## Individual Narrative of Ada<sup>8</sup> C. Cannon [222] Daughter of Amy<sup>7</sup> Eliza Leverich [104] and Charles E. Cannon Wife of Henry Willis Lyon

Ada C. Cannon was born on 6 June 1860 at Manhattan, New York County, New York, the daughter of Charles E. Cannon and Amy Eliza Leverich.<sup>1,2</sup>

Ada Cannon, age 9, is listed in the 1870 U.S. Census, Ward 21, Manhattan, New York County, New York, living with her parents; her sister Lizzie Cannon, age 5; her paternal grandmother Hannah Cannon, age 74; and a Susan Cannon, age 35, perhaps a sister to Ada's father. Recorded as a separate household in the same building is her maternal grandmother Nancy Leverich, age 75; and her maternal aunt Susan Leverich, age 30.<sup>3</sup>

On 22 May 18?72? Nancy Leverich writes from Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey to her granddaughter Miss Ada Cannon at 210 East 36th Street in Manhattan, New York County, New York: "... perhaps you can persuade your mama to come out here next week. Aunt Phebe would be very glad to see you ... if not tell Aunt Sue I shall expect her one of those days ..." "Aunt Phebe" is mentioned several times by Nancy Leverich in her correspondence, but the relationship is not further identified.<sup>4</sup>

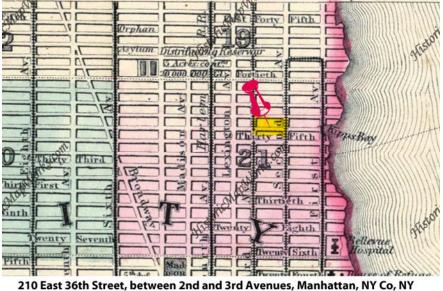
change perhaps you own came hersude your manna to come Alainfield may 22 18 m out here next week aunt Phebe would be very glad to see your say my dear Grand daughter we does day or thursday, if not till aunt sue I shall expect her one of those day which ever is most I was much pleased to receive yours of longy 19 thand to hear you was all well I arrived conversiont with much love to youall from your Grandmama suffly at plainfield, I was quite and unexpected visitor they did N Levench not Think I would come out quite to early I was glad to hear you was likely to get the Second floor to rights this week and I hope the It a beautiful out here now acrop the brook it as splended Parton thete, I suffore I shall think it is there house when I get Home it is undergoing such a throughough

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On 19 June 1878, Ada Cannon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers Female College, one of seven women in the class of 1878. Her B.A. Essay was entitled "Woman as Scientist". Ada delivered the "Oratorio Salutatoria" at the commencement ceremony. Rutgers Female College was chartered in April 1838 under the name Rutgers Female Institute. Its first home was at 262–66 Madison Street on the Lower East Side (Manhattan, New York Co, NY). The cornerstone of a new building was laid August 29, 1838, and the institute was opened in the spring of 1839. It was the first seminary for the higher education of women in the City of New York. In 1860, it moved uptown to 487–91 Fifth Avenue. The college ceased operations in 1894.<sup>5,6</sup>

The 1878 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists a Henry W. Lyon, book-keeper, boarding at 344 State Street. Henry would subsequently become Ada Cannon's husband.<sup>7</sup>

Ada Cannon, age 19, is listed in the 1880 U.S. Census, living at 210 East 36th Street in Manhattan, New York County, New York. She is living with her parents; her sister Lizzie Cannon, age 15; and her aunt Susan Leverich, age 43.<sup>8</sup>



1864 Mitchell's New General Atlas (Historic Map Works)

Henry W. Lyon, age 29, is listed in the 1880 U.S. Census living at 344 State Street in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, identified as a manufacturer.<sup>9</sup>

Ada C. Cannon married Henry Willis Lyon, son of William H. Lyon and Harriet E. Sherwood, on 2 June 1880 at Manhattan, New York County, New York, by N.W. Conkling D.D. at the residence of the bride's parents. Henry W. Lyon was born 13 July 1852 in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield County, Connecticut.<sup>10,11</sup>





Ada C. Cannon, wife of Henry Willis Lyon

Henry Willis Lyon

The 1882 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists H. W. Lyon, corset manufacturer at 25 and 27 State Street, residing at 282 State Street.<sup>12</sup>

Ada Cannon Lyon of 282 State Street in Bridgeport wrote to her sister Lizzie Cannon on 7 August 1882. The letter but no envelope is part of the Susan M. Leverich papers at the New England Historic and Genealogical Society.<sup>13</sup>

