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Martin Putman

Marshall & Morgan Counties Alabama

Martin is a son of Thomas Putman of North Carolina. Martin was born in 1806 in York County, South Carolina while his folks spent a few years across the border. He married Mahulda or Huldy Parker in 1829 and was in the 1830 census of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

In 1835 or 1836 he headed south into Marshall County, Alabama. His son Thomas was born there in 1837. He was first ordained as a minister at the Salem Church in Marshall County in 1837 by the Rev. Bazel Roden. He was pastor of several Baptist Churches and there are a great many references to him in a book, A History of the Primitive Baptists of Alabama by E. B. Watts.

He was in Marshall County in 1840, and where he remained until his death May 19, 1882. He was the Pastor at the Mount Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Martin was both a Baptist preacher and a blacksmith, and good at both professions.

Muhulda died in October 1869 of Puerperal Fever. Martin was shown as a widower in 1870.

It then seems he married two more times. He married Jane Basham on October 15, 1871. She died and he married her sister Dorcas Basham on January 15, 1880.

By 1850 he had ten children and had one more in 1853. The following is the best I can work out on the children of Martin and Huldy Putman.

NANCY PUTMAN born in 1830. She doesn't seem to have married. She was at home in 1850 through 1880.

FRANCES PUTMAN born in 1832. She married Samuel Smith in Morgan County on August 12, 1855. Their children were:

Samuel M. Smith born in 1856. He married Minta Lucinda Lawrence in Blount County.

William Thomas Smith born March 1859. He married Sallie Smith August 29, 1886.

Hulda Elizabeth Smith born in 1861. She married Josiah Keller October 28, 1877.

Nancy J. Smith born in 1865. She married John L. Mentzer.

Martha 'Mattie' A. Smith born February 1872. She married John A. Keller on February 19, 1893.

JAMES WINSTON PUTMAN born in North Carolina on January of 1834. In 1880 he was in Marshall County, Alabama and was married to Elizabeth Guire on June 1, 1853 in Morgan County. He too was a Baptist Preacher and followed his father at several churches. He was ordained in 1880. He moved to Cullman, Alabama in 1889. Their children were:

John H. Putman born in 1854.

Huldah Jane Putman born 1858. She married James Trice on November 11, 1880.

Martha Joanna Putman born January 14, 1859. She married William H. Bodine September 9, 1880. They moved to Texas.

James Martin Putman born February 3, 1861. He is in Navarro County, Texas in 1900 and Jones County in 1910 through 1930. He married Elizabeth Ann Farris, daughter of the preacher, Champion Farris. Their children were:

Oscar G. Putman born in November 1885.

Beulah M. Putman born in January 1889.

Bessie A. Putman born in Alabama in November 1891.

Marcus Lee Putman born in Texas June 16, 1891 and died in Anson, Jones County May 28, 1968. He married Bertha White.

Roy Farris Putman born in Texas August 22, 1904. He had a wife Faye E. born April 18, 1904 and died January 18, 1992. Roy died September 23, 1989, both in Anson, Jones County.

Sarah Putman born 1864.

William Putman born 1865. Died as a child of meningitis.

Robert Putman born 1866.

George Putman born 1868.

Owen M. Putman born in April 1872. He is in Hill County, Texas married to Sallie Cavenor in 1900. There were no children yet.

Marcus Green Putman born in September 1874. He married Annie Weaver. They lived in Hill County, Texas in 1910 and 1920 and in Jones County in 1930. The children were:

Paul Putman born in 1901. His wife was Anna.

Owen Marcus Putman born in 1907. His wife was Margaret Foster.

Jennie Putman born in 1908.

Louise Putman born in 1910.

Henry White Putman born in 1914. His wife was Jan.

Robert Lee Putman born in 1918. He married Naomi Fitzgibbon.

James W. Putman moved to Texas and there married Mary Elizabeth Lindsey of Wichita Falls. They were in the 1900 census of Kaufman County, Texas. Children of this marriage were:

Lon Putman born in 1891. He married Willie Adams, and later Eleanor Mallard.

