

## *Elizabeth Brown Chew (1863 – 1958)*

### *Remembering the Past & Preparing for the Future*

Elizabeth Brown Chew lived a life of both privilege and duty. With access to the advantages of her social class, Elizabeth, also called Bessie, traveled regionally and internationally, visiting family in Europe through the first half of her life. When in Philadelphia, she continued a practice of the wealthy and moved seasonally between Vanor, the Brown family estate in Radnor, the Brown family townhouse at 1716 Walnut Street and Cliveden. Yet like her great aunt and mother before her, Bessie served as steward of the family legacy and property through the early 20th century. During her life, Bessie cared for the property while saving funds for Cliveden's long-term upkeep. She also continued the family's desire to keep the property in private hands instead of allowing it to become a public monument to the Battle of Germantown.



above right: Elizabeth Brown Chew and brother Oswald  
below: Postcard of Entrance to Chew Grounds, Site of the  
Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, 1777 c. 1910

