

Individual Narrative of Amy Eliza⁷ Leverich [104] Wife of Charles E. Cannon

Amy Eliza Leverich was born on 5 Aug 1831 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. She was the daughter of Richard Leverich and Nancy Lane. Amy Eliza was baptized on 18 May 1832 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{1,2,3}

"Elizabeth Levrick" (i.e. Amy Eliza Leverich), age 19, is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York in the household of "Elizabeth Levrick" (i.e. Nancy Leverich), age 54. Also living in the household is Amy's sister "Susan Levrick" (i.e. Susan Leverich), age 14, and August Desbrosses age 50, possibly a hired farm hand. The census record notes that Nancy had \$10,000 in real estate. \$10,000 in 1850 equals about \$313,000 in 2015. Neighbors included Susan Folk, Jacob Mundy, and Charles Myers. The residence is the original Leverich Family homestead built by Caleb² Leverich. The original part of the house was built prior to 1670, with an addition built in 1732.^{4,5,6}

On 11 January 1850, "Eliza" writes to her mother Nancy at Newtown. Eliza was apparently visiting cousin "W" (unidentified) and "Jane" in New York (i.e. Manhattan). The 1850 New York City Directory includes about a dozen Leverich's or Leveridge's, but no "W" or "Jane."^{7,8,9}

New York Jan 11 1850

Dear Mother

I have been anxiously expecting a letter during this week I write you this note to let you know I will not return before next Friday a week from to day We have several engagements for next week I am passing the time very pleasantly last evening we went to the anniversary at Canon St. church Jane is not well today Cousin W is improving quickly Mrs Minnase was much disappointed Doll called yesterday I wish you would write I think perhaps you have not received my letter I have no time to write more Give my love to Susan and accept of love from your daughter

Eliza

On 24 December 1853 Nancy Leverich sold a small parcel of land at Newtown to the Myrtle Avenue and Jamaica Plank Road Company: "This indenture made the twenty fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty three between Nancy Leverich widow of Richard Leverich, Amy Elizabeth Leverich and Susan M. Leverich of the Town of Newtown in Queens County and State of New York parties of the first part and Myrtle Avenue and Jamaica Plank Road Company of second part ... for and in consideration of one dollar lawful money of the United States of America ... do convey ... All that certain piece & parcel of land situate lying and being in the Town of Newtown ... bounded and described as follows, to wit, west by land of Herman Backus, southerly and southeasterly by the land of Joseph Tompkins, and north by the ??? ??? (meeting ?) of the Myrtle Avenue and Jamaica Plank Road. The premises hereby intended to be conveyed being all that part of the land now owned by the parties of the first part which is occupied by the parties of the second part for the said road and over which the same passes ... Deed is witnessed by Joseph Tompkins."¹⁰

On 30 March 1857 Nancy Leverich sold a small parcel of land at Newtown to Joseph Tompkins: "This indenture made the Thirtieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, between Nancy Leverich, widow of Richard Leverich, dec and Amy E. Leverich & Susan M. Leverich only heirs at law of said Richard Leverich, dec all of Newtown, Queens County, and State of New York, party of the first part, and Joseph Tompkins of Newtown, aforesaid party of the second part, witnesseth: that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States ... All that certain piece of parcel of land situate in the Town of Newtown aforesaid near a place called "Fresh Pond" ... bounded as follows: southerly and easterly by the farm of said Joseph Tompkins and northerly and westerly by the farm of John Debevoise: containing three acres and three quarters ... said piece of land being part of the Real Estate whereof said Richard Leverich, deceased ... ??? ??? to the Myrtle Avenue Plank Road Company the privalage of using a small triangular piece of land on the south west corner thereof for the purpose of Plank Road up to the northerly ??? of Plank Road as the same is regulated and used."¹¹

Amy Eliza Leverich married Charles E. Cannon), son of John Cannon and Hannah Turner, on 20 Sep 1857 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹² Based upon his age at the time of death, Charles E. Cannon was born about 1823 in Delaware County, New York.¹³ Charles E. Cannon is listed in the 1857 New York City Directory, Chairs 108 East 41st Street, home 129 East 36th Street.¹⁴