Benjamin Franklin Putman born in 1893. He married Minnie Hale Robertson. They were in Tillman County, Oklahoma in 1920.

Nomer Marion Putman born March 2, 1896. He married Octavia Zelphia Briscoe on November 19, 1916 here in Alabama. They were in Tillman County, Oklahoma in 1920 and back in Morgan County, Alabama in 1930. Nomer died in Houston, Texas in March 1975. Octavia was born October 1, 1899 and died in Channelview, Texas January 21, 1990. As of the 1930 they had:

Mahlon Putman born in AL in 1918.

Clifton Clovis Putman born in AL in 1919.

Avis B. Putman another son born in OK in 1923.

Jesse James Putman born July 20, 1901. He married Vera Humphries. In 1920 he was with his brother Nomer in Oklahoma.

Lessie Putman a twin of Jesse born July 20, 1901 and died August 25, 1966. She married Claude Arden Briscoe. He was born January 30, 1892 and died June 7, 1970. These dates are from their headstones.

THOMAS PUTMAN born in 1837.

SARAH JANE PUTMAN born in 1839. She married Jesse Young July 28, 1861.

SUSAN PUTMAN born in 1841.

JOSEPH F. PUTMAN born in 1845. He is at home through 1860 and missing in 1870, possibly a casualty of the Civil War. Not certain.

WILLIAM THOMAS PUTMAN born in 1845. He married Manilla Aldridge in Blount County on October 7, 1867. They were in Marshall County, Alabama in 1870. In 1880, they were in Tippah County, Mississippi, with their son Samuel. They didn't remain in Mississippi very long. Sam was born in Alabama in 1879 and the next child was born in Alabama in 1884. It appears both parents died, because their three children were shown as nieces and nephew with Martin Marion Putman's family in 1900 back in Marshall County, Alabama. The children were:

Samuel Marcus Putman born August 1, 1879. He married Etta Lavonia Green. They were in the 1910 census of Marshall County, but I don't find them in 1920 but they are there in 1930. Their children were:

William Coy Putman born October 5, 1901 and died November 24, 1973. He married Lillie Mae Putnam, a cousin.

Junior B. Putman born March 28, 1905 and died in Etowah County, Alabama on January 19, 1977.

Lonnie Dillard Putman born in 1907. He married Johnnie Mae Bates and died in 1940.

Kermit Putman born July 8, 1914 and died April 14, 1957.

Afton Putman born in 1920 and died in 1989.

Edna M. Putman born in 1884. She married a Hendricks.

Mary Josephine Putman born February 17, 1887. She married Mack Thrower. She died July 6, 1962.

JOHN G. PUTMAN born in December 1848. In 1880 in Marshall County, Alabama, his wife was Patia A. In 1900, they were in Burleson County, Texas and they had these five children. In 1910 he was in Cross County, Arkansas and in 1920 in Crittenden County, Arkansas. In 1920 he was 71 and Patia 65. The kids were:

Louella or Lula F. Putman born November 1879.

Martin Emmet Putman born July 24, 1881. I don't find him in 1910, but in 1920 he is married to a gal named Annie from Mississippi and is in Phillips County, Arkansas not too far from where his folks were.

Ernest Jackson Putman born in August 28, 1883. In 1920 he is still at home but now has a wife named Vivian and same in 1930. He was a Deputy Sheriff and died in Earl, Crittenden County September 26, 1935.

Mary C. Putman born in September 1888. She married a McBride in Arkansas in about 1908. She was back with her folks in 1920 with two daughters, Marie and Ernestine McBride.

Mabel C. Putman born in Texas in August 1895. She was home in 1910 and gone by 1920.

