Mt Pauling. Their marriage, which had taken place in Dorking in 1914, had been solemnised in the Catholic church, Our Lady of Sorrows in Lower Road, established by Mr Pauling. Walter's baptism had been the first undertaken at the latter church and Mr Pauling's second daughter Jane Josephine had kept in touch with the Nicholls family.

In June 1964 the annual open day and garden fête was held at The Lodge and was formally opened by local TV personalities Jimmy Douglas Hanley and his second wife Margaret who were greeted by Christina. Bamber Gascoigne – the author, television presenter and quizmaster on *University Challenge* – also accompanied the Hanleys but seemingly played no formal role in this open day. Shows and games were staged and the event raised just over £90. Hanley, who then lived at Tanglewood in Cobham Road, Fetcham, had begun his career as a child actor and had starred in many films and TV shows. In about 1957 he had come to live in Effingham at The Plough Inn as its publican, using this experience in hosting the ITV magazine programme *Jim's Inn* up to 1963. He died aged only 51 on 13 January 1970, from pancreatic cancer.

The next year's open day and fête in late June 1965 raised even more money – over £103. It was to be spent on summer outings for the residents. A competition to guess the exact weight of a cake (4lb 6oz) was won by Robert William (‘Pop’) Scott about whose life ELHG has printed a detailed article.

In early 1966 Ethel Mary (née) Reynolds, who had been a resident of The Lodge for nearly 30 years, died, on 23 January. She had originally come to the home after being badly burned in a serious accident. One of the newspaper cuttings mentions the ‘hobby’ for which she had become well known, Christina stating: ‘Ethel loved scrubbing floors. Give her a large tiled floor to scrub, and she was in her element’.

In 1966 the open day and fête raised £105, this likewise intended to fund summer outings. ‘Organisers were led by the matron, Mrs C McCarthy, who also greeted distinguished visitors including county council and welfare leaders.’ At least ten Effingham organisations took part. As usual there was a Punch and Judy show, tombola, putting green and sideshows. Plants were sold by The Lodge's gardener Peter Pippet and cakes by the cook Mrs M Prickett.

The approach of Christmas in 1966 saw the arrival at The Lodge of a 12-foot tree contributed by members of the Leatherhead Inner Wheel, who set it up and decorated it, accompanied by members of The Bookhams Evening Women's Institute who brought gifts of costume jewellery for each resident and a ‘giant’ box of chocolates for Christina and the staff. On Christmas Day these gifts were distributed by the gardener Peter Pippet in the guise of Santa Claus. In early 1967 28 of the residents were treated to a ‘belated Christmas Party’ staged in the British Legion Hall on Lower Road by the Effingham and The Bookhams Branch.

The open day and fête of 1967, organised by Christina and the staff, was held inside The Lodge to escape torrential rain. Nearly all the stalls and games, other than the putting green, were able to operate. As usual the Punch and Judy show was run by professional entertainer George Sapwell, a resident of a home for the elderly in Epsom. In November Christina organised a bring-and-buy coffee morning which raised over £80 towards the coming festivities. On Christmas day the residents received presents of toiletries from Mr Pippet as Santa and also a hamper of crackers and other gifts that had been given anonymously.



Figure 4 Christina with Father Christmas at The Lodge; 1960s or 1970s.

In February 1968 30 of the residents, together with Christina and other staff, were invited to a party at the British Legion Hall. A further 7 residents had been unable to attend but the Legion members sent them tea and gifts. Bring-and-buys organised by Christina in June and November realised sums of £110 and (a record) £130, respectively. In December there arrived at The Lodge a mystery parcel. It contained 50 individually wrapped parcels for the residents and staff, together with crackers, balloons and Christmas

card. Christina described how these annual parcels were always addressed in capital letters and gave no clue as to who sent them. The newspaper reporting this stated that the same thing had happened 'for the last fifteen years'.

The same phenomenon occurred at Christmas 1969, but the newspaper reporting this stated that it had happened 'for the sixth successive year'. One difference was that this year the parcel had been posted from Leatherhead whereas in former years it had always been posted from London. Santa Claus at The Lodge this Christmas was played by Mr Shoosmith who was now the resident gardener.

The mystery parcel appeared again at Christmas in 1970 and in 1971. In the latter case one local paper stated that this had happened 'for the past 10 years' whilst another said that this occasion was 'the ninth successive time'. Clearly no one had any accurate idea about how long this had been going on. Who might the donor have been? They may have been one of the daughters of the former Lodge owner Delores Pauling, namely, Dolores Angela or Jane Josephine.



Figure 5 Christina with Father Christmas at The Lodge; 1960s or 1970s.

Christina and Cyril had taken up residence in part of The Lodge referred to, in the Electoral Registers, as the 'Matron's Flat' or the 'Matron's House'. We do not know where precisely this was within the complex of The Lodge, which had several buildings close to the main house. Christina's residence may have been a particular wing of the latter. Also unknown to us is how Cyril spent his days; no source, other than the Electoral Registers, has yet been found which mentions him in any context during the period when he lived in Effingham.

