**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

**SHEPPARD family at Kingswood Lodge, Penge Rd**

**Narrative for Samuel Sheppard, gardener at Kingswood House**
A gardener from a long line of gardeners and farmers who rose to become steward for Thomas Tapling of Kingswood House.

Samuel Sheppard was born in 1831 in Tottenham, North London, the son of Samuel, a gardener, and Sarah. He too became a gardener and in 1863, aged 32, he married Hannah Mallom, a farmer's daughter from Norfolk. They were both living in Muswell Hill at the time though they married at St Mark's Myddelton Square in Islington but soon moved to Dulwich where Samuel became head gardener at Kingswood House, working for Thomas Tapling, a self-made multi-millionaire carpet and furniture salesman. Samuel and Hannah's son, Samuel Mallom, was born in 1869 and was baptised at St Stephen's, Dulwich.
The Sheppards lived and worked at Kingswood House for more than 20 years and in the mid-1890s Samuel was promoted to steward, or bailiff. He is the contact in newspaper adverts when the Kingswood estate is selling cattle or advertising pasture to let. Samuel must have been a trusted member of staff as, apart from being promoted to steward, Thomas Tapling employed his son, also called Samuel, as a clerk in Tapling's carpet warehouse in Gresham St. Hannah died in 1887, she was 53.
In 1897 Samuel and Hannah's son, Samuel Mallom Sheppard, married Frances Bartlett in the same church in Islington where his parents had married. The couple set up home in Clapham.
By 1901, Samuel was living with his son and daughter-in-law and by 1911 he was a 'pensioner'. This may have been as a result of the Old Age Pensions Act, which from 1909 paid a pension of 10p to 25p a week to people aged 70 plus. You could only receive if you were deemed of "good character". Or it may have been a pension paid by Thomas Tapling, his employer.
In 1913 Samuel senior died aged 82 and was buried in West Norwood Cemetery.
Samuel and Frances had a daughter Edith. They moved around during their married life, living in Forest Hill, Lewisham and Deptford before retiring to Bromley where they lived during WW2 with Edith who was a typist at a law firm. Samuel died in Bromley in 1947 aged 78, and Frances ten years later.

**Research** names in red lived at Kingswood Lodge

1828 Hannah Mallom born in Sculthorpe,Norfolk
26 Jun 1831 Samuel Sheppard baptised in Tottenham. The son of Samuel, a gardener, and Sarah

1841 Samuel living in Wood Green with father who is a gardener
1851
1861 Samuel unmarried living with father in Wood Green. He and his father are both gardeners
1863 Samuel Sheppard. gardener married Hannah Mallon (sic), daughter of a farmer from Norfolk, at St Mark's Myddleton Sq, Islington. Both living in Muswell Hill.
1869 Baptism: Samuel [Mallom] son of Samuel Sheppard, the Lodge Kingswood, gardener

1871 Census
Penge Rd Lodge

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| Samuel Sheppard | Head | 40 | 1831 | Gardener (head) | Tottenham |
| Hannah Sheppard | Wife | 39 | 1832 | | Sculthorpe, Norfolk |
| Samuel Walter Sheppard | Son | 2 | 1869 | - | Dulwich |

1881 Census

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| Samuel Sheppard | Head | 49 | 1832 | Gardener | Tottenham |
| Hannah Sheppard | Wife | 47 | 1834 | - | Sculthorpe, Norfolk |
| Samuel W Sheppard | Son | 12 | 1869 | Scholar | Dulwich |
| Sarah Sheppard | Sister | 47 | 1834 | Dressmaker | Tottenham |

1887 Hannah Sheppard died at Kingswood House. She was 53.

1891 Census

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| Samuel Shepperd | Head Widower | 59 | 1832 | Gardener | Middlesex |
| Samuel M Shepperd | Son | 22 | 1869 | Merchant's clerk | Dulwich |

1891 Samuel Sheppard (aka SS) advertising in the press about a cow for sale, or about pasture available
1897 Samuel Mallom Sheppard of Kingswood Lodge, clerk. married Frances Matilda Bartlett at St Mark's Myddleton Sq, Islington. His father is described as a steward.
1901 Samuel Mallom and Frances are living in Wix's Lane, Clapham, Samuel is widowed and living with them
1906-7 Samuel Mallom and Frances are living at 21 Cranston Rd, Forest Hill
1908-10 Samuel Mallom and Frances are living at 18 Cranston Rd, Forest Hill
1911 Census Samuel is a widower and a pensioner and is living with his son Samuel Mallom, a commercial clerk at Taplings Carpet Warehouse, Frances and Edith at 18 Cranston Rd, Forest Hill
1913 Samuel died. Buried in West Norwood Cemetery
1918-20 Samuel Mallom and Frances living at 241a Lewisha m High Rd
1921 Census Samuel Mallom Sheppard is living at 4 Luxmore St, Deptford with wife Frances and daughter Edith who is a law clerk at Morton & Pattison, solicitors, Samuel Mallom is a bookkeeper at Thomas Tapling's warehouse at 31 Gresham St. Tapling had lived at Kingswood House before Johnston. They have a lodger.
1923-30 Samuel Mallom and Frances are living at 4 Luxmore St, Deptford
1939 Samuel Mallom, Frances and Edith are living at 16 Siward St, Bromley. Samuel is retired and Edith is a typist at a law office. They share the house with another family
1947 Samuel Mallom died at Siward St, Bromley. He left £973 to Frances.
1957 Frances Sheppard died in Bromley