MARTIN MARION PUTMAN born April 9, 1850. He married Mary E. Mabry on August 31, 1879. He remained in Marshall County through at least the 1920 Census. There were three children listed in 1900 with this family. They were listed as nephews and nieces, and were the children of William and Manilla. I do not believe they had any children of their own. He died April 21, 1922.

CHAMPION FARRIS PUTNAM born September 18, 1852. He married Louisiana (Lucy) McLendon Roberts on August 15, 1872, and in 1880 they were in Marshall County, Alabama and in 1900 they were in Webster County, Mississippi. He was named after a Minister who preached with Martin in Alabama where Reverends Farris and Putman served in the same church. Champ died in Eupora, Webster County, Mississippi on January 4, 1927. Their children were:

Dewitt C. (Clinton ?) Putnam born in 1874. He died August 10, 1945 in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Hulda E. Putnam born in 1875. She married William Byrd.

Elmore Tilden Putnam born October 24, 1877. He married Susan Carrie Vaughn in Mississippi on October 30, 1898.

Frances Minila Putnam born 1878. She died in Lawrence County, Alabama in 1889.

Martin Chapman Putnam born November 28, 1879. He died in Marshall County in 1922.

Emmet Putnam born in July 1881.

William Thomas Putnam born June 22, 1883. He married Carrie Lee Miles on January 25, 1905. He died in Webster County, Mississippi March 5, 1973.

Joseph Franklin Putnam born March 12, 1885. He married Mary Jones in 1900. Mary died May 30, 1907. Joe then returned to Lawrence County, Alabama and there married Daisy Benifield in January of 1908. There were two children in the first marriage, born in Webster County, Mississippi, and eight children in the second all born in Alabama. Daisy died in Lawrence County, Alabama on September 16, 1921. On Christmas Eve of 1922, Joe married Birdie Ethel Corum and they were married over fifty years. They lived in Danville, Alabama and later lived with his daughter in Floyd County, Georgia. Birdie died May 10, 1974 and Joseph died in Lindale, Floyd County, Georgia on February 22, 1978 just before his ninety-third birthday. The children were:

Jerome Putnam born August 15, 1902 in Mississippi. He died June 5, 1903.

Lillie Mae Putnam born in Mississippi June 6, 1903. She married Bert Brown in Lawrence County, Alabama on June 4, 1922 and she died in Etowah County on May 22, 1983.

Edna Earl Putnam born in Lawrence County in December 1908. She died in October 1917.

Lucy Putnam born January 29, 1910 in Lawrence County. She married William D. Pearson on October 13, 1928 in Morgan County.

Travis Francis Putnam born in Morgan County on April 5, 1911. He married Lula Brown in Georgia on July 24, 1949.

Edgar Putnam born August 14, 1914. He married Lorena Strickland in Etowah County, Alabama on February 1, 1933. He died in Etowah County on September 8, 1974.

Curtis Putnam born in Lawrence County in November 1917. He first married Viva Jane Slaton in Marshall County in June 1936. After her death he married Dorothy Mix. Curtis died in Etowah County in 1986.

Robert Putnam born May 13, 1918. He married Lila Simpson on August 5, 1933 in Etowa County, Alabama.

Jeanetta Putnam born in December 1, 1919. She married Robert Wilson.

J. D. Putnam a son born in September 1921 and died the next year in May 1922.

Edith Earline Putnam born October 10, 1923. She married Coleman Lambert December 4, 1944. She died in Cave Springs, Georgia on November 18, 1996.

Willie Mae Putnam born June 10, 1925. She married Robert Akins.

Fairy June Putnam born November 15, 1927. She married Henry Evans.

Birdie Jo Putnam born February 12, 1931. She married Gene Paxton.

Betty Lou Putnam born October 18, 1933. She married Dewey Shifleh.

George Washington Putnam born November 20, 1888.

Mary Elizabeth 'Molly' Putnam born in March 1890. She married John Armor and she died in Lawrence County, Alabama March 29, 1978.

The family of Champion Putnam is more fully covered in the section on **MISSISSIPPI PUTMANS**.