# Service Staff at Cliveden 1768 - 1966

## 1768: 7 minimum (included both servants and enslaved) but could be about 12

- Inside Staff
  - o Cook
  - o At least 1 maid
  - Manservant/waiter (could also do outside work if needed)
  - Laundress
  - Nurse to care for the younger children
- Outside Staff
  - Gardner
  - Coachman

## 1776: Staff mentioned by name

- Inside Staff
  - o Cook Hannah
  - Wash woman Betty
  - o John Badger an English Servant
  - o Personal Servant Will, enslaved
- Outside Staff
  - o Gardner Robert Burnett
  - o Coachman William Stewart
- Other enslaved
  - o Dinah, Will's wife
  - o Will & Dinah's children

### **1778:** 16 staff (included both servants and enslaved)

- Inside Staff
  - o Children's nurse Mrs. Furman
  - o Maid Fan
  - Seamstress Betsy
  - Washerwomen Betty and Katy
- Outside Staff
  - o Gardner Robert Burnett
  - o Coachman William Stewart
- Other staff, duties undefined
  - Jenny
  - Nelly
  - David
  - Cyrus
- Enslaved
  - o Manservant, Will
  - o Dinah Will's wife
  - Priscilla
  - o Aaron from MD
  - o Abram died in service

### **1798:** 16 servants in residence (11 family members)

- Inside Staff
  - o Nurse Peggy
  - o Dinah Cook
  - Washwoman
- Outside Staff

- o Gardner James Moor
- o Coachmen Stephen Trusty
- Other staff, duties undefined
  - John Willis
  - Richard Young
  - o Anna Young (Richard's wife)
  - Polly Justison
- Enslaved
  - o 3 unnamed
- Free Blacks
  - 4 unnamed

Early 1800s until 1814/15: Gardner - James Petit

**1807:** Harvesting hay by William Engle

1810: Laundry - Henry Nickum's wife

1815: Gardner - Henry Nickum

**1820:** 13 servants (10 family members)

- Two white males
- Four white females (Anny a cook and housekeeper, probably left to manage the townhome when the family was at Cliveden)
- 2 Enslaved males
- 5 Free Blacks, 4 males and 1 female

**1845:** 4 service staff (5 family members)

- Inside Staff
  - Housekeeper Mary Bowman (with the family since 1816. Served as a maid to Ben III's wife, caring for their son William and then Ben Chew Jr and Katherine Banning)
  - Chambermaid Betsey Buddy
  - Cook
- Outside Staff
  - o Coachman- James Smith (began his employment in 1819)

Before Katherine Banning's death in 1855: Chambermaid - Barbara Cashan

**1857:** 3 staff (1 family member - Anne Sophia Penn Chew)

- Staff
  - Cook Hannah Welsh
  - Maid Maria Claffy
  - o General Servant James Smith

### 1860: Additional Staff

- Farmer and Gardner: John P. Nichols
- Jobbers: Michael Shaffer and Peter White (did mowing) and Shaffer's wife
- John Hoser and two other men for planting

**1860s:** Augmented staff after Sam and Mary started to spend extended periods at Cliveden

- Inside Staff
  - Housemaid Norah Monahan
  - O Washing & Ironing Mrs. Palmer, the gardner's wife
  - Maid Mary Welsh (Hannah's sister, was brought in when visitors arrived from Maryland)
  - Seasonal Cleaning Mrs. Maloy
  - o Nurse for the children Catherine
  - Maid Margaret Cairns
- Outside Staff

o Coachman - Robert

#### 1870/ 1871:

- Inside Staff
  - Cook Hannah Welsh
  - o Chamber Maid Mary Kane
  - Maid Mary Anne Hemsley
  - James Smith
  - o Mending and put down carpets Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Crow
- Outside Staff
  - Gardner James Cassiday (Cassidy)
  - o Gardner William Brownlee
  - o Coachman John Kavanaugh (or Cavanaugh) 1871
- Additional servants paid for by Mary
  - Nurse Catherine
  - o Maid Ellen Gallagher
  - o Maid Hannah Allen

1891 - 1894: French tutor for Oswald Chew- Adila Von Nagy

1890s - 1900s: Gardner - Matthew Nealy

Early 1900s: 4 full time servants (down from 10)

- Full time
  - Gardner
  - Coachman
  - Cook
  - o Maid Ellen
- Part Time
  - Butler
  - Washwoman
  - Seamstress
  - Maid or waiter
  - Someone to clean
- James and his wife

# **1930 - 1931:** 6 staff (2 family members)

- Cook Katy Burns
- Gardner & General Caretaker: James Burns
- Maid Moira Lynch
- Maid "old Lizzy"
- Chauffer Walter Greene
- Butler David Davit, a Frenchman

## After 1959: Sam & Babbie

- Cook Abdul Receed
- Cleaning woman
- Laundress
- Gardner Walter Greene (Bessy's chauffer)

# After 1966: Sam and Audrey

- Cook Abdul Receed
- Cleaning woman Molly
- Laundress
- Gardner Walter Greene (Bessy's chauffer) later replaced by Richard Warfield
- Cook & General tasks Russell & Elmira Saunders