About 1857-1860, Susan Leverich writes an undated letter, postmarked October 9, to her sister Mrs. Charles E. Cannon, 210 East 36th Street, New York. The letter makes reference to "a wedding today in Newtown Miss Hyatt and F.C. Quite a number never heard you were to be married". Susan goes on to say that "I went to Mrs Dentons, poor Phebe they think now there is a cancer. The context of the letter suggests that Susan and her mother were still living at the old homestead in Newtown, while Amy and her husband were living in Manhattan."¹⁵

Charles E. Cannon, age 35, Cabinet Maker, is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census, Ward 21, District 4, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household includes Ann Cannon, age 27, presumably wife of Charles. Also Hannah Cannon, age 56, probably mother of Charles. Also Mary Cannon, age 35, probably sister of Charles. Also Nancy and Susan Leverich, mother and sister of Ann Leverich Cannon. Therefore, it is assumed that Nancy and Susan left the family homestead c 1857-1860 and moved in with Charles and Amy in Manhattan. A sale of the family homestead is not found in the Queens County, New York land records. Perhaps the residence was rented out. The residence survived until the year 1909, when it was destroyed by fire.^{16,17} James Riker Jr's 1852 map of Newtown shows J. Mundy living adjacent to N. Leverich. The 1850 U.S. Census records Jacob Mundy as a neighbor of Nancy Leverich in Newtown. The 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown records Jacob Mundy, with neighbors Charles Myers and John Schaffer. Although evidence is circumstantial, Myers or Schaffer might have been renting the Leverich family homestead.^{18,19,20}



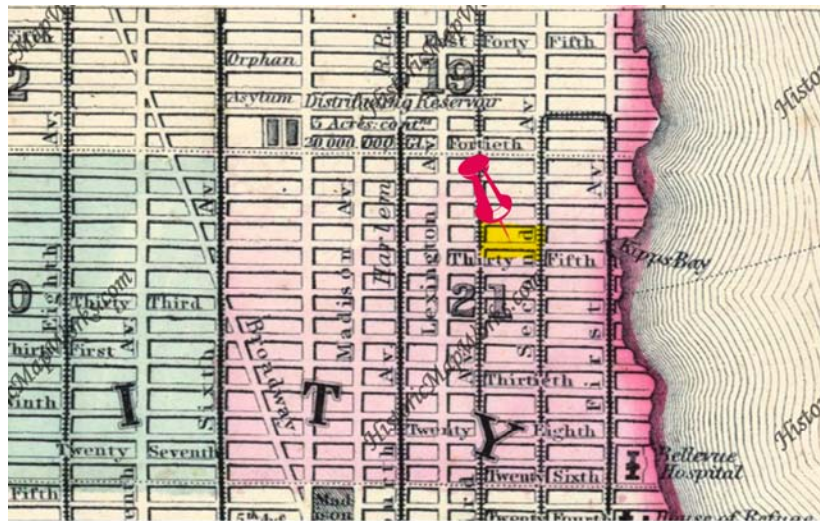


Charles E. Cannon is listed in the 1865 New York City Directory, Carver 110 East 41st Street, home 132 East 36th St.²¹

Charles E. Cannon, age 45, Clerk in furniture store, is listed in the 1870 U.S. Census, Ward 21, District 11, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household includes Hannah Cannon (mother of Charles); Mary Cannon age 40 (probably sister of Charles); Susan Cannon age 35 (perhaps sister of Charles, or incorrectly named wife of Charles); Ada and Lizzie Cannon ages 9 and 5 (daughters of Charles); Nancy Leverich age 75 (mother-in-law of Charles) and Susan Leverich (sister-in-law of Charles). There is no listing for Amy Eliza Leverich Cannon.²²

Nancy Leverich died in Manhattan at 210 East 36th Street on 23 November 1874. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Nancy Leverich were granted 25 May 1875 to her daughter Amy E. Cannon in the New York County Surrogate Court. Only the standard form is found, no further probate files have been located.^{23,24}

Charles E. Cannon is listed in the 1875 New York City Directory, Furniture 209 Canal Street, home 210 East 36th Street. The change in house number, which occurred in 1867, might represent a physical relocation, or it might represent and change in the house numbering system.^{25,26}



