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# BENNETT PUTMAN

## of Washington County Arkansas

Bennett Putman was a son of Reding Putman Senior. He was born in Fulton County, Illinois on December 16, 1825. Like the other children, he went to Arkansas with his parents, but he was gone by the 1850 census in Arkansas.

It seems he returned to Canton in Fulton County, Illinois in the 1840s, as he does appear in the 1850 Illinois Census along with his wife, Susannah M. Effner, who he married in Fulton County on March 10, 1846, and a young son, Reding, six months old. His occupation was listed as being a Physician. I also understand he was a minister or deacon of the Baptist Church.

He must have returned to Illinois in the mid 1840s. It was here in Fulton County that he married Susan. Young Reding was born in Illinois in 1849.

Bennett's wife Susan died sometime in the early 1850s and he remarried to Martha Ann 'Mattie' Burckhalter. They were married in Jasper County, Iowa on September 29, 1857. Mattie was a daughter of Cason and Jane Burckhalter, and was born in Indiana in 1837.

His son Douglas was born in Illinois in 1852. He was living in Iowa at least by 1857, as his third child, Fanny Ann was born in Iowa in that year.

He seems to then have moved back to Arkansas, as there was a Bennett Putman in Washington County, Arkansas in the Springdale area in the late 1860s. A Bennett F. Putman and the Reverend John Holcomb opened a general store in 1869. Later this Bennett Putman was the first postmaster in Springdale (1876-1879).

The Springdale Baptist Church was founded in 1870 and a B. Putman was listed as an Elder and then a Reverend. There was a Fanny A. Putman listed in the original congregation. Bennett Putman must have then returned to Washington County sometime in the mid 1860s.

The 1850 Illinois Census lists Bennett and a wife Susan with a 6 month old son Redding. There was a Reding Putman who married Dortha F. White in Washington County on July 13, 1871. If this is the same Reding, his age of 21 would be about right for marriage.

The 1860 Iowa census shows Bennett (listed as a physician) and his family living in Elk Creek Township of Jasper County. He is 34, his wife Martha Ann, 23 and born in Indiana. Reding was 10, Douglas 8 and Fanny A. was 3 years old. In this census both Douglas and Fanny are shown as being born in Iowa, but other records indicate Douglas was born in Illinois. I do not know for certain.

The 1870 Census of Clearwater Township, Washington County, Arkansas shows Bennett Putman, 44, born in Illinois, his wife, M.A. (Martha Ann), 34, born in Indiana, F.A. (Fanny Ann), 13, born in Iowa and Horace, 9 and born in Iowa as well.

Living next door to Bennett Putman is Douglas Putman age 18 and born in Illinois. His wife, M.J., was 23 and born in Arkansas. There is a marriage record of Douglas Putman marrying

Martha Milinix in 1869 in Washington County.

Also living next door in Clearwater is our old friend John Holcomb, age 72 from North Carolina and next to him, his son Joseph Holcomb, age 45. I next find him in the 1880 census of Rice County, Kansas with Martha and Horace, Effa and Alice at home. His son Douglas is in neighboring Marion County, Kansas with his family.

Based on census and other bits and pieces, his children seem to be:

**REDING PUTMAN** was born in Fulton County, Illinois in December 1848. He married Dorthea White in Washington County, Arkansas July 13, 1871. They were in Rice County, Kansas in 1880 with these four children. Reding then seems to have moved back to Arkansas and settled in Crawford County. There he married his second wife Charlotte T. Clark on June 11, 1893. Charlotte was born in Ohio in January 1843. They were in Lamar County, Texas in the 1900 Census, but some of his children were still in Arkansas in that 1900 census. In 1910 they are in Runnels County, Texas. In 1920 he and Charlotte are in Madison County, Arkansas at ages 70 and 76 living with their daughter Maggie White. The children I can figure out are:

**Maggie Lenora Putman** born in 1871 in Arkansas. She married James Monroe White February 26, 1888, and lived in Madison County, Arkansas. Her father and stepmother were with them in 1920 in Madison County, Arkansas. She died there in 1941, James in 1962.

**Bennett Franklin Putman** born November 5, 1873 in Arkansas. He married Cordellia Ezra in Crawford County, Arkansas on July 7, 1895. In 1900 through 1930, they are in Van Buren Township Crawford County with these children:

**Kenneth Putman** born May 29, 1897 and died in Van Buren in June 1986. In 1920 and 1930 he is married to an Eliza and they have:

**Celia Putman** born in 1917.

**James Putman** born in 1920.

**Virgil Putman** born in 1921.

**Agnes Putman** born in 1925.

**Leroy S. Putman** born July 31, 1928 and died February 14, 1996.

**Grady Putman** born December 19, 1900. He was home in 1920. Then got married to a May and they were divorced September 15, 1924. In 1930 he is married to Flora and is still in Van Buren. He and Flora were married in 1928. Flora was born May 2, 1905 and died in Van Buren in February 1985. He died in Van Buren Tuesday April 25, 1989. He owned the Putman IGA Grocery store for over 35 years.

**Clovie Putman** born in 1903.

**Lawrence Putman** born October 11, 1905 and died May 18, 1993. He was in Detroit, Michigan working with General Motors most of his life, and returned to Arkansas after retiring. His wife was Mollie who died in Detroit in 1974.

**Marie Putman** born in 1909.

**Ralph Putman** born March 11, 1913 and died in September 1986. His wife Odeen was born October 31, 1919 and died in December 1984.

