

## *Descendants of Mary Margaret Seslar and John Patton*

### *Generation No. 5.5*

**MARY MARGARET<sup>5</sup> SESLAR** (*Thomas Martin<sup>4</sup> Sesler, Jane<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 19, 1860 in Bloomington, Clinton Co., OH, and died Aft. 1920. She married **JOHN PATTON** Abt. 1880, son of **JOHN PATTON** and **ELIZABETH** (unknown). He was born January 1855 in OH, and died Aft. 1920.

Children of **MARY SESLAR** and **JOHN PATTON** are:

- i. **ALVIE W. <sup>6</sup> PATTON**, b. July 1884, OH.
- ii. **CLARENCE O. PATTON**, b. November 1886, OH.
- iii. **JESSE E. PATTON**, b. November 1889, OH.
- iv. **PAULINE E. PATTON**, b. October 1897, OH. She m. **VAN ZIMMERMAN**.

**MARY MARGARET SESLAR 1860 - Aft. 1920**  
**and**  
**JOHN H. PATTON 1855 - Aft. 1920**

*What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night.  
It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime.  
It is the little shadow which runs across the grass  
and loses itself in the sunset.<sup>1</sup>*

Crowfoot

**Mary And John Patton Contribute To The Building Of Northport, Nebraska**

Mary Margaret Seslar was born on June 19, 1860 in Bloomington, Clinton County, Ohio.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps she met her future husband there as the 1880 Census records that she was living with John Patton and his family in Bloomington.<sup>3</sup> It is believed that Maggie, as she was known, was married to John that year. By 1900 Maggie and John had moved to Lima, Allen County, Ohio where he was recorded as a house painter.<sup>4</sup> Their oldest child had most likely left home to work or marry. The four remaining children were; Alvie W. born July 1884, Clarence O. born November 1886, Jessie E. born November 1889, and Pauline E. born October 1897. Other Seslar families were living in Lima at the time and Maggie and John joined them in the journey to Camp Clarke, Morrill County, Nebraska. The 1910 Census records that John was farming at Camp Clarke and he and Maggie had had eight children, four of whom were living.<sup>5</sup>

John Baldwin Seslar's day journal reveals that John Patton and he worked many days to build the new schoolhouse in Northport, Nebraska and shared farm chores.

*Oct. 13, 1907 - I commenced plastering the schoolhouse today and Patton helped all day. . . Sept. 16, 1907 - I hauled two loads of alfalfa. That makes a total of three loads and they started to drill the well for the schoolhouse and Patton helped one day. . . Oct. 6, 1908 - I worked on the road all day and Patton went up to the forty to get some corn.<sup>6</sup>*

John's next project was the construction of a house for the Pattons which commenced the end of October, 1908 and was finished in April, the following spring.

*Oct. 28, 1908 - I started to build for Patton and I and J Patton hauled one load of hay and I took 8 posts over to Patton's and some wire. . . Nov. 6, 1908 - We took the lumber over to the house and propped them up and Patton plastered the cellar. . . Dec. 5, 1908 - I went over and helped put up the rafters and helped Patton on his house. . . Dec. 28, 1908 - I went over to Pattons and put on the shingles and window stops. . . Feb. 4, 1909 - I helped Patton putting down his pump. . . April 17, 1909 - I went over to plaster for Patton and got all through inside and one side outside.<sup>7</sup>*

The obituary of Elizabeth Seslar indicate that Maggie and John were still living in Northport at the time of her death in 1913. They appear again in 1920 in Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa. John was employed again as a house painter and sons Clarence and Jesse were still living with their parents. Clarence was single and Jesse had married Nellie M. (unknown) and had two

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daughters, Evelyn P. and Margarite.<sup>8</sup> Information about the deaths of Maggie and John has not been found.

### Generation 5.5 End Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Last words of Crowfoot, a Blackfoot warrior and orator, 1890.
- <sup>2</sup> Thomas M. Seslar and Elizabeth M. Seslar family bible, "Mary Maget Seslar was borned June the, 19, 1860."
- <sup>3</sup> US Census 1880, T9-1001, page 258A, Bloomington, Clinton County, Ohio.
- <sup>4</sup> US Census 1900, T623-1236, page 15B, enumeration 10, North Summit Street, Lima, Allen County, Ohio. Note: This Census records Jessie as a daughter. The 1920 Census records a married son, Jesse of the same age.
- <sup>5</sup> US Census 1910, T624-852, enumeration 194, sheet 3, line 75, Camp Clarke Township, Morrill County, Nebraska.
- <sup>6</sup> Day journal, March 6, 1907 to April 20, 1910, of John Baldwin<sup>5</sup> Seslar (*Thomas Martin<sup>4</sup> Sesler, Jane<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). In possession of Kathleen Laverne<sup>7</sup> Mount (Ruf) (*Bertha Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, John Baldwin<sup>5</sup>, Thomas Martin<sup>4</sup> Seslar, Jane<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) as of 2002.
- <sup>7</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>8</sup> US Census 1920, T625-496, page 7A, enumeration 32, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.