

ELIZABETH (ELSIE) STURGIS GREW LYON

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Mrs. Lyon accompanied her husband Ambassador Cecil B. Lyon on his State Department Foreign Service assignments in the United States and abroad. Her sisters, Lilla Grew Moffat Levitt and Anita Grew English, also contribute their recollections.

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Born in Vienna, Austria
Daughter of Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Grew
Holton Arms School, Women's College, Constantinople
Married Cecil B. Lyon in 1933

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