

Charles George Peterson Mauritz (1869 – 1946)

Charles Mauritz was born in Gothenburg, Sweden. He married Rachel in 1900 but she died. In 1906 he married again. The marriage register described him as a widower and a Director of Physical Culture. His second wife, Lucy appears on the 1891 census as attending Howell's Denbigh Orphans' School.

Mr Mauritz replaced Herr Oberholzer and taught vaulting at Dartford. He was mentioned in Madame's report covering the years 1896-98. Mr Mauritz continued to teach at college until at least 1924. This was not his main job. He may have taught in several other institutions. For example, in 1901 Mr Mauritz was a gymnastic instructor in a school and Principal of the Swedish Gymnasium, in Acton, in 1911. *The Swimming Magazine 1915* states Mr Mauritz was the Physical Culture Master for Owen's School, London.

Dorothy Bayly (Davies 1911), in the *BÖU Magazine 1985*, recalled Madame banned the wearing of side combs on vaulting nights as they were inclined to fall out. The *BÖU Magazine 1981* includes a comment by E.S. Lucas (1924) who said vaulting with Mr Mauritz, very carefully chaperoned of course, took place in the gym. beyond Madame's Garden, at the end of the covered way,

The history of diving <https://www.britishswimming.org/browse-sport/diving/learn-more-about-diving/history-diving/> states: *In the late 1890s Otto Hagborg and C. P. Mauritz came to London and introduced fancy diving, which was being developed in Sweden. Mr Mauritz was an accomplished swimmer and diver prior to the formation of the Amateur Diving Association in 1901.*

In later life Mr Mauritz and his wife went to South Africa where he became a farmer. He died in George, South Africa.