**James Carl Putman** born in Arkansas in 1877. He married Nannie J. Henderson in Crawford County Arkansas November 8, 1900. They were in Sequoyah County Oklahoma in 1910, in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma in 1920, and in Eureka Springs, Carroll County Arkansas in 1930. They had these children:

**James Lawrence Putman** born in 1903 in Oklahoma. He married Ruby Moore in 1929 and in 1930 they were living with her parents, George and Gertrude Moore in

Eureka Springs, Carroll County Arkansas.

**Marlow Putman** born in 1905 in Oklahoma. He married Margaret MacDonald in Washington County on May 16, 1936.

**Margaret Putnam** a twin born in 1908 in Oklahoma.

**Irene Putman** born in 1911 in Oklahoma.

**Willie Edgar Putman** born in Kansas December 28, 1879 and died in Mounds, Creek County Oklahoma August 9, 1966. In 1900 he is living with his brother Bennett in Crawford County, Arkansas. In 1920 and 1930, he is in Mounds, Creek County Oklahoma with a wife named Bessie Lee, born in Texas February 12, 1887 and died in Creek County Oklahoma June 1, 1932, and these children:

**Hilda Putman** born in 1908 in Arkansas.

**Florence Putman** born in 1910 in Arkansas.

**Ruth Putman** born in 1913 in Arkansas.

**Helen Putman** born in 1915 in Arkansas.

**William 'Billie' Earl Putman** born in 1926 and died in 1937.

**Lloyd Putman** born in 1927.

**John Putman** (?) born in March 1881. I am listing him here as in 1900, I find him as being born in Arkansas and living with a William Clark in Cloud County, Kansas. It is *only* because of the Clark relationship that I put him here. Once again, he was born in that darn 'Black Hole' of 1880-1900.

**Ralph Putman** born in Kansas in 1882. In 1910 he is in Runnels County, Texas with a wife named Gertrude and these children:

**Jeter C. Putman** born in 1901 in Arkansas.

**Lola M. Putman** born in 1904 in Arkansas.

**Eldridge Putman** born in 1909 in Arkansas.

**Josie Putman** born in Arkansas in January 1888.

**Charles Putman** born in Arkansas October 11, 1991. In 1920, he is in Van Buren, Crawford County, Arkansas with a wife named Vera, born 1899 in Arkansas, and no children yet. I think Vera's last name is Brody. She was born in Van Buren a daughter of John and America Brody. No proof yet but it fits. I don't find either in 1930 yet.

**DOUGLAS PUTMAN** was born in about 1852 in Fulton County, Illinois, or possibly in Iowa when the family was there for a short period. He married Martha J. Milinix in Washington County, Arkansas December 26, 1869. In 1880, in Marion County, Kansas, he had four (probably five including Edward) children. He then appears in Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas where he married for the second time. He married Amanda Louisa Williamson on July 4, 1889. I can't locate the family in 1900, but they were in Oklahoma. In 1910 they are in Beaver County, Oklahoma with the four children of his second marriage. According to a descendant he left home quite often to search for gold, and was quite disliked by his family. In fact, when he died in 1914, they did not even have a funeral for him. Amanda was in Texas County with her son Horace in 1930. His children, the first four or likely five with Martha and the last four with Amanda, were:

**Rosa Putman** born 1870 in Arkansas. She married J. R. Coxsey in Carroll County on November 24, 1895.

**Cora Putman** born in 1872 in Arkansas.

**Lena Putman** born 1876 in Kansas.

**Maud Putman** born in Kansas in 1878. She married a Jasper, and moved to Texas.

**Edward or Edwin Putman** born in 1881 in Arkansas. He is listed in Beaver County, Oklahoma in 1900. In 1910 his dad is here and was here in 1900 although not indexed in Beaver County. Ed was killed in about 1900 by a falling tree in a storm. He was living with his uncle Horace and Electa Putman in Beaver County, Oklahoma

**Horace Madison Putman** born March 17, 1892 in Arkansas. He died of a heart attack in 1937 in Elkhart, Kansas. He never married.

**Wilbur Putman** born and died in 1893.

**Roxie Elizabeth Putman** born in 1894 in Arkansas. She married Frank Edwards. Their children were:

**Dorothy Edwards** born in 1914, and married John Kinchloe.

**Velma Edwards** born in 1916. She married a Grimes.

**Ray Edwards** born in 1918.

**Wanda Edwards** born about 1920.

**Charles Edwards** born in 1922. His wife was Marjorie.

**Harold Edwards** born in 1925. His wife was Leota.

**Forest Edwards** born in 1928.

**Altha Matilda Putman** born October 15, 1896 in Arkansas, and died January 21, 1989 in Wichita, Kansas. She married Bernard Austin Detwiler in Oklahoma on August 4, 1920. They lived in Pratt, Kansas. Their children were:

**Virgil Wilbur Detwiler** born September 7, 1921 in Follett, Texas. He married a Geneva about 1941, and they divorced in 1943. He then married Arra Belle Hyatt February 3, 1946 in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas.

**Nina Louise Detwiler** born October 1, 1922 in Follett, Texas. She married Roscoe Curtis Robison on November 10, 1944 in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. He was a Baptist Minister.

**Lowell Austin Detwiler** born November 7, 1924, and died November 23, 1924 in Pratt, Kansas.

**Ralph Edwin Detwiler** born October 7, 1927 in Pratt, Kansas. He married Barbara Lee Dale June 15, 1949 in Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma. He worked for Sun Oil Company.

**Nimrod Clifford Putman** born February 19, 1899 in Oklahoma. He died of diabetes in 1920.

**ROBERT F. PUTMAN** was born in Iowa in 1854. In 1880 he was in Union Township, Rice County, Kansas living next door to his sister Fanny and her family. He is also listed, still single, in the 1885 State census. I don't find him after that.

**FRANCES A. (FANNY) PUTMAN** was born in 1857 in Iowa. She married James W. Richard in