

Huldah Hoad or Hood, said to be connected to a Cannon family

From information in my [Cecilie Gaziano] correspondence with Lo Moss Moore, now deceased, formerly of Hurst, Texas, verbatim: [Lo Moss Moore descended from James Cannon, son of Russell who was a son of Simcock Cannon.]

“From Don Wilson: [who descended from Russell E. Cannon, likely nephew of Russell, above]

“Great Grandmother Nancy Elizabeth Cannon said she was ¼ Cherokee Indian. Said her mother was named Huldah Hood (or Hoad). Believe she may have said her great grandmother or grandmother and in passing down the story lost the grand.” [Census shows wife of Russell E. Cannon, father of Nancy Elizabeth, as Elizabeth – could she be a second wife of Russell E.?.] If Hulda was a grandmother or great-grandmother, she might not even have been a Cannon.]

“Nancy E. b. 1832, could not read or write. Spoke little – recited and sang ‘From the Hills of Habersham to the Valley of Hall’ for her small grandchildren.

“She sang a Cherokee Indian song to the tune of ‘Away Over in the Promised Land’ – Her grand daughter, Bertha L. Powell, writes it as it sounded:

‘Heigh-Hi Ho Nitchie Natchie

Poly Go She Previe an She

Prag a Natif Flow’

[another typed version: Poy go she provie an she]

“Nancy E. said she married at 15 ‘for a home.’ Census dates vary three years concerning her age, no real proof which is right.

“Married she said 1850 near Pendleton, SC. She is listed in 1850 Gordon County, GA, census, a widow [Nancy Wooten], living with her sister, Huldah Rich, who was also a widow. Huldah Rich also married a Powell, Cyrus Powell, brother of George Marion Powell. They were sons of Josiah and Seely Powell, living 1850 in Gordon County, Ga., with a place of birth listed as SC.”

Lo Moss Moore wrote me [CG] in a letter of 26 Aug 1993 that Don Wilson, descendant of Nancy E., died in 1979. His wife Mary B. Wilson sold their home in Tacoma, WA, and was moving to Columbia, SC, to be near a sister and to do some research in the NW part of SC. Don, per Lo’s letter of 14 Aug 1993:

Donald Curtis Wilson, b 7 May 1922 in Ellis Co., TX; m 15 June 1940 Mary Bonita Halford. They lived at 908 East 65th Street, Tacoma, WA 98404. He was a son of Jesse Elijah Wilson and Bertha Lee Powell. Bertha was the daughter of Harleston Lafayette Powell and Savannah [unknown]. Harleston was the son of Nancy Elizabeth Cannon. Nancy married (1) Miles Wooten or Wooten & appears to have a daughter, Mary, b c1849, with him, and (2) George Marion Powell, and had children Milly O. b c1851, Lilly A. b c1854, Victoria Clementine b 1855, and Harleston b 1860.

From information that I posted 27 May 2007 at

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/cgi-bin/pageload.cgi?hoad::cannon::4312.html>:

Some people¹ now are posting information on the Internet that Russell Cannon, b c. 1752/3 perhaps Prince Edward Co., VA, d 1824 Anderson District/Pickens Co., SC, married (1) **Huldah Hoad**, an Indian. There is no proof that he was married before he married Jane or Jean (perhaps Campbell). Some people also attribute a wife to Russell's father Simcock who was named Huldah Hoad. The only proved wife for Simcock was Jane Rudd, whose parents were from Chesterfield Co., VA. I have reviewed my files and find only two pieces of information about a Huldah Hoad or Hood. One links her to a different Cannon family, which might have been related to Simcock Cannon. The other could not link her to a specific Cannon family. Here are excerpts from letters I received about this issue:

Letter of 23 Nov 1991 from Lo Moss Moore (Mrs. Porter Moore, now deceased), of Hurst, Texas, who descended from James, son of Russell of Simcock Cannon; letter written to me. She stated: "I have been in contact with a Cannon/Powell family which states that their old ancestor was a Huldah Hood or Hoad who had Indian ancestry and that she taught the little children an Indian song (it is written as it sounded to them) to the tune of a Georgia song about the Hills of Habersham and the Valleys of Hall.....Georgia counties. And there was a Russell [E.] Cannon, their ancestor, who lived in Georgia....about 1850!" [NOTE from me: the Cannon/Powell family with Habersham and Hall counties connections and ancestor Russell is that of Russell E. Cannon who married Elizabeth Powell, who was a son of Richard Cannon of Pendleton District, SC, and Habersham Co., GA. This Richard is believed to have been a son of Simcock Cannon, although this has not been proved. DNA results for three of his descendant match with those of two of Simcock Cannon's descendants through Simcock's son Russell. The person who wrote the letter to Lo Moss Moore was Don Wilson, described on p. 2

Letter of 06 Jul 1980 from Sarah P. Brady of Tucumcari, NM (Mrs. St. Clair L. Brady, now deceased), written to a Mrs. Binkley, whose identity I do not know. It has been photocopied several times. This letter was given to me by a Cannon descendant – don't recall who. Mrs. Brady stated that she descended from Josiah Marchbanks and Margret Cannon, daughter of Russell Cannon who was Simcock's son. Mrs. Brady stated: "Simcock's wife could have been Huldah Hoad, a young Cherokee, but I have searched for years and have never verified this possibility. Huldah married a man by the name of Cannon." [Mrs. Brady did not say where she got this information.] "I have written large genealogical libraries with extensive Indian sections, government agencies, etc., and still do not have proof."

¹ A woman named Lovell (Mrs. Carl) Lovett was researching ancestors who were Abel & "Judy" Kendrick, and she invented a first wife for Russell Cannon, son of Simcock Cannon. Russell Cannon's will named a daughter, Judith, who married a Kendrick. Mrs. Lovett jumped to the conclusion that Russell's Judith was her Judy Kendrick, who was only a few years younger than Russell Cannon. Mrs. Lovett had been in touch with Lo Moss Moore, my source of the Hulda Hoad/Hood information, and heard of this Hulda Hoad/Hood. Because her Judy Kendrick was so much older than Russell's other children, Mrs. Lovett invented an older age for Russell and gave him a first wife named Hulda Hoad c1991. I corresponded by mail and spoke on the phone with Mrs. Lovett around that time, and she told me she made up the birth dates for all of Russell's children.

Conclusion: No one by the name of Huldah Hoad can be attributed as a wife to Russell Cannon, son of Simcock Cannon, or to Simcock Cannon. It may be that a Huldah Hoad or Hood existed who married into the family of Russell E. Cannon, son of Richard Cannon of SC and GA. This Russell E. Cannon married (1) Elizabeth Powell (reportedly) and (2) Elizabeth Guess.