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Thomas Monroe Putman of Cherokee County Alabama

Thomas was a son of Hiram Putman and Loamy Mercer. He was born in 1818 in Tompkinsville, Monroe County, Kentucky. He moved with his family to Hamilton County, Tennessee in the late 1820s and was at home in 1830. He married Mary 'Polly' Richmond in late 1838. Polly was only 14 at the time. She was born in 1824, a daughter of John and Martha Richmond.

Thomas went into Northeast Alabama during the gold rush into the area and settled in Arbacoochee. The first two children were born there. I have no idea if he found gold or not, but he tried.

The family was in the 1840 census of Randolph County, Alabama. They had one daughter, Martha born in 1839 shown in that census. Then about 1841, they had a son, John, and it was about then that Mary died, possibly in childbirth. The two young children were taken in by Mary's mother and the rest of her family. Martha and John are shown with the Richmonds in the 1850 and 1860 census of Bradley County, Tennessee.

Thomas Monroe then married Martha Jane Thomas in about 1843 in Benton County, Alabama. Martha was born about 1827 in South Carolina.

He is in Benton County, Alabama in the 1850 census with his wife Martha Jane and two children. In 1860 they were in Cherokee County, Alabama with Sarah, Silas, James, Thomas and Hattie. In 1880, Martha is shown as a widow in Cherokee County with Thomas, George, William and Mary at home. I have a record that Thomas Putman died December 16, 1872 in Cherokee County, Alabama.

In 1900, Martha is 70 and living alone near her children.

The children in the first marriage with Mary Richmond were:

MARTHA LOU AMY PUTMAN born August 4, 1839 in Randolph County, Alabama. She married Isaac Washington Richmond, a cousin, on November 23, 1867. They lived in Borden Springs, Cleburne County, Alabama and later moved in about 1890 to Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas where she died on January 18, 1916. Isaac was born December 2, 1838 in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee and died in Scott County on July 19, 1920. Their children were:

Alice Josephine Richmond born November 13, 1868 in Cleveland County, Tennessee and died January 1, 1926. She married John Hiram Wheeler.

Thomas Gilbert Richmond born April 6, 1870 in Cleveland County. He died October 3, 1935. He married Emma Roach.

Lillian Richmond who married Albert C. Gaines.

Martha Belle Richmond born in Borden Springs, Alabama. She married George McLemore.

Mary Jane Richmond born July 28, 1877 in Borden Springs. She married James Alonzo Travis in 1894.

Isaac C. Richmond born November 24, 1879 and died November 11, 1932. He married Maude Bottoms in 1903.

JOHN PUTMAN born about 1841 in Randolph County, Alabama. John died of a complication of measles during the Civil War in about 1862. He never married.

Children of Thomas Monroe and Martha Thomas Putman were:

SARAH ELIZABETH PUTMAN born in 1845. She married a Silas Henson or Hanson. They lived in Cleburne County, Alabama.

SILAS CASS PUTMAN born in 1849. Silas Cass married Nancy Meadows on January 3, 1869. They were in Cleburne County, Alabama in 1880. Nancy died in the 1890s. In 1900 he was still in Cleburne County, but had married Margaret 'Mary' Hester Wheeler, the widow of Jeffery Palmer in about 1895. Silas died September 9, 1916. Silas' children were:

James Putman born July 1869 not in the 1880 census.

Martha Texana Putman born December 28, 1871. She married William Thomas Stephenson in 1891. She died in Cleburne County December 28, 1953.

Thomas Monroe Putman born May 6, 1876 and died July 18, 1934. He married Lettie Ollie Williams in Cherokee County, Alabama on August 22, 1896. She was born February 16, 1878 and died May 25, 1950. They were in Calhoun County, Alabama in 1900 with her and two children. Then they were in Haralson County, Georgia in 1910 and in 1920, and back in Calhoun County by 1930. From a family group sheet, the children were:

William David Putman born August 22, 1897, died January 1967 in Cleburne County. He married Violet Morgan. They were married in 1923 and were in Cleburne County with two kids in 1930.

Annie May Putman born June 6, 1899 and died December 28, 1961. She had polio and never married.

Mattie Estelle Putman born December 9, 1901. She married Didd Lee Hoskins. She died in Cleburne County July 30, 1965.

Norma Emily Putman born July 5, 1905. She married Brice Hammett on June 28, 1928. She died April 4, 1991.

Bessie Paralee Putman born July 9, 1909 and died May 29, 1929.