The 1884 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists Henry W. Lyon, superintendent I. Newman & Co, residing at 271 Clinton Ave.<sup>14</sup>



The small girl is Ada Willis Lyon With hat is Lizzie Cannon, in plaid dress is Ada Cannon Lyon Submitted by spshaw76, SPS\_PEDIGREE at Ancestry.com

Ada Willis Lyon, daughter of Ada and Henry Lyon, was born 13 April 1887, at Bridgeport, Connecticut

The 1892 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists Henry W. Lyon, with Langdon, Batcheller & Co., residing at 273 Clinton Avenue.<sup>15</sup>

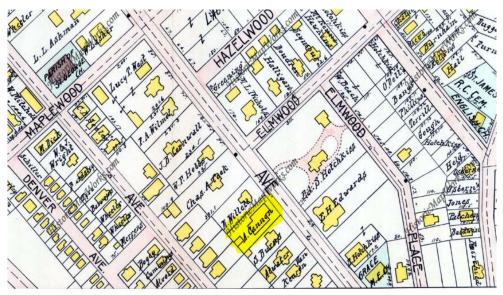
In 1899, Henry W. Lyon was appointed assistant postmaster in Bridgeport.<sup>16</sup>

Ada C. Cannon Lyon, age 39, is recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census, 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The household included her mother Amy E. Cannon, age 68, as head of household; husband Henry W. Lyon, age 47, assistant postmaster; daughter Ada W. Lyon, age 13; her sister Lizzie L Cannon, age 35; her aunt Susan M. Leverich, age 63; and Alice Starrs, age 56 of Ireland, a long term household servant.<sup>17</sup>

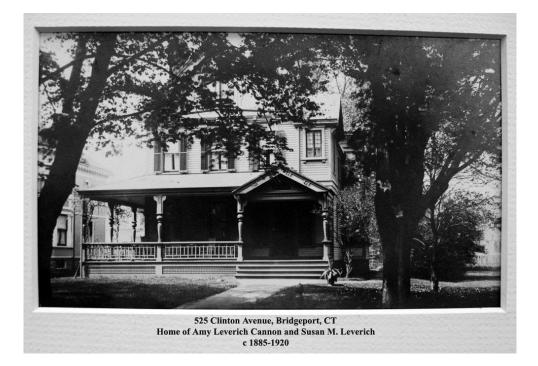
On 6 August 1909, Amy E. Cannon of 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut wrote a letter to her granddaughter Ada Willis Lyon in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.<sup>18</sup>

On January 3, 1910 the *Bridgeport Evening Farmer* reported that "Miss Ada Lyon, daughter of Assistant Postmaster Lyon, gave a reception at her home, 525 Clinton Avenue, Saturday evening (i.e. New Years Day evening). The decorations were in red and the hostess wore a red gown to match.<sup>19</sup>"

Ada C. Cannon Lyon, age 49, is recorded in the 1910 U.S. Census, 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The household included her mother Amy E. Cannon, age 79; her husband Henry W. Lyon, age 57, assistant postmaster, as head of household; her daughter Ada W. Lyon, age 23; her sister Lizzie L Cannon, age 45; her aunt Susan M. Leverich, age 74; and Alice Starrs, age 70 of Ireland, a long term household servant.<sup>20</sup>



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



The 1911 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists Henry W. Lyon, Assistant Postmaster, living at 525 Clinton Avenue. The 1912 Bridgeport City Directory lists Henry W. Lyon, Proprietor Red Star Company 31 Elm, living at 525 Clinton Avenue.<sup>21,22</sup>

Ada Cannon Lyon's mother Amy E. (Leverich) Cannon died 27 September 1911 at Bridgeport. Letters of Administration on Amy's estate were applied for on 11 October 1911 at the Fairfield County Probate Court, Bridgeport branch, and granted to her daughters Ada C. Lyon and Lizzie L. Cannon. An inventory of the estate was filed 8 December 1911. The inventory included house and lot at 525 Clinton Avenue described as 68 feet east on Clinton Avenue, north 213 feet north on land of Ms. Willet; 211 feet south on land of SA Burns; 66 feet west on land of Mrs. James Tuthill. The inventory indicates that the property was subject to two mortgages in the amounts of \$2000 and \$2500. A final accounting was submitted to the probate court on 12 August 1912.<sup>23</sup>