210 East 36th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, Manhattan, NY Co, NY
 1864 Mitchell's New General Atlas (Historic Map Works)

Charles E. Cannon, age 58, furniture dealer, is listed in the 1880 U.S. Census living at 210 East 36th Street in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household included Amy Cannon age 48 (wife); Ada and Lizzie Cannon, ages 19 and 15 (daughters); and Susan Leverich, age 43 (sister-in-law).²⁷

Charles E. Cannon is listed in the 1883 New York City Directory, home 210 East 36th Street.²⁸

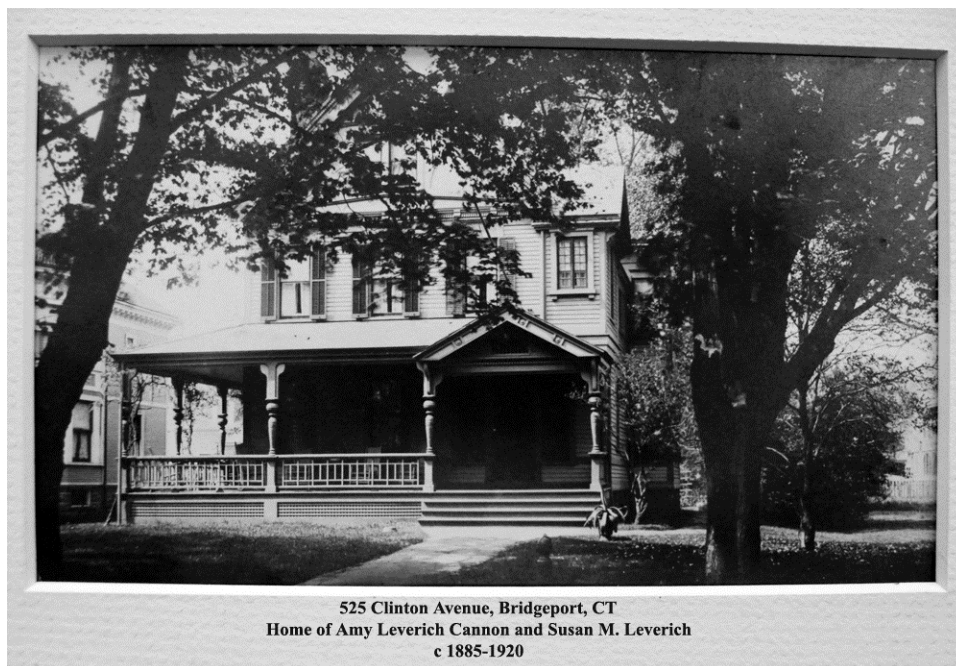
Charles E. Cannon died in Manhattan 17 January 1883. He was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.²⁹ No estate record has been found at the New York County Surrogate.

Amy E. Cannon, widow of Charles E. Cannon, is listed in the 1884 New York City Directory, living at 210 East 36th Street. Amy does not appear in the 1885 New York City Directory.^{30,31}

On 21 July 1884, Susan Leverich wrote a letter from Catskill, New York to her sister Mrs. C. E. Cannon, Box 1776, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The original letter is included among the *Susan M. Leverich Papers* collection.³²

About 1884-1885 Amy Eliza Cannon, her daughter Lizzie, and her sister Susan Leverich, moved to Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut. Amy is listed in the 1886 Bridgeport City Directory living at 273 Clinton Ave. Amy's eldest daughter Ada C. Cannon had married Henry W. Lyon in 1880 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Henry was a native of Connecticut, and was living in Bridgeport in 1878, 1882, and 1884. By 1886 Henry W. Lyon is listed in the Bridgeport City Directory, corset manufacturer 88 Middle, home 273 Clinton Ave, the same address as Amy Cannon, widow of Charles E. Cannon. Presumably, once she was widowed in 1883, Amy E Cannon relocated her household to Bridgeport to be near her eldest daughter.^{33,34,35}

Amy E. Cannon, widow Charles E. Cannon, is listed in the Bridgeport City Directories 1892 and 1898 at 273 Clinton Ave. In 1899, Amy's address is 525 Clinton Ave. Presumably, either Amy moved to a new residence nearby, or the house numbering for some streets in Bridgeport changed in 1899.^{36,37,38} The following photo was take about April 1933.