Ethelene Putman born September 9, 1912. She married Nunnely Coogler. She died in Cleburne County November 9, 1988.

Flora Maude Putman born April 27, 1915, died March 9, 1990. She married L. B. Cook in Cleburne County.

Volyer Claude Putman born April 27, 1915, a twin of Flora. He died February 28, 1986 in Cleburne County.

William Silas Putman born in July 1880. He married Elizabeth Williams in Cherokee County January 3, 1897 and was with her in Calhoun County, Alabama in 1900. She died and he married Fannie Wilson Stephenson on August 17, 1902. He died January 1, 1916. Fannie then married Charles Ayers and were in Calhoun County in 1920 with her children. Charley later deserted her and the kids. Fannie and the kids are in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1930. The children were:

Julia B. Putman born in March 1898.

Robert Dewey Putman born August 29, 1900.

William Roosevelt Putman born July 26, 1904 and died February 9, 1981. He married Lavada McGuffey February 22, 1928. As of 1930, they had two daughters.

Burney Lewis Putman born April 30, 1910 and died July 1, 1971.

G. Alexander Putman born April 1898.

Jessie A. Putman born in 1900 and died in 1987 in Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Alabama. She married James Oliver Wilson (1902-1977). Their children were:

Evelyn Wilson

Earl Eugene Wilson

James F. Wilson

Nellie M. Putman born May 26, 1906 and died January 17, 1981. She married three times; to a Hammett and had one son **Clay Hammett**, then to a Green and then to George Buchanan. There were no children in the last two marriages.

Nancy Putman born in 1907.

JAMES HIRAM PUTMAN born in 1849-1850. In 1880 he is in Cherokee County, Alabama with a wife named Anne Elizabeth. They were in Cleburne County, Alabama in 1900 through 1920. The Children to that date were:

Monroe W. 'Manse' Putman born in May 1873. In 1900 in Cleburne County, his wife is Betty E. and they have three children. In 1920 they were in Calhoun County. Kids were:

James E. Putman born in October 1891. He is married in Birmingham in 1930.

Bluford Monroe Putman born March 1, 1894. He married Maggie Henson, daughter of James Henson and Minnie Martin. They must have gotten a divorce as he was at home with his folks in Calhoun County in 1920 and Minnie was back with her folks in Cleburne County. She had their son Leonard 4 AL with her. She then married William Talley (second marriage for both) and they were in Birmingham in 1930 along with Leonard. The son was:

Leonard Putman born July 13, 1915 and died January 27, 1994.

Minnie M. Putman born in December 1896.

Wright J. Putman born in 1906.

Christine Putman born in 1914.

Mary Frances Putman born in 1877. She married Robert L. Boatner September 18, 1892.

Margaret Putman born in 1879.

Elizabeth Putman born in 1886.

ISAAC THOMAS PUTMAN born August 11, 1856 and died in Fulton County, Georgia in April 1925. In 1900 and 1910 he is in Cleburne County, Alabama at age 43, his wife is Mary Susan Wheeler, born March 26, 1865 and died October 7, 1928 also in Fulton County. They are there through 1920. They have these children:

William Howard Putman born April 28, 1886. He married Ruth P. Waits. She was born January 13, 1890 and died in childbirth February 23, 1912. They had:

Thurston P. Putman born December 30, 1906 and died September 3, 1998. In 1930 he is in Atlanta, Georgia just married to Louise White from there.

Geneva Putman born July 13, 1908 and died September 1, 1909.

Mary Jane Putman born in 1910.

Olde Putman born and died in February 1912.

John Campbell Putman born May 24, 1888. He married a cousin, Sarah Willie Putman daughter of George Elza Putman (listing coming up soon). He died of the Flu February 5, 1919. Sarah was back home with her dad in 1920 with these children:

Edna Marie Putman born January 16, 1912 and died February 27, 1979. She married Arthur Goldchrist, born October 31, 1910 and died January 9, 1970.

Geneive 'Jennie' V. Putman born February 2, 1914 and died June 25, 1978.

J. C. Putman born August 28, 1916. He married Helen Cohee and after her death in 1978, married Marie Maddera.

George Elza Putman born March 8, 1919. He remained single until April 5, 1974 when he married a cousin Lillian Putnam in Piedmont.

Monroe Anderson Putman born January 1, 1893. In 1920 he has a wife named Minnie Rowell, born 1894 and died 1944, and two children. In 1930 they were in Atlanta, Georgia with more kids. He died June 25, 1972.