On the last page of the cuttings album is a note stating that The Lodge had been visited on 19 April 1975 by 'Richard Pauling's daughter-in-law Mrs. Barbara Pauling and her daughter Ann, of The Bungalow, Borders Farm, Wallcrouch, Wadhurst, Sussex'. The note was presumably written by Christina. 'Mrs. Barbara Pauling' was the wife Barbara Gertrude (née Dean) of Erle Grosvenor George Charles Robert Pauling whom she had married in Thame, Oxfordshire in 1932. Erle was the son of Richard William Ayton Pauling who was in turn the second son of George Craig Saunders Pauling by his first wife Annie (née Ayton). Richard William Ayton had died in 1928 and been buried in Effingham at Our Lady of Sorrows. His son Erle had died in 1972, three years before Barbara, Erle's widow, made this visit to The Lodge with her daughter (Lola) Ann (née) Pauling. Ann, born in 1935, still lives today in Wadhurst. Her husband Michael J Glenney, whom she had married in 1987, died in 1991. She had one sibling, Richard

Pauling, born in 1933; he died in 1993 at which time – according to the Probate Registry index – he had been living at Barbara's home The Bungalow, Borders Farm. Barbara died three years later, in 1996.



Figure 6 Christina with Father Christmas at The Lodge; 1969.

In January 1977 The Lodge was visited by the Managing Director, Mr A G Speake, of Pauling and Company Ltd, together with a colleague Mr P Lockwood. That year was the Centenary of the formation of the company by George Craig Saunders Pauling. Christina had been unable to be present during their visit but they had been shown around by a Mrs Thorn, presumably a staff member there. They had been 'very favourably impressed' by what they had seen. Mr Lockwood wrote to Christina on 31 January expressing his thanks, enclosing a copy of George Pauling's book *Chronicles of a Contractor* and asking for details of any surviving Pauling descendants. She wrote back on 15 February enclosing the names and relationships of several such descendants. Mr Lockwood replied on 17 February to thank her and said that the Company would presently send her a framed photograph of George Pauling for the entrance hall of The Lodge. On 16 March she wrote to the Company thanking them for 'the lovely framed photograph of the late George Pauling' and confirmed that it had been put on display in the entrance hall. We may wonder where that photograph is today, if it has survived. This correspondence is shown in Appendix II.

One item found with the cuttings album and the other memorabilia donated to ELHG was a short handwritten note of an address for Christina in County Galway, at 5 Lake View in Claregalway. Evidently this is where she and Cyril went to live when her service at The Lodge came to its end. We do not have a precise date for that. The Electoral Register for 1979-80 shows them at The Lodge, but that for 1982-83 does not; we do not possess the intermediate registers.

We know nothing of Christina's and Cyril's lives once they had gone to Lakeview in Claregalway. Cyril died on 1 August 2001 and was interred at the Claregalway Cemetery [*Irish Independent*, 2 August 2001].

Christina was warmly congratulated on her 90th birthday by a local magazine [*Nucht Chláir*, Vol 14, Issue 1, September 2009]. She died almost ten years later in her 100th year, on 29 June 2019, peacefully at the Castleturvin Nursing Home in Athenry, Co Galway and was buried with Cyril at the Claregalway Cemetery [*The Connacht Tribune*, 1 July 2019]. Their grave is marked by a very elegant headstone.



Figure 7 Christina in late life, County Galway.



Figure 8 The grave of Christina and Cyril in Claregalway Cemetery.

This article has not been able to offer much detail of Christina's time in Effingham, still less of her activities in the preceding and subsequent periods. She gave nearly twenty years of her life to her duties at The Lodge, of which the newspaper articles have provided only a meagre insight. But we can imagine how much effort and dedication must have gone into her constant attentiveness to the welfare of forty mostly elderly women, day and night, dealing with their practical needs, their illnesses and probably many chronic conditions, their quirks and foibles, their social interactions and, occasionally, their deaths. To all this was added the requirement of managing a team of staff, reporting to Surrey County Council, hosting visitors, communicating with the residents' families, organising open days, coffee mornings, day trips and Christmases and dealing with the general upkeep of the huge house and its grounds. It was a commendable way to round off her nursing career and must have conferred much of value to the many lives that passed through her hands.

Postscript

Since the completion of the above text the following additional information was kindly supplied by Caitriona M (née Mongey) Tippettt whose mother was first cousin to Christina.

Julia's sisters Margaret and Bridget ("Delia") trained as nurses in the Mater Hospital in Dublin and became matrons of local hospitals in Castlebar, Co Mayo – the county town. Their getting into the Mater and their subsequent career progress was thought to have been influenced by their uncle who was Dean of Tuam RC Cathedral in Galway. Between them they may have helped "Chrissy" (Christina) get into nursing school and progress onwards.

Three of the Jennings girls [Julia's daughters] became nurses – Mary Catherine ("Kathleen") born in 1914, our Chrissy born in 1919 and Annie ("Nano") born in 1926. Kathleen and Nano were career nurses and did not marry.