Amy E. Cannon, age 68, is recorded as Head of Household in the 1900 U.S. Census of the City of Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, 525 Clinton Ave. Members of the household included: Lizzie L. Cannon, age 35 (daughter); Henry W. Lyon, age 47 (son-in-law); Ada C. Lyon, age 39 (daughter); Ada W. Lyon, age 13 (granddaughter); and Susan M. Leverich, age 63 (sister).³⁹

On 14 February 1902, Susan Leverich ("your sister Sue") writes from the S. S. Celtic to Amy Cannon ("dear sister"), 525 Clinton Ave, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Susan discusses her Mediterranean cruise, specifically mentioning the Azores and Madeira. The original letter is included among the *Susan M. Leverich Papers* collection.⁴⁰

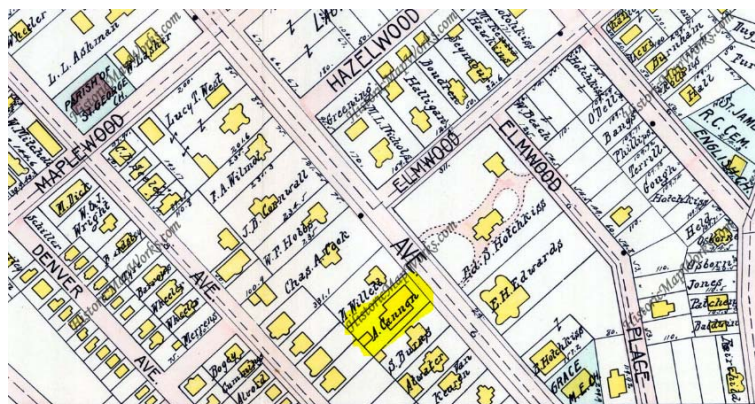
Amy E. Cannon, widow of Charles E. Cannon, is listed in the 1905 Bridgeport City Directory living at 525 Clinton Avenue.⁴¹

On 6 August 1909, Amy E. Cannon, 525 Clinton Ave, Bridgeport, Connecticut writes to her granddaughter Ada Willis Lyon at Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The original letter is included among the *Susan M. Leverich Papers* collection.⁴²



525 Clinton Ave, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Google Maps, 12 September 2016

Henry W. Lyon, age 57, is recorded as head of household in the 1910 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, 525 Clinton Ave. Members of the household included Ada C. Lyon, age 49 (wife); Ada W. Lyon, age 23 (daughter); Amy E. Cannon, age 79 (mother-in-law); Lizzie L. Cannon, age 45 (sister-in-law); Susan M. Leverich, age 74 (aunt-in-law). Henry's occupation is given as assistant post master.⁴³



525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
1910 Atlas William H. Kershaw Plate 19 (Historic Map Works)

Amy Eliza Leverich Cannon died on 27 Sep 1911 at Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, at age 80. The funeral was held on 28 September at the home of Amy's son-in-law, 525 Clinton Avenue. The Rev. E. J. Craft of Christ Episcopal Church officiated. Amy was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.⁴⁴

The estate of Amy E. Cannon was proved in Fairfield County Probate Court in Bridgeport.

11 October 1911, Application for Letters of Administration;

28 December 1911, Inventory;

12 August 1912, Final Accounting. The value of the house at 525 Clinton Avenue was appraised at \$12,000, subject to two mortgages of \$2,000 and \$2,500. \$12,000 in 1911 is valued at about \$227,000 in 2015.^{45,46}

Amy Eliza Leverich and Charles E. Cannon had two children.^{47,48}

- i. Ada C. Cannon was born 6 June 1860 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. On 2 June 1880, Ada married Henry Willis Lyon in Manhattan. Ada Lyon died 5 January 1938 at Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, New York.^{49,50,51,52,53}
- ii. Lizzie Leverich Cannon was born about February 1865 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Lizzie L. Cannon never married. Lizzie L. Cannon died 18 November 1941 in Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut.^{54,55,56}

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