On 21 October 1911 the *Bridgeport Evening Farmer* reported that "An order from the Post Office Department in Washington abolishing the office of assistant postmaster in Bridgeport has the effect of removing from the service Henry W. Lyon who has efficiently filled the position for years. The office was a civil service office, held during good behavior. The change is made in the interest of economy.<sup>24</sup>"

On 5 February 1912 the *Bridgeport Evening Farmer* reported that "As a token of their esteem and a tribute for his splendid work and management during the thirteen years he held the position of assistant postmaster of Bridgeport, the employees of the local post office presented a handsomely engrossed set of resolutions Saturday to Henry W. Lyon, who retired from the service recently. The presentation was made at a Saturday evening joint meeting of the Clerks' Association and the Mail Carriers' Association. More than thirteen years ago Mr. Lyon was appointed to the office by Postmaster William H. Marigold who had received his own appointment a short time before. Last November the post he held in the local office was abolished. A most efficient man in the position he held, possessed of keen business qualities but with a kindly nature, Mr. Lyon endeared himself to every employee of the post office with whom he came in contact. He is the proprietor of the Red Star Company, manufacturers of high grade garters with a plant in Elm Street. His departure from the service was keenly regretted by every employee of the post office including Postmaster Marigold.<sup>25</sup>"

On 17 July 1914 the Bridgeport building commissioners issued a building permit to Ada C. Lyon for a framed garage on the west side of 525 Clinton Avenue.<sup>26</sup>

The 1919 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory listed Henry W. Lyon, VP and Manager Red Star Company at 1115 Main, living at 525 Clinton Avenue. The 1920 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory listed Henry W. Lyon residing at 525 Clinton Avenue.<sup>27,28</sup>

Ada C. Cannon Lyon, age 59, is recorded in the 1920 U.S. Census, 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The household included her husband Henry W. Lyon, age 66, no occupation, as head of household; her sister Lizzie L Cannon, age 54; her aunt Susan M. Leverich, age 83; her mother-in-law Harriet Hull, age 87; and a maid Margaret Chatlos, age 25.<sup>29</sup>

Henry W. Lyon died 23 January 1923 at Bridgeport, and was buried at the Mountain Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bridgeport. Henry's obituary in the *Bridgeport Telegram* noted that Henry was a member of the Seaside and Algonquin clubs, in both of which he was a charter member; Brooklawn Country Club; and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a vestryman for twenty-two years at St. John's Episcopal Church and also held the same office in Christ Episcopal Church.<sup>30,31,32</sup>

The 1925 and 1930 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directories list Mrs. Ada Lyon, widow Henry W. Lyon, living at 525 Clinton Avenue.<sup>33,34</sup>

Ada C. Cannon Lyon, age 69, is recorded in the 1930 U.S. Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, as the head of household, a widow, living at 525 Clinton Avenue. The household also includes her sister Lizzie L. Cannon, age 65; May E. Smith, age 40. a "guest" identified as a private nurse; and Ethel Anderson, age 32, a servant.<sup>35</sup>

The 1935 Bridgeport, Connecticut City Directory lists Mrs. Ada Lyon, widow Henry W. Lyon, 525 Clinton Avenue. The 1938 Bridgeport City Directory identifies Ada in the same manner, and notes that she died 5 January 1938.<sup>36,37</sup>

Ada C. Cannon Lyon died on 5 Jan 1938 at Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, Connecticut, at age 77, and was buried at the Mountain Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bridgeport. Her funeral was held from her residence at 525 Clinton Avenue, Rev. Frederick L. Barry of St. John's Episcopal Church presiding. Ada's obituary in the Bridgeport Telegram identified the following survivors: daughter Mrs. Harold C. Rood; granddaughters: Mrs. Richard Bristol, Miss Betty Rood, and Miss Nancy Rood; sister Miss L. L. Cannon.<sup>38,39,40</sup>



Ada C. Cannon and Henry W. Lyon had two known children, one of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>41</sup>

An unnamed male child was born 5 July 1881 at Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. It is likely that this individual died either as an infant or a young child, since no further record of the child or its name has been found.<sup>42</sup>

Ada Willis Lyon was born 13 April 1887 at Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. On 21 December 1912, Ada married Harold Rood in Bridgeport. Ada W. Rood died 2 May 1965 in Bridgeport, and was buried at the Mountain Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bridgeport. Ada is listed in the 1900, 1910, and 1920 U.S. Census at 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport. Ada is listed in the 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census at 605 Brooklawn Avenue, Fairfield, Fairfield Co, Connecticut.<sup>43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52</sup>



Ada Willis Lyon, Born 1887 Susan M. Leverich Papers Image 153



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