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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 October 25, 1858 and died June 13, 1887. She married

James Trice on November 11, 1880.

**Martha Joanna Putman** born January 14, 1859. She married William H. Bodine September 9, 1880. He was born in Marshall County Alabama June 1, 1863 and died in Colorado City, Texas February 15, 1925. They moved to Texas. Joanna died in Colorado City February 10, 1952. They had 11 kids.

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

**Oscar George Putman** born in November 1885. He married Ida May Powell, born July 22, 1886 and died in Navarro County May 9, 1912. I don't find them in 1910. In 1920 he is married to an Elizabeth and they are in Galveston. He is widowed there in 1930

**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 B. Putman** born June 3, 1870 and died in Waco, Texas September 24, 1918.

**Owen M. Putman** born in Alabama April 23, 1872. He is in Hill County, Texas married to Sallie Cavenor in 1900. He died there December 12, 1904. Sallie was born in Hill County December 23, 1877 and died there November 12, 1904. They had one son:

**Dudley Goodal Putnam** born August 12, 1902 and died in Hill County August 5, 1979. He married Willie Mae Griffin. She was born in Texas April 16, 1904 and died in Hill County March 19, 1995.

**Marcus Green Putnam** born September 21, 1874. He married Annie Weaver. They lived in Hill County, Texas in 1910 and 1920 and in Jones County in 1930. He died in Denton Texas February 14, 1937. The children were:

**Paul Putnam** born in 1901. His wife was Anna.

**James Weaver Putnam** born February 1, 1905 and died in Garland, Texas February 20, 1967.

**Owen Marcus Putman** born November 1, 1906 and died in Dallas February 19, 1965. 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:

**Lonnie Putman** born in 1891. He married Willie Adams, and later Eleanor Mallard. I only know of one child.

**Clovis W. Putman** born July 10, 1913 and died in Richardson Texas March 25, 1993. In 1920 Clovis shows up at age 7 living with Earl Adams a brother I guess of Willie and then in 1930 he is still in Johnson County with Charles Adams. There is a death record for Mildred Lois Pollard born December 5, 1914 and died July 1, 1932 in Johnson County. Her husband is listed as C. W. Putnam. I assume this was

a first wife.

**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, 1895. 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. At that point they had:

**Mahlon Putman** born in AL in 1918.

**Clifton Clovis Putman** born in AL in 1919.

**Avis Boyd Putman** another son born July 22, 1922 in Frederick, Oklahoma and will die in the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1942.

**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 and died young.

**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, 1878. He married Etta Lavonia Green. They were in the 1910 census of Marshall County through 1930. He died there March 16, 1931. Etta was a daughter of John P. and Harriet J. Green and was born September 7, 1883 and died there in Marshall County May 12, 1961. Their children were:

**William Coy Putman** born October 5, 1901 and died November 24, 1973. He married Lilla Mae Putnam, a cousin. She was born April 28, 1905 and died in Arab October 13, 1958.

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

**Lonnie Dillard Putman** born February 23, 1907. He married Johnnie Mae Bates July 31, 1940. She was born November 24, 1908 and died in Arab, Marshall County March 10, 1991. He died there in October 1967. They had a son:

**Lonnie Thad Putman** born January 18, 1942 and died August 12, 1994 in Arab, Marshall County.

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

**Samuel Afton Putman** born May 18, 1920 and died September 12, 1989.

**Edna M. Putman** born January 20, 1884 and died in Morgan County Alabama September 16, 1954. She married David Owen Hendrix about 1902. He was a son of Joel and Cordelia Hendrix and was born in Alabama October 21, 1880 and died in

Decatur, Morgan County in November 1929. They were in Texas in 1910 and back in Morgan County Alabama by 1920. They had these kids:

**Dewey P. Hendrix** born May 10, 1903 and died in Hartselle, Alabama in July 1981. His wife was Vera.

**Chloe Cordelia Hendrix** born June 28, 1905 and died in Laguna Beach, California on April 19, 1996. She married Ira Irvin Marion.

**Gertis Houston Hendrix** born December 20, 1907 and died February 20, 1958 in Morgan County. His wife was Edith.

**Laura A. Hendrix** born in Texas about 1910.

**Lois M. Hendrix** born in Texas about 1912.

**Clara B. Hendrix** born in Texas February 5, 1915 and died in Boaz, Marshall County Alabama on October 23, 1994.

**Opal J. Hendrix** born back in Alabama in 1916.

**Burnice C. Hendrix** a son born August 19, 1919 in Alabama and died in San Juan Capistrano, California March 31, 2003.

**Frank W. Hendrix** born about 1921.

**Luther D. Hendrix** born February 23, 1924 and died in Decatur, Morgan County August 6, 2003.

**Louis Roy Hendrix** born February 15, 1926 and died in Alabama September 7, 1998.

**Mary Josephine Putman** born February 17, 1887. She married Hillard Mack Thrower. He was born September 6, 1882 and died February 22, 1946. She died July 6, 1962.

They had five children:

**Marcus D. Thrower** born in Marshall County Alabama May 11, 1904 and died in Oneonta, Blount County June 7, 1975. He married Dolly A. Millwood.

**Aubra Thrower** a son born about 1911.

**Jewell L. Thrower** a daughter born about 1916.

**Edna E. Thrower** born about 1917.

**Hillard C. Thrower** born in Alabama August 5, 1921 and died in Walker County Georgia May 19, 2004.

**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. Patia was widowed there in 1930. 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. He was deputy sheriff and died in Earle, Crittenden County Arkansas 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 Etowah 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 Davis Armor and she died in Lawrence County, Alabama March 29, 1978. He was born in Alabama October 6, 1889 and died in Lawrence County in June 1971.

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