

Anne Sophia Penn Chew (1805 - 1892) Cliveden's Savior

The "dear and excellent daughter" of Benjamin Chew Jr., Anne focused her life on preserving both her family legacy and Cliveden. Anne never married and in the face of family disputes over inheritance lasting decades, she persisted and became Cliveden's owner in 1857. During her tenure as manager and resident of the estate, Anne supervised much needed repairs and additions to the buildings and landscape. In order to suit the needs of her nephew Samuel, his wife Mary and their growing family Anne added a substantial addition and installed modern amenities including a coal furnace, indoor plumbing and gas lighting in the late 1860s. As the manager of a large household, Anne struggled to regulate the expectations of visiting relations, household members, and staff while living within her means, noting in 1878 that,



I have means sufficient for my own requirements but not sufficient to entertain as I would like to do ... and not sufficient to keep house in a way to satisfy the tastes of the inmates of my house.

above right: Anne Sophia Penn Chew

right: Letter to Mrs. Mary Chew from Anne Chew, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

below right: Receipt from Howell, Finn & Co., 1871, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

below left: Receipt from William Hopkin, 1864, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

*Mrs Chew - 1716 Walnut St.
Philadelphia*

*It is for about - shall I
send Margaret or M. Laughlin
to help nurse -
or will you have Harry*

Anne

Germantown, Pa. Dec 26 1864

Mrs. Anne Chew Main St
Bought of William Hopkin,
Manufacturer of
STOVES, HEATERS, RANGES, & C.
GERMANTOWN AVENUE, near the Rail Road Depot.

1107
Oct 27 2 50 4 ft of pipe
1 - 2 1/2 ft 2 50
" putting up stove

Rec'd Payment
Wm Hopkin
1864

30¢ 1 20
50
75 - \$2.50

Philadelphia Jan 15 1871

Germantown Pa
HOWELL, FINN & CO.
Wholesale & Retail Paper Hangings.
S.W. COR. 9th & CHESTNUT STREETS.

Dividing Room
Order @ 1 65 - 14 00
Made 2 not having 2 00 - 6 00
Navigation 75 - 5 00
of Howard
Rec'd Payment 29 00
1/277 Howell Jan 4
1871