Returning to the question of why Chrissy would move so far from home and train as a nurse in England, this can be explained by a number of factors. Secondary education in Ireland was available only in the larger towns and cities and would require boarding (and money) for rural pupils. Many young men and women would have obtained the Intermediate Certificate locally (like O-Levels which one sat at 14 or 15 years old) but only a few would continue to Leaving Certificate level (which one sat at 17 years) in a boarding school or city. The big Irish nurse training schools such as the Mater Hospital in Dublin, the Bons in Cork and so on could pick the cream of those students and general nurse training would require the entrant to be 8 years old with Maths and English at Leaving Certificate level. In the UK, however, young Irish women with the Intermediate certificate were recruited with open arms for enrolled nurse (SEN) training as they were regarded as hard working and articulate. (There was no equivalent SEN training in Ireland.) Some of these nurses would do another year of training later to convert to registered nurses (SRN or RGN.) If one didn't fancy unpaid work on the family farm and there were no imminent marriage prospects locally, this was very common especially with the political situation in Ireland and Europe.'

ILLUSTRATIONS

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Figure 3: from the Mary Rice-Oxley Postcard Collection, Album 1

Figures 4-6: from James Louis Nicholls

Figure 7: from RIP.ie at <https://rip.ie/death-notice/christina-chrissie-macCarthy-mayo-ballinrobe-376483>

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APPENDIX I

Newspaper articles mentioning Christina as Matron at The Lodge

Note – some of the images here are the result of splitting the original articles into segments and then arranging these segments in different configurations in order to fit this volume's pages. Also, many of the articles have had to be digitally post-processed to restore their legibility and some have been transcribed instead.

The secrets of the butler's pantry add up to a big party

NO Christmas gifts, surely, ever were more securely wrapped in secrecy than those opened on Christmas afternoon by the 40 residents of The Lodge, home for epileptics, in Lower Road, Effingham. In their assorted gay Yuletide papers, they had been kept by the matron, Mrs. C. McCarthy, in the ceiling-high safe that once housed the Pauling family silver in the day when matron's office was the butler's pantry. Now it is used for locking away medicines.

All was revealed, however, on Christmas morning, when the matron and her assistant laid the gifts under the great sparkling tree at the foot of the intricately-carved staircase. On this special day logs burned brightly in the spacious oak-panelled hall, just as they did when the Pauling family loved this gracious old Victorian house.

The ghosts of long-dead housemaids, with their crisp aprons and caps, would be well pleased, however, to see the gleam of polish and daily dusting on the house's heavy wood carving, and to note the immaculate shine of the wooden and linoleum floors.

For it is the pride and joy of the 40 residents of the home, between the ages of 34 and 80, to keep it "in the manner to which it was accustomed." The lodge has been theirs for 40 years, and home to some of them for all of that time.

WELL-LOVED HOUSE

Obviously the lodge is a house that has always been loved, with its wide views of green paddock and tastefully planted trees, its winding, wide-carved stairway leading to a horseshoe gallery and a circle of bedchambers. The corridor roof is of panelled glass.

One of these bedrooms, occupied by four of the residents, was for many years the chapel room for the Roman Catholic residents of Effingham. Its roof is ecclesiastically timbered and its windows look on to the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows which the Pauling family built for the village.

High above a twisting staircase is the turret room, so cold especially at this time of year, that no one goes into it. This has all-round windows with commanding views of Effingham and is the only part of the house that is not centrally heated.

Chubby cupids, rather sad now, it seems, look down from the high ceilings on what was once a stately drawing-cum-ball-room. In a romantic alcove, here, is a delightful Victoria "love" seat, still with its lush padded brocade back. These relics of an

affluent past witness now the more practical routine of staff meals and leisure TV snatches.

A giant walnut grand piano, however, is in keeping.

QUEEN JUDY

Queen of the Lodge, and of all who dwell there, is one Judy Lodge, a ponderous black labrador who came as a small puppy 15 years ago. Judy is everyone's friend, as her spreading girth shows, and she wears a trimly tailored coat with dignity instead of shame.

Afternoon visitors are always sure of a welcome at the Lodge, because the residents are proud of their home and like it to be admired.

Christmas guests this year have been the Effingham Women's Institute, whose members went there on Thursday last week to perform Scottish dancing, the Manor House schoolgirls who sang carols on Monday, and Effingham Young Wives, who also went carol singing.

After Christmas residents have been invited to tea with the Women's British Legion.

Before Christmas they went by coach to see London's lights.

In the summer the matron is planning a garden fete in the home. One of its objects is to provide amenities for the home, including a few plates and vases to bring colour and lustre to the hall and sitting rooms.

Figure 9 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 28 December 1963.

The suggestion that the house was Victorian was mistaken – it was much older than that, although had been subject to many alterations in the Victorian period.

SURREY ADVERTISER AND COUNTY TIMES SATURDAY JUNE 20 1964



Garden party is 'opened' by TV personalities

THERE was nothing "official" about the opening on Saturday of the annual garden party at The Lodge, Lower Road, Effingham, by Jimmy and Maggie Hanley, local television personalities.

The Hanleys just "arrived." Jimmy (he had a cowboy shirt) and Maggie, who was pushing the pram. They stayed all afternoon.

Their three young daughters, Jane, Susan and Katie (nine months old) proved to be Punch and Judy fans, and were personally introduced to Mr. (George Sapwell) Punch after the show.

Three Persian kittens, Andy, Jelly and Sooty, had a lifetime of spoiling until they were finally sold by Melba Puddefoot, daughter of the assistant matron, Mrs. K. Puddefoot.

RECORD SUM

The garden party, in aid of the residents' welfare fund, raised the record sum of £90 6s. 8d. — more than double it has produced in previous years.

Greeting visitors personally was the matron, Mrs. D. McCarthy.

