

Descendants of Susan Arwilda Seslar and Elliott Hiram Bisby

Generation No. 5.10

SUSAN ARWILDA⁵ SESLAR (*Thomas Martin⁴ Sesler, Jane³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*) was born June 16, 1869 in Lima, Allen Co., OH, and died January 20, 1954 in Houston, Harris Co., TX. She married **ELLIOTT HIRAM BISBY** February 27, 1889 in Pullman, Cook Co., IL, son of **ASA BISBY** and **ABIGAIL LUCE**. He was born April 19, 1863 in Vandalia, Cass Co., MI, and died March 11, 1945.

Children of **SUSAN SESLAR** and **ELLIOTT BISBY** are:

- i. **MAXWELL⁶ BISBY**, b. 1890, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. 1891, IL.
- ii. **MARK ROGER BISBY**, b. September 11, 1892, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. February 26, 1977, Harris Co., TX. He m. (1) **GEORGIE LEE WALL**. He m. (2) **HELEN KIRKWOOD**; d. November 14, 1983, Houston, Harris Co., TX.
- iii. **CHARLES ELLIOTT BISBY**, b. September 15, 1897, Deep Water/Deer Park, TX; d. September 16, 1963, Houston, Harris Co., TX. He m. **MARY LOUELLA SMITH** September 26, 1924, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO; b. October 24, 1898, Marrison, St. Clair Co., IL; d. January 29, 1991, Houston, Harris Co., TX.
- iv. **DONALD HODGES BISBY**, b. May 30, 1899, Houston, Harris Co., TX; d. March 19, 1953. He m. **ALICE STERLING MESSER** April 01, 1927; b. Abt. 1908, OK.
- v. **EDWARD SEWALL BISBY**, b. November 15, 1900, Houston, Harris Co., TX; d. October 16, 1970, Houston, Harris Co., TX. He m. **CARRIE EMILY OAKLEY**; b. Abt. 1908, TX; d. October 08, 1989, Harris Co., TX.
- vi. **MATTIE ROSE BISBY**, b. July 13, 1902, Houston, Harris Co., TX; d. July 17, 1904, Houston, Harris Co., TX.
- vii. **MARY ELLEN BISBY**, b. November 18, 1907, Houston, Harris Co., TX; d. April 23, 1986, Houston, Harris Co., TX. She m. **ARTHUR McCURRY**.

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SUSAN ARWILDA SESLAR 1869 - 1954
and
ELLIOTT HIRAM BISBY 1863 -1945

Susan Arwilda Seslar, the last of ten children of Thomas Martin Seslar and Elizabeth Mahala Aldridge, was born June 16, 1869 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio.¹ She was just eight years old when her father died of an illness acquired during the Civil War. In 1880, only Susan and her brother John were still living with their mother.² Their other eight siblings had married or moved to other households as farm laborers or servants.

Susan Marries Elliott Bisby And Moves To Texas

Elizabeth Seslar took Susan and John first to La Port, Indiana and then on to Cook County, Illinois. On February 27, 1889, in Pullman, Illinois, Susan married Elliott Hiram Bisby. It is assumed that Elliott had left his family farm in Michigan³ and come to Illinois to work in the railroad shops. John Seslar, who was working at the Pullman Company, may have introduced Susan to Elliott.

On Feb. 27, 1889, she married Elliott H. Bisby at Chicago, Ill. Came to Houston [Texas] in spring of 1895. Lived at Lawler Hotel in Deer Park, then Harrisburg and came to Sunset Heights in 1915. She was the mother of seven children. Max, her first child died in infancy; then Mattie, born in 1903, died in infancy. One son, Donald Hodges, died March 19, 1953. Dau. Mamie McCurry, and sons Mark R., E. Sewall, Charles E., survive. . . .⁴

Susan and Elliott made Texas their home. Elliott died on March 11, 1945. Susan died January 20, 1954 in Houston, Texas.⁵

Additional Information About The Children Of Susan And Elliott

Mark Roger Bisby was born September 11, 1892. He married Georgie Lee Wall. He later married Helen Kirkwood. Mark died February 26, 1977 in Harris County, Texas.⁶

Charles Elliott Bisby was born September 15, 1897 in Deep Water/Deer Park, Texas. He married Mary Louella Smith on September 26, 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri. They had three children; Eleanor Sue, Charles E. and Joseph Brice Bisby. Charles died September 16, 1963 and Mary Louella Bisby died January 29, 1991. Both are buried at Forest Park Cemetery, Lawndale, Houston, Texas.⁷

Donald Hodges Bisby was born on May 30, 1899.⁸ He married Alice Sterling Messer on April 1, 1927.⁹ Donald died March 19, 1953.¹⁰

Edward Sewall Bisby was born November 15, 1900 in Houston, Texas. He married Carrie Emily Oakley. They had four children; Mary Arwilda, Carol Jean, Mark Elliott and Judith Vivian Bisby. Edward died October 16, 1970 and Carrie remarried an unknown Griffin. She died October 8, 1989 in Houston, Texas.¹¹

Mary Ellen Bisby was born November 18, 1907 in Houston, Texas. She was known as Mamie and married Arthur McCurry. She died April 23, 1986.¹²

THE JANE HIBBEN LINE

Generation 5.10 End Notes:

- ¹ Thomas M. Seslar and Elizabeth M. Aldridge family bible, "Susan A Seslar was borned June the 16, 1869;" Widows Pension Claim #262208, doctor's affidavit, "born June 16, 1869."
- ² US Census 1880, T9-608, page 399A, Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio.
- ³ US Census 1880, T9-600, page 299B, Robinson, Ottawa Co., Michigan.
- ⁴ Newspaper, (unknown), Texas, obituary, January 1954.
- ⁵ Ancestry chart of Lorraine Adaire⁷ Janes (Olsen) (*Ruth Electa Elizabeth⁶ Seslar, George Alexander⁵, Thomas Martin⁴ Sesler, Jane³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*).
- ⁶ Texas Death Index 1964-1998, Ancestry.com, electronic; Social Security Death Index, #307-16-0952.
- ⁷ Ibid.; Social Security Death Index #456-05-2205 and #456-72-4413; Suzanne Caporusso ancestor chart; Susanne⁸ Bisby (Caporusso) (*Joseph Brice⁷ Bisby, Charles Elliott⁶, Susan Arwilda⁵ Seslar, Thomas Martin⁴ Sesler, Jane³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*)
- ⁸ US Census 1900, T623-1642, page 9B, line 64, enumeration 98, 3rd Justice precinct, Harris County, Texas; US Census 1910, T624-1561, page 20A, line 9, enumeration 111, Justice precinct, Harris County, Texas.
- ⁹ US Census 1930, T626-2342, enumeration 24, page 10B, Houston, Harris County, Texas.
- ¹⁰ Funeral Program, Susan A. Bisby.
- ¹¹ Texas Death Index 1964-1998, [Note 6]; Social Security Death Index, #467-18-7361.
- ¹² Suzanne Bisby Caporusso ancestor chart.