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Dear Mr Cross

Your letter of 19 January, sent to 5 Kyrle Road, London SW11, has been passed to me by the missionary in occupation.

The property has been owned by the London City Mission since 1951 to house members of staff. It is a residential property near Clapham Common and whilst it originally would have been used as one large family residence, it is now divided into two four-room flats. I enclose a copy of extracts from the Deed file on the property where there is mention of members of your family.

I trust that this helps you in your research and enclose the current issue of the LCM magazine for your interest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W N Barr CA', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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SERVING CHRIST IN THE CAPITAL

5 KYRLE ROAD, BATTERSEA

From the Deeds it appears that the land (*"part of the Broomwood Park Estate, Wandsworth Common, Surrey"*) was sold by *"Thomas Ingram of Southfield, The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent (Gentleman), James John Brown of Westfield, The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent (Timber Merchant) and Henry Bragg of 342 Brixton Road, Surrey (Surveyor) to John Smith of 26 Huberts Grove, London Road, Clapham (Builder)"* for the erection of 5 Kyrle Road. (First Lease dated 28 September 1889 – 99 years at £10 per annum.)

On 25 March 1890 John Smith sold the then erected property to a *"Anne Maria Cross of 10 Lyndhurst Square, Peckham Road, Surrey (Widow)"*. She died on 3 June 1897.

Edgar Henry Cross and Maude Mary Cross were appointed joint executors of the Estate of Anne Maria Cross. On 27 October 1897 Edgar Henry Cross sold the property to *"Edith Eleanor Cross of Eldridges, Chertsey, Surrey (Spinster)"*. Edith Eleanor Cross died on 22 August 1904.

Etheldreda Cross was appointed sole executrix of the Estate of Edith Eleanor Cross and the property was left in equal parts to Etheldreda and Maude Mary Cross (Spinster and sisters of Edith) of *"R.R. No. 1 Eburne British Columbia"*.

The property was sold on 17 July 1919 to *"Harry Laurence Batchelor of 9 Kyrle Road (Accountant)"*. Edgar Henry Cross of 55 Wroughton Road, Wandsworth had Power of Attorney from the Misses Etheldreda and Maude Cross for the purpose of selling the premises.

The London City Mission purchased the property on the 5 May 1951.