

A Timeline:
Susanna (*nee* Wilkerson) Dickinson Williams Herring Bellows Hannig

- ??, 1808 Almeron Dickenson is born in Pennsylvania
- February ??, 1814 Susanna Wilkerson is born in Hardeman County, at Bolivar, Tennessee
- April 15, 1825 Empresario Green C. DeWitt's petition for a land grant to establish a colony in Texas was approved by the Mexican government
- Late 1827 Permanent settlement of the Gonzales townsite surveyed by James Kerr
- May 24, 1829 Susanna Wilkerson (age 15?) marries Almeron Dickinson (age ~21?)
- February 20, 1831 Dickinsons relocate to Gonzales in the Green DeWitt Colony
- June 14, 1834 Joseph William Hannig is born in Selesia, Germany
- December 15, 1834 Angelina Elizabeth Dickinson (*Babe of the Alamo*) is born in Gonzales to Susanna and Almeron
- October 2, 1835 Almeron participates in the Battle of Gonzales, as one of the “Old Eighteen”
- October 13, 1835 Men break camp in Gonzales to deliver their cannon to San Antonio to join the Siege of Bexar
- November, 1835 Depredations in Gonzales cause Almeron to relocate Susanna and Angelina to San Antonio into the home of Ramón and Francesca de Castañeda Musquiz, a fellow Mason
- November 14, 1835 Sam Houston accepts leadership of the Texian army, following Stephen F. Austin's resignation
- December 10, 1835 Siege of Bexar ends with the agreement by Gen. Martín Perfecto de Cos to withdraw the Mexican forces
- February 23, 1835 As the army of Santa Anna advances, Almeron brings his family into the Alamo compound; Col. William Barrett Travis and his band arrive and the 13-day siege begins
- March 2, 1836 The Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico is signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos
- March 6, 1836 Susanna (age 22) is widowed as the Alamo falls and Almeron Dickinson dies; as the *Messenger of the Alamo*, she is dispatched by Santa Anna with his letter to Gen. Sam Houston demanding capitulation
- March 11, 1836 Houston and his Texians join the camp of volunteers at Gonzales, 76 miles from San Antonio
- March 15, 1836 Gen. Sam Houston, camped in Navidad, receives the message conveyed by this *Messenger of the Alamo*, and begins the “Runaway Scrape”
- late March, 1836 Susanna and Angelina stops at the home of Sarah Nash Bruno, having joined the Brunos in stopping at Nash Creek before their return to Gonzales; Susanna meets Pamela Mann on the road driving her oxen
- April 21, 1836 The decisive Battle of San Jacinto, leading ultimately to victory by the Texians and

independence from Mexico

- October 18, 1836 In Houston, Susannah appeared among the many widows and veterans applying to the Congress of the Republic for aid, back-pay and bounty land, her petition amounting to \$500; Susanna and Angelina are probably staying with and working for Pamela Mann at her boarding house
- December 18, 1836 Harrisburg (soon to be Houston) is designated the site of the new Capital
- Early 1837 Pamela Mann and family open the Mansion House Hotel
- ???, 1837 Susanna takes up with John A. Parker, an “unsavory character” who lived near Harrisburg, rumored to have pimped her out as well as using her for his own pleasure.
- May 18, 1837 President Sam Houston and Secretary of War William S. Fisher furlough the Army of the Republic of Texas, unleashing a rabble of some 1,400 men; some U.S. citizens would return there, but many could not, flocking to the emerging town of Houston
- June 5, 1837 Houston (formerly Harrisburg) incorporated as a city
- June ??, 1837 Free of Parker, Susanna moves to Houston to cohabit with John Williams
- November 27, 1837 Susanna (age 23) marries John R. Williams (age ~35?) in Houston
- March 24, 1838 Susanna (age 24) divorces Williams in Harris County in light of his drunken cruelty and abuse
- December 20, 1838 Susanna (age 24) marries drayman and water carrier Francis P. Herring (age ??) in Houston
- January, 1839 Newly-elected President Mirabeau B. Lamar appoints a special commission to select a new site for the capital, the town of Waterloo, renamed Austin
- August 1, 1839 Susanna and Angelina jointly receive 640 acres from the Republic
- December 27, 1839 The City of Austin is chartered by act of the Fourth Texas Congress
- September 15, 1843 Susanna (age 29) is widowed by the death of Herring in Houston
- February 16, 1846 The end of the Republic of Texas, Texas having been annexed in 1845 by the United States of America to become the 28th state
- December 15, 1847 Susanna (age 33) marries Peter Bellows (age ~37) in Houston, in a service performed by Episcopal Rev. Charles Gillette
- ???, 1949 Susanna attends a sermon by Dr. Rufus Burleson of the First Baptist Church of Houston, and comes forward among the 1,500 crowded on the banks of Buffalo Bayou to be baptized; later recalled by the cleric as working tirelessly during the cholera epidemic
- July 8, 1851 Angelina (age 17) marries John Maynard Griffith (age 23)
- May 13, 1853 Almeron Dickinson Griffith is born, on a farm near Houston
- early 1854 Susanna (age 40) leaves Bellows
- March 28, 1854 Susanna is designated agent for the heirs to the estate of Almeron Dickinson – Peter Bellows, Angelina Griffith and John M. Griffith

