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.