

Baugh House, Foots Cray

Baugh House is an old people's home opened in 1976.

It was purpose-built and stands in a new road (Baugh Road), which joins Church Road, Foots Cray, opposite the old National School.

The name was no doubt suggested by the fact that this land was, in the middle of the 19th century, a farm owned by Edward Baugh. The Tithe Map shows a plot hereabouts on which stood his barn, lodges and yards. We know very little about him. He married Mary Charles Minshaw, one of the two daughters of Charles Stuart Minshaw, of Sidcup House. (1) She died in 1876, a widow, then living at Reigate. In her will she left Clubb's Farm, near Ruxley Corner, to a niece, Mary Ann Phillpotts.

Edward Baugh did not live in Foots Cray but in Sussex; the Poll books for 1847 and 1852 show that he was a voter in Foots Cray but gave his address as Linfield, Sussex. His name does not occur in 19th century directories of Kent. At the time of his marriage he was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

(1) Webb and others. **History of Chislehurst**, 1899, p.281