January 13, 1855 Susanna Arabella (Susie) Griffith is born

June, 1855 Long after dissolution of the Republic, Susanna and Angelina are jointly deeded 1920 acres in Clay County (Witchita Falls)

September 20, 1856 Susanna sells the Dickinson League in Caldwell County to John S. McKean

October 10, 1856 Susanna purchases two lots in Lockhart

< June, 1857 Susanna relocates to Lockhart, relying on her knowledge of cooking to set up a boarding house

June 15, 1857 Bellows' petition for divorce from Susanna (age 43) goes uncontested and is granted in Houston

December 9, 1857 In Lockhart, Susanna (age 43) marries Joseph William Hannig (age 22), native of Selesia, Germany, who had emigrated six years earlier

December, 1857 Joseph Griffith is born, named to honor Joseph Hannig

???, 1858? Angelina leaves Griffith to resettle in New Orleans; eldest child Almeron (age 4) goes to his uncle Joshua Griffith; younger siblings Susie (age 2) and Joseph (age <1) go to be raised by their grandmother Susanna

March ?, 1858 The Hannigs, and their adopted children, move to Austin; Joseph Hannig enters the furniture business with Susanna's capital, and the business and the family prosper in emerging Austin Society

???, 1862 Susanna attends a revival service conducted by the Rev. W. W. Harris and visiting Dr. Rufus Burleson, who recalled her from their 1849 encounter, this occasion marking a renewal of her faith

???, 1864 Angelina Dickinson Griffith (age 30) marries Oscar Holmes (age 21) in New Orleans

September 6, 1865 Sallie Holmes is born to Angelina and Oscar Holmes

???, 1866? Angelina deserts her husband and daughter to return to the life of a courtesan

???, 1867 Angelina moves to Galveston, where she assists with the care of plague victims there; she takes up with one Jim Britton, and goes by the name, Emma (Em) Britton – although there is no evidence of a formal marriage

July ?, 1869 Angelina Dickinson Griffith Holmes (Emma Britton), age 35, dies of a uterine hemorrhage, likely a botched abortion

October 7, 1883 Susanna dies at age 68 in Austin, buried in Oakwood Cemetery

???, 1884 Joseph Hannig (age 50) in San Antonio marries Louisa Staacke (age 26)

June 6, 1890 Joseph Hannig dies at age 56 (in San Antonio), choosing to be buried next to Susanna at Oakwood Cemetery in Austin

March 2, 1949 Due to efforts initiated by E. A. Masur of Lockhart, a nephew of Hannig, the State of Texas unveils a slab of white marble covering their Oakwood grave

March 6, 1976 A granite marker commemorating Susanna's life is dedicated in the Texas State Cemetery