



CALDWELL NURSERIES STAFF

The names of the staff shown below are taken from the Wages Book from 26 April **1844** to 27th September **1852**.

William Smith (from April 1844 to December 1847)

Born in 1792 in Knutsford, he lived at Market Place and was known as the 'Town Bell Man'.

John Street (throughout)

Born in 1798 in Knutsford, he lived on King Street with his wife Mary and four children and was described as an agricultural labourer. They moved to Brook Street and was still working as a general labourer before his death in 1861.

George Spilsbury (throughout)

Jane Spilsbury (intermittently throughout)

George was born in 1790 and his wife, Jane, in 1791. They had a large family and lived in Knutsford. By 1851 their daughter Jane was in service and their son George was a farm labourer.

John Bell (throughout)

Born in Peover in 1805, by 1841 he was living in Knutsford with his wife, Elizabeth, and 3 year old son Thomas. By 1851, they had six children and John was described as a labourer. By 1861 he was a carter and became a nursery gardener.

Thomas Bell (from July 1851)

Born in 1838 the son of John Bell, he would have been thirteen years old when he started at the Nursery. By 1871, Thomas was a gardener in Timperley and then Salford, living with his wife Mary.

Absalom Almond (to September 1851)

William Bradbury (throughout the ledger)

Born in nearby Rostherne in 1818, he lived in Knutsford with his wife Ann and eight children. He was described as a gardener.

Thomas Coups (to January 1846)

Thomas Webb (throughout the ledger)

Born in 1793 at Ollerton near Knutsford, he was described as a gardener.

Joseph Bentley (to July 1847)

William Woodward(throughout)

Born in Acton in 1806, he became an agricultural labourer living in Ollerton with his wife, Sarah, and their family. By 1851 he was described as a farmer with eight acres.

Edward Cooper (to July 1851)

William Street (to December 1848)

Born in 1812 at Mere, he lived in Knutsford with wife, Fanny, and daughter, Mary. After leaving the Nursery he worked as an agricultural labourer and by 1861 was described a a labourer in gardens.

Elijah Garner (March to July 1851)

Born in Bowdon in 1803, he served as a soldier in Canada and subsequently became a 'Chelsea Pensioner'. In 1851 at the time of working at the Nursery, he was living on Silk Mill Street in Knutsford with his second wife, Sarah, and was an agricultural labourer. By 1881, he was a widower and an inmate of Altrincham Union Workhouse but he died at Chelsea in 1886.

Francis Massey (from July 1851)

A Francis Massey was born in Liverpool in 1835 and was the nephew of John Massey at Aston Grange, Frodsham, Cheshire.

John Leach (from November 1851)