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

ALICE NYE at Kingswood Lodge

Narrative for Alice Nye

Alice Nye was born in 1881 in Silvertown, the daughter of James, a policeman, and Esther. She became a kitchen maid t Kingswood in 1901 but within a few years she had emigrated to the US in the Cunard liner Lucania, with US$50 in her pocket. When she arrived at Ellis Island in New York, she was 5ft tall with blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. She had a cousin in the US prepared to act as guarantor for her but there was no need as she already had a job as a servant and travelled to Ramsey, a suburb or Minneapolis.
In 1914 she married Hans 'Bub' Hansen, who in 1881 had emigrated from Denmark with his parents aged 11 (in the year Alice was born). Hans was a cabinet maker. They settled in Inver Grove Heights, now in south Minneapolis. They had two children: Franklyn in 1915 and Ruth in 1917. In WW2 Franklyn joined the US Air Force but he may not have left the US.
Alice died in 1969 aged 87.

Research names in red lived at Kingswood Lodge

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1901 Census at Kingswood as a kitchen maid
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1916 daughter Ruth born
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1969 Alice died aged 87