Daughter Putman born and died in 1915.

Monroe Putman Junior born December 20, 1916 and died April 18, 2004.

Evelyn Putman a daughter born in March 1919.

John E. Putman born in 1921.

James Isaac Putman born in 1926.

Robert R. Putman born in 1930.

Lula Mae Putman born October 4, 1895. She married Willard Wall. She died March 27, 1981 in Atlanta.

Byron Eugene Putman born November 11, 1897. He married Lou Head, born May 17, 1903. They were in Cleburne County in 1920 and Calhoun County in 1930. He died June 25, 1977 in Atlanta. Their children were:

Lillian Putman born May 14, 1922.

Howard Hilton Putman born December 8, 1926. He married Nancy Davis.

Patty Sue Putman born August 19, 1936.

Thomas Newton Putman born October 15, 1900. He married Tracy DeRossett in about 1922-23. He died in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee in September 1968. Tracy was born in Cumberland County Tennessee April 28, 1900 and died in Chattanooga, Tennessee April 18, 1982. Here is part of their obituaries. 'While Newt was working as a bookkeeper at the Atlanta Clearing House processing bank checks, he met Tracy. She was a daughter of Zachariah DeRossett and Martha Dorton. After her mother died, Tracy was placed in a foster home in Lula, Georgia where she lived until about age 20. She maintained life-long contacts with her foster family. In the early 1920s, she moved to Atlanta, working at the Atlanta Clearing House. There she met Newt Putnam whom she married about 1923. In the late 1920s, Tracy worked as a sales clerk at Sears Roebuck & Co in Atlanta They were married about 1923. In the late 1920s, he worked as a salesman at various furniture stores in Atlanta. During the mid-1930s, Newt and Tracy lived in Barnwell, South Carolina, where they operated a furniture store. About 1940, they moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where Newt was a partner in the Lea & Putnam Furniture Store. In the mid-1960s, after Tracy's brother-in-law, Nick Burgess, died, Tracy and Newt moved to Nashville to live with her sister, Jessie DeRossett Burgess. Newt and Tracy had no children.'

Anna Frances Putman born October 28, 1904. She married John Clarence Fullerton in Atlanta in about 1934. In 1995 she was in a nursing home in Piedmont, Alabama.

HARRIETT (HATTIE) PUTMAN born in 1859.

GEORGE ELZA PUTMAN born February 4, 1861. He is in Cleburne County in 1900 through 1930 as well. He married Mary Ann Cooley about 1883. She was born June 9, 1859 and died August 9, 1933. In 1920 he was 58 and Mary Ann 60. George died October 28, 1933. Their children were:

A. Pearl Putman born in January 1885. She married William Alsobrook.

J. Burch Putman born January 2, 1887 and died March 10, 1910 in a fall in a mine in Birmingham, Alabama.

J. Milton Putman born February 11, 1889. He married Carrie Jarrels in Birmingham.

The children, all born in Birmingham, through 1920 were:

Pearl Putman born in 1911.

Verl Putman born in 1913.

Millie Putman born in 1915.

James Putman born in 1917.

Howard Putman born in August 1918.

Margaret Putman born in October 1919.

Sarah Willie Putman born March 12, 1891 and died April 6, 1962 in Piedmont, Calhoun County. She married John Campbell Putman, son of Isaac Thomas Putman.

The children were:

Edna Marie Putman born January 16, 1912 and died February 27, 1979. She married Arthur Goldchrist, born October 31, 1910 and died January 9, 1970.

Geneive 'Jennie' V. Putman born February 2, 1914 and died June 25, 1978.

John Campbell Putman, Junior born August 28, 1916. He married Helen Cohee and after her death in 1978, married Marie Maddera.

George E. Putman born March 8, 1919.

Millie Viola Putman born in May 1893. She died in Dalton, Georgia.

George Lee Putman a son born in December 1895. He married Della Boatner and was killed in World War I.

Charles L. Putman born December 20, 1897 and died January 8, 1958. He and the next two children were all living together in Birmingham, Jefferson County in the 1920 census. Probably all away at college. He married Pelle Miller.

Robert M. Putman born August 30, 1901 and died June 5, 1925.

Maude Putman born July 7, 1904. She married Henry Miller, and died in Polk County, Georgia January 23, 1984.

WILLIAM PUTMAN born in 1866.

MARY PUTMAN born in 1869.