In the main hall was a fine stall of work—knitting, embroidery, sewing, tapestry and basketry — by the residents themselves. In charge of it was their occupational therapist, Miss W. Yeadell, and her assistant.

There was croquet on the lawn and stalls and sideshows, including competitions (Mrs. Townsend Smith), white elephant (Virginia Puddefoot), lucky numbers (Mr. L. J. Puddefoot), groceries (Mrs. J. I. Taylor and Miss A. McPhail), roll-a-penny (Master D. Garlick), treasure hunt (Mrs. A. Rennie), and fancy goods (Miss O. Gorman).

Family investment

Rolling their pennies and hoping that they fall between the lines, the Hanley family enjoy themselves at a garden fete at The Lodge, Effingham. Mr. Jimmy Hanley opened the fete on Saturday. Also pictured, articles being sold by, left to right, Mrs. M. Garlick (nurse), Mrs. W. Yeadell (chief occupational therapist of Surrey), Mrs. C. McCarthy (matron of The Lodge), Miss C. Turnbull (assistant to Mrs. Yeadell), Miss K. Wyatt (a patient) and Mrs. K. Puddefoot (sister at The Lodge).

(Photos: T. A. Wilkie)



Figure 10 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 20 June 1964.

In the lower photograph Christina is the lady in dark uniform.



Figure 11 The original photograph of Jimmy Hanley published in *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 20 June 1964.

Memory day for guest at The Lodge

A COFFEE morning "at home" for local friends was given last week by staff and residents of The Lodge, the Surrey County Welfare home for epileptics at Effingham.

One of the guests was Mrs. Florence Nicholls (76), of 9 Norwood Close, Effingham, and as she went with the others on a conducted tour of the home, she was sadly nostalgic.

Fifty years ago, in the days when The Lodge was the gracious home of the Roman Catholic philanthropist, Mr. George Pauling, and his third wife, Mrs. Nicholls, was "in service" there for 10 years, first as a housemaid, and later in the nurseries. She still keeps in touch with the two people who were then the children in her care.

Those were the days of butlers and under-butlers; of housemaids and parlour maids, with their starched aprons and muslin streamers; and of footmen and grooms. Mrs. Nicholls married Walter, the second butler, and their marriage was the first to be solemnised in the new Roman Catholic Church that was built by Mr. Pauling.

The matron of the home, Mrs. D. McCarthy, welcomed the guests who crowded the main hall and the old-time drawing room, with its painted cherubs on the ceiling.

Among the guests were the matrons of other homes in the division, and Ald. W. D. Milne, of Sutton and Cheam Borough Council, who is chairman of the Surrey Welfare Division.

There were handicraft, jewellery and competition stalls, to raise funds for amenities for the home, and guests were shown round by members of the staff.

Open day at the Lodge raises £103

NEEDLEWORK, knitting and crafts, made by the 42 residents of the Effingham Home for Epileptics, The Lodge, were on sale at the annual open day on Saturday. A specially popular feature were string stools, some of them made by the matron, Mrs. C. McCarthy.

The result of all their efforts and the hard work of the matron, staff and well wishers, was a total of £103 12s. to be spent on summer outings for the home.

"People were most generous—and they really came to spend," Mrs. McCarthy said afterwards.

She said that the day was well supported by Effingham and Bookham organisations, such as the Bookham and Effingham Young Wives, the Women's Institutes, Catholic Women's League, British Legion, Mothers' Union and St. Lawrence Old People's Club.

Among officials present were Miss C. Warren, chairman of the divisional sub-committee of the home, Ald. Mrs. R. A. Redding,

chairman of the house committee, Brigadier J. L. von der Hyde, Mr. Frank Simmonds, a member of Leatherhead Urban Council, and Mrs. Simmonds, and Mr. J. Smith, the home superintendent.

Visiting matrons included Mrs. C. Favell, matron of The Oaks home, at Epsom, Mrs. Partington, matron of Richmond House, Epsom, and Mrs. T. Chaffey, matron of Heatherside, Tadworth.

Entertainment included an old-time Punch and Judy show, performed by Mr. George Sapwell, a former Effingham resident now living at The Oaks, Epsom.

Mrs. R. W. Scott guessed the exact weight of a cake—4lb. 6oz.—and gave it to the home for tea time.

There was a popular tombola and a variety of stalls, including white elephant, handwork, homemade cakes and produce, and putting greens.

Teas and drinks were provided by the cook, Mrs. Prickett, and her staff.

Figure 12 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 3 July 1965.

Figure 13 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 14 March 1964.

Coffee morning raises £60

As a result of a coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale on Tuesday at The Lodge, Effingham, each resident will receive a Christmas gift. There may also be an outing to see London's Christmas lights.

More than 200 people attended and a total of about £60 was raised in aid of the Residents' Christmas Gift Fund.

Supporting the event were representatives of the local Young Wives' Group, the Mothers' Union, Bookham and Effingham Women's Institutes, the Over-Sixties Club, Effingham Scottish Dancers and the women's branch of the British Legion.

The guests included the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell (Alderman Mrs G Woodcock); the chairman of Surrey County Council welfare committee (Alderman W Milne); Councillor Mrs Davison, a member of the welfare committee; Councillor and Mrs F Simmonds (Leatherhead UDC); and Alderman Mrs A Winter, senior member of Epsom Council. They were welcomed by the matron of The Lodge, Mrs C MacCarthy.

