KINGSWOOD HOUSE RESEARCH PROJECT

This research was produced as part of a collaboration between the Dulwich Society Local History Group and Kingswood Arts, the community group that runs Kingswood House in Dulwich. We researched the servants who worked in Kingswood House when it was a private home and a community artist then made an exhibition to share the stories, which now hangs in the café at Kingswood House. If you are related to one of the families who served the house please get in touch, the Dulwich Society would love to hear from you. Email history@dulwichsociety.com
For details of the house and the other servants who worked and lived there please go to https://www.dulwichsociety.com/local-history/kingswood-house-who-worked-in-a-house-like-this

CHAPMAN family at Kingswood Lodge

Narrative for Richard Chapman at Kingswood Lodge

Richard Chapman was born in 1840 in Quainton, Bucks, one of the 10 children of William, an agricultural labourer, and Elizabeth. In 1861 he married Elizabeth Markham, born 1835 in Quarrendon, Bucks; she had been a domestic servant in Luton. They moved to Dulwich where Richard became coachman for granite merchant Frederick Manuelle, living in The Avenue (now Dulwich Wood Avenue). The soon moved to Kingswood Lodge where Richard became a porter and Elizaeth a cook. They had no children. Richard died in 1886 aged 45. Elizabeth continued to live at Kingswood Lodge. She died in 1910 aged 74.

Research names in red lived at Kingswood Lodge

1835 Elizabeth Markham born in Quarrendon, Bucks,
1840 Richard Chapman born in Quainton, Bucks, one of the 10 children of William, an agricultural labourer, and Elizabeth.
1851 Elizabeth Markham is a servant in Luton
1871 Census: Richard and Elizabeth Chapman are living in stables at The Avenue, Dulwich. Richard is a coachman
1881 Census
Kingswood Lodge

Richard Chapman	Head	40	1841	Porter	Quainton, Bucks
Elizabeth Chapman	Wife	46	1835	Domestic cook	Quarrendon,Bucks

1886 Richard died at Kingswood aged 45
1891 Census
Kingswood Lodge

Elizabeth Chapman	Widow	56	1835	Cook	Aylesbury, Bucks

1910 Elizabeth died in Dulwich aged 74
They had no children