Figure 14 Probably *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 21 November 1964.

Miss E. M. Reynolds

Resident at The Lodge, Effingham, for nearly 30 years, Miss Ethel Mary Reynolds (64) died in Epsom District Hospital last week following a short illness.

The funeral on Monday at St. Lawrence Parish Church, Effingham, was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. E. W. L. May). Staff and residents at The Lodge attended and also sent floral tributes.

Miss Reynolds went to The Lodge following a serious accident in which she was badly burned. She was well-known at The Lodge for her unusual "hobby." For, said the matron (Mrs. C. McCarthy): "Ethel loved scrubbing floors. Give her a large tiled floor to scrub, and she was in her element."

Figure 15 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*,
5 February 1966.

The good neighbours

NEARLY 20 good neighbours "invaded" The Lodge, Effingham, Home for Epileptics, on Monday, carrying gifts and a 12-foot-high Christmas tree.

Half of the number were members of Leatherhead Inner Wheel, who, led by their president (Mrs. E. C. R. Hill), erected the Christmas tree and decorated it with lights, ornaments and a gift for every one of the 40 residents.

The other 10 were members of The Bookhams Evening Women's Institute, who took with them gifts of costume jewellery for each resident and a giant box of chocolates for the matron (Mrs. C. McCarthy) and staff. With the party was Mrs. D. H. Edwards (president).

Gifts will be distributed on Christmas Day morning by Santa Claus (Mr. Peter Pippet, the Lodge gardener).

Figure 17 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*,
24 December 1966.

EFFINGHAM

Raised £105 for patients

PATIENTS and staff at The Lodge Home for Epileptics, Effingham, worked with local organisations to raise £105 at their annual open day and fete on Saturday in the Lodge grounds.

Proceeds, which exceeded last year's total by about £15, will help to provide the patients' summer outings to the coast and countryside.

Over £40 was raised from the sale of handicrafts made by patients, and more than £10 clear profit was realised from refreshments and home-made cakes, prepared by Mrs. M. Prickett, the Lodge cook. Mr. Peter Pippet, the gardener, also made his contribution by selling plants he had cultivated.

Organisers were led by the matron, Mrs. C. McCarthy, who also greeted distinguished visitors including county council and welfare leaders.

Highlights included a Punch and Judy show, tombola, putting green and sideshows.

Local organisations taking part included the British Legion branch and women's section, Effingham and Bookham Young Wives, Effingham and the Bookhams Women's Institutes (afternoon and evening), Rotary Club, Inner Wheel, Catholic Women's League branch, Effingham Scottish Country Dancing Club, Mothers' Union, St. Lawrence Over Sixties Club and Bookham Swimming Club. Local traders presented gifts and prizes.

Figure 16 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*,
28 May 1966.



Father Christmas with the matron of The Lodge Home for Epileptics at Effingham, distributing presents to patients on Christmas morning.

Inner Wheel made their Christmas

There was a surprise for patients at The Lodge home for epileptics, Effingham, last week when members of Leatherhead Inner Wheel turned up on their doorstep with a 12-foot Christmas tree, decorations and presents.

The home also received an anonymous parcel of presents and four dozen crackers.

Figure 18 Unknown newspaper, Christmas 1966.

Fete goes indoors

THE annual fete at The Lodge, Effingham, Home for Epileptics, was one of the few local events on Saturday that were not "washed out" by the torrential rain, because organisers saw the threatening skies and arranged all the stalls indoors.

More than £100 was realised to provide extra amenities and entertainments for residents, who made all the goods for a hand-crafts stall. This stall, however, raised £10 less than last year.

The only side-show at the fete to be cancelled by the rain was the putting green, which was completely washed out.

For the second year in succession Mr. Peter Pippet, the gardener, sold plants from a stall in the entrance porch.

Mrs. M. Prickett, the home's cook, was in charge of the cake and refreshments stall, where she sold cakes made by herself and jam and marmalade made by the matron (Mrs. C. McCarthy).

A Punch and Judy show was presented by Mr. George Sapwell, a former professional entertainer who is now a resident at an Epsom old people's home.

During the afternoon the home was visited by representatives of Surrey County Council Welfare department, including the chairman, Mrs. B. E. Redding, who drew competition prizes.

The fete was organised by Mrs. McCarthy and her staff.

Figure 19 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 27 May 1967.



Figure 20 Unknown newspaper, event on 21 November 1967.

Sale aids epileptics

Over £80 was raised for the residents' Christmas festivities by a coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale at the Lodge, Effingham, a home for epileptics, last week.

Nurses were in charge of stalls, and two occupational therapists, the Misses Yeadell and Turnbull, manned the patients' handicrafts stall.

Supporters included Effingham Catholic Women's League, Effingham Young Wives, Effingham British Legion branch and women's section, women's institutes at Effingham and The Bookhams, and Leatherhead Inner Wheel. The matron (Mrs. C. MacCarthy) was organiser.

Christmas boost for residents

A coffee morning at The Lodge, Effingham, on Tuesday raised more than £80 towards the residents' Christmas festivities.

A fine display of handwork by the residents was on sale at reasonable prices. There was also a white elephant and grocery stall.

A fine selection of home-made jams and cakes was also for sale.

Among those present were representatives from many local organisations, Effingham Women's Institute, Leatherhead Inner Wheel, the British Legion Women's Section, Bookham Young Wives, Effingham Scottish Country Dance Society and the Mothers' Union.

The staff and residents thanked all those who made the occasion such a success.

Figure 21 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 2 December 1967, reporting the same event held on 21 November.



FATHER Christmas gives out presents to the patients at The Lodge, Effingham, on Christmas Day. Each patient was given handkerchiefs and toilet articles.

They also received a hamper given by an anonymous donor which contained crackers and other gifts.

The part of Father Christmas was done by Mr Peter Pippet, the gardener at The Lodge. The children of various members of the staff were also present.

Figure 22 Unknown newspaper, Christmas Day 1967.

£110 coffee morning

About £110 was realised from a coffee morning and sale of handwork, made by the residents, at The Lodge, Effingham, home for epileptics, on Tuesday.

Proceeds went to the residents' welfare fund for providing outings and extra amenities.

Tribute was paid by the matron and staff to members of local organisations who co-operated to make the event a success.

Figure 23 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 29 June 1968.



Patients of the Lodge, Effingham, who were guests at a party given for them last week at the British Legion Hut, Effingham. [Photo: H. C. Harridge]

Figure 24 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 10 February 1968.

GAY PARTY FOR 30 AT THE LODGE

THIRTY residents of The Lodge, Effingham, a home for epileptics, enjoyed their "bright spot of the year" last week—a gay party at the British Legion hall, Effingham.

Their hosts were members of the Effingham and Bookham branch (women's section) of the British Legion who entertain the residents every year.

The guests, who included Matron (Mrs. C. McCarthy), her assistant (Mrs. D. Graham) and two staff members (Miss Penny Lamberth and Mrs. J. Garlick) had tea and won prizes.

Youngest member of The Lodge who attended the party was Miss Evelyn Skilton (25) and the oldest as Mrs. Caroline Lambert (84).

About six members of the British Legion men's section helped to run the party, including Mr. J. Wakeford who was M.C.

NOT FORGOTTEN

The other seven residents of The Lodge, who were unable to attend the party, and the two others who are at present in hospital were not forgotten by the British Legion.

Those who stayed behind had tea sent to them. The two in hospital—Mrs. Alice Chitty recovering from a fractured pelvis in Epsom District Hospital and Miss Elsie Bowers recovering from a fractured leg in the Schiff Home of Recovery, Cobham—received gifts.

Record £136 raised at coffee morning

A BRING-and-buy coffee morning at The Lodge, home for epileptics, Effingham, last week raised the record sum of £136, which will provide extra comforts and Christmas festivities for the residents. The home's staff, led by Mrs. McCarthy, were responsible for the arrangements.

Figure 25 Unknown newspaper, November 1968.

EFFINGHAM PARCEL FROM SANTA CLAUS

For the last 15 years a mystery parcel has arrived by post at the Lodge Home for Epileptics, Effingham. It came again this week. Inside were 50 beautifully wrapped gifts for residents and staff, shown to be of equal value, four dozen crackers, two packets of balloons with a pump to blow them up, and a Christmas card with the picture of an illuminated crib.

The matron (Mrs McCarthy) said: 'The addressing of the parcel is always in capital letters and there is never a clue as to who is the sender. We want to express our heart-felt thanks for this magnificent gift sent with unfailing regularity.'

Figure 26 Unknown newspaper, December 1968.



Mrs. E. Williams, the assistant matron of The Lodge, Effingham, has a cheerful word with Father Christmas (Mr. W. Shoosmith) after he distributed gifts to residents.

Mystery parcel for the elderly

FOR the sixth successive year a mystery parcel with Christmas gifts for all the residents arrived by post at the Lodge Home for the Elderly and Handicapped, Effingham.

Each gift was wrapped in festive paper ready to be placed on or around the home's illuminated Christmas tree. But, as usual, there was nothing that could identify the donor — not even a Christmas card. In former years the parcel bore London postal markings, but this year it was posted from Leatherhead.

The home was visited during Christmas by representatives of a number of local organisations. Effingham and Horsleys' Women's Institute members and Effingham Young Wives' Group sang carols, and Bookham Inner Wheel decorated a Christmas tree and sent gifts.

distributed by Santa Claus (Mr. Shoosmith, the home's gardener). Residents at the home were taken on a coach tour of London's West End to see the decorations.

Figure 27 Unknown newspaper, Christmas 1969.



Residents of The Lodge, Effingham, at the annual tea party given by Effingham British Legion on Saturday.

THE LODGE RESIDENTS ENTERTAINED

MEMBERS of Effingham and the Bookhams British Legion Women's Section, led by Mrs. Wells (chairman) and Mrs. Pickering (secretary), were again annual hostesses on Saturday for residents and staff members of the Lodge, Surrey County Council welfare home for epileptics, Effingham.

At Effingham Legion Hall, the guests enjoyed high tea and played party games, and were given prizes and gifts. Seven residents at The Lodge were unable to join their 30 colleagues, and so hostesses took a high tea meal and gifts to them. About 12 women's section members cooked and served the high tea, and a similar number of branch men members helped at the games.

The Lodge matron (Mrs. C. MacCarthy) thanked all those who contributed to the success of the party.

Figure 28 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*,
30 January 1970.

APPENDIX II

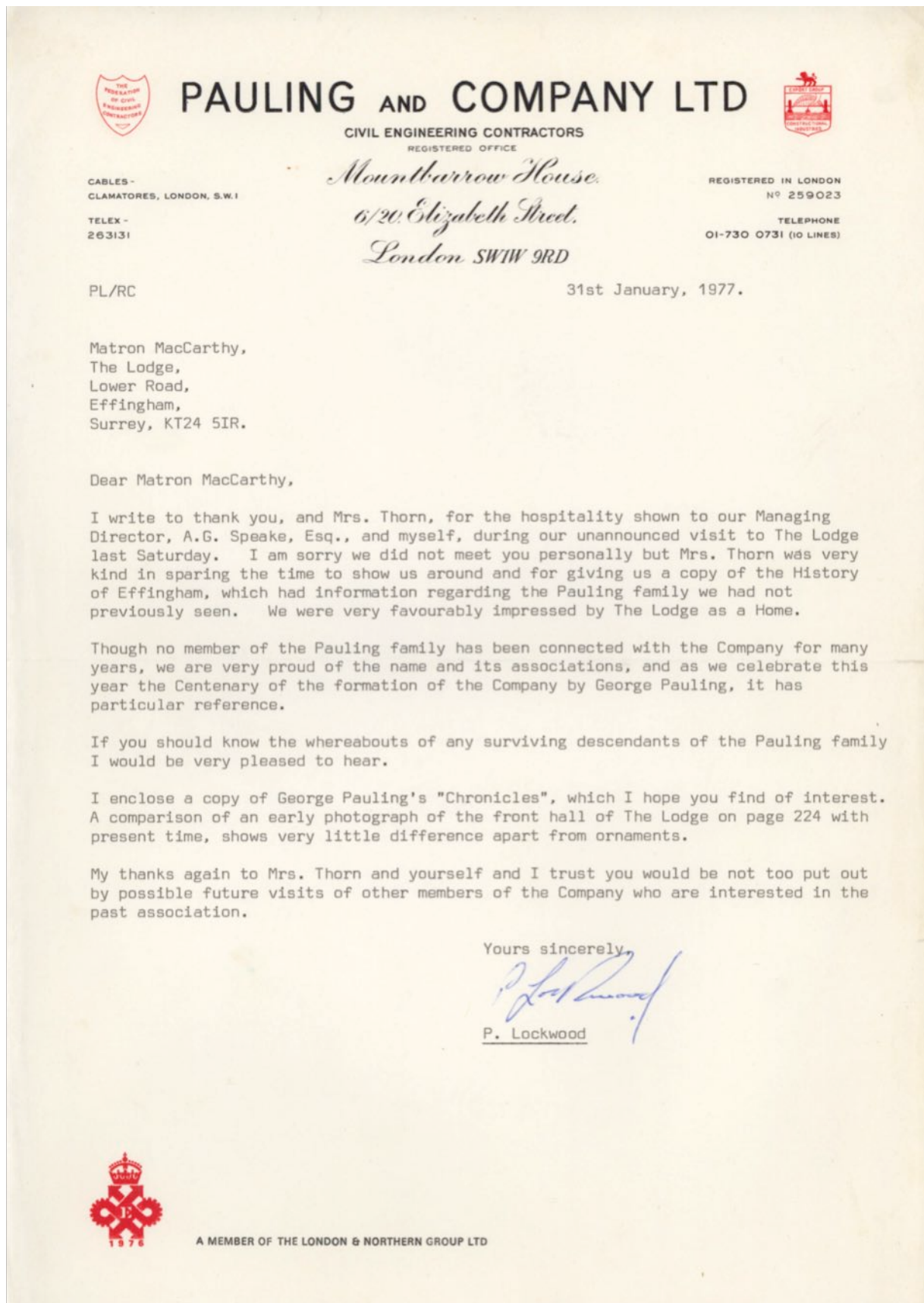
Christina's correspondence with Pauling and Company Ltd in 1977

Figure 29 Pauling and Company Ltd to Christina, 31 January 1977.

~~15th. February~~ 15th. February 1977.

P.Lockwood Esq.,
Pauling & Company Ltd.,
Mountbarrow House,
6/20, Elizabeth Street,
London.

Dear Mr.Lockwood,

Further to my telephone conversation with you on Tuesday 8th.inst. I now hereby enclose names and addresses of some of the late George Paulings relatives.

I wpuld like once again to thank you most sincerely for supplying The Lodge with a copy of the George Paulings 'Chronicles', which I have enjoyed reading very much.

In conclusion I would like to add that any members of your Company - Pauling & Company Ltd., will be welcome to come and visit The Lodge at any time.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs)C.MacCarthy-- Matron.

Enclosure.

15th. February 1977.

Relatives of the late GEORGE PAULING

Daughter:- Mrs.Jane Glass,
Burcott, Wing,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 0JW

Her three sons: George, Mark, Peter Tabor.

Grandson:- (Son of Delores Pauling Coombs-Deceased)
Major Tom Coombes,
Stone Court,
Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxon.

Descendants of G.Paulings ^{grandson} son-Richard)
(Deceased)

Daughter:- Mrs.Barbara Pauling - Widow
in-Law The Bungalow,
Borders Farm,
Wallcrouch, Wadhurst, Sussex.
(Her daughter- Miss Anne Pauling. S.A.)
(Her Son:-
Borders Farm,
Wallcrouch, Wadhurst, Sussex.

Descendants of G.Paulings sister Jenny

Grand-daughter:-
Mrs.Jean (Fowler) Toole,
Barnsthorn,
Ockham Road North, West Horsley, Surrey.

NOTE Mrs.J.Glass and Mrs.J.Toole are compiling a Pauling Family Tree, and will be ab^{le} to furnish you with more details.

Figure 30 Christina to Pauling and Company Ltd, 15 February 1977.

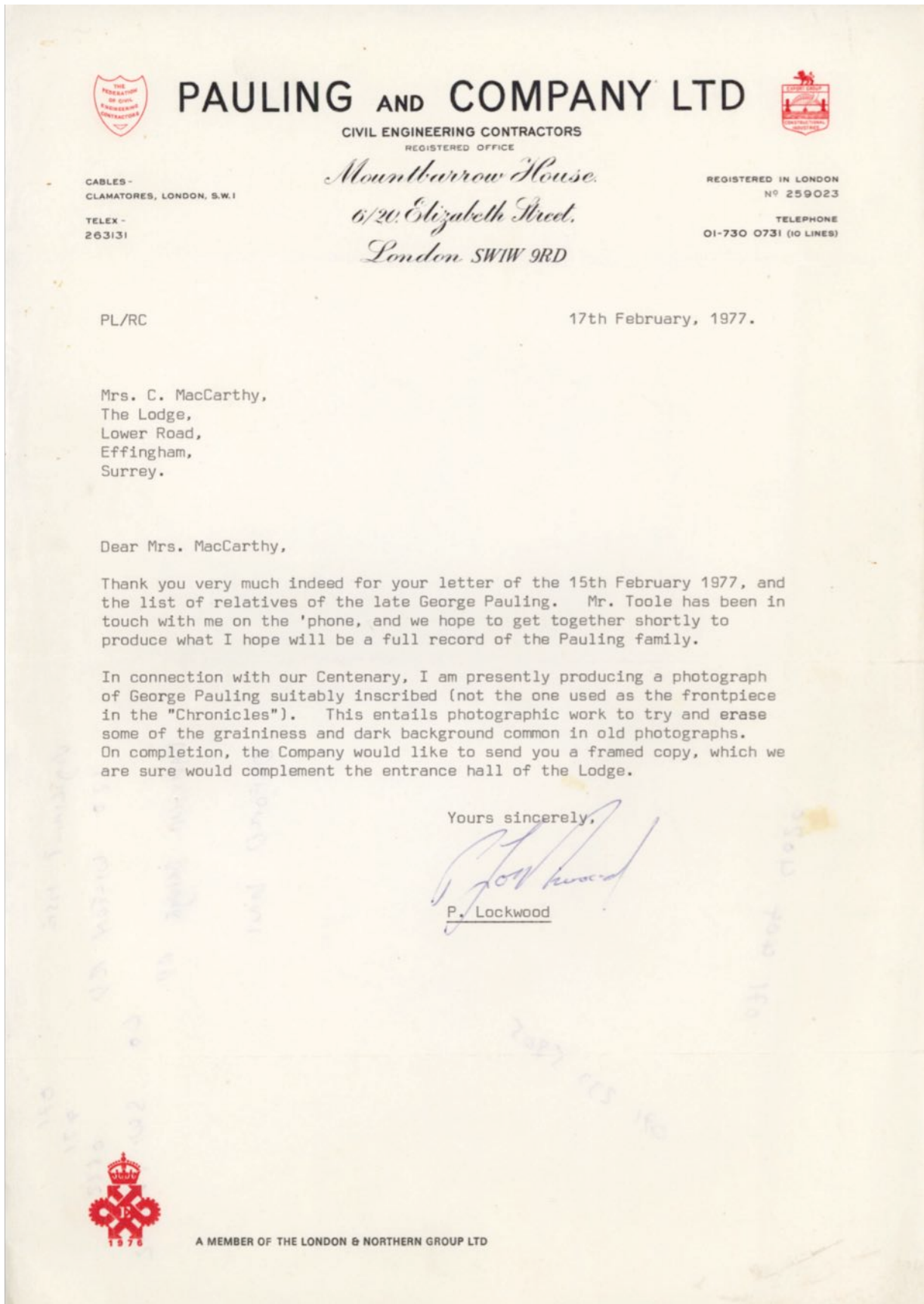


Figure 31 Pauling and Company Ltd to Christina, 17 February 1977.

16th. March 1977.

Pauling & Company,
Mountbarrow House,
6/20, Elizabeth Street,
London.

For the attention of A.G. Speake Esq.,

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely framed photograph of the late George Pauling, which you kindly delivered by hand on Saturday last. Once again it was my week-end off - sorry to have missed you.

The photograph certainly compliments the entrance hall, and looks very much 'at home' there. We are all delighted to have it, thank you once again.

Yours Sincerely,

(Mrs.) C. MacCarthy -- Matron.

Figure 32 Christina to Pauling and Company Ltd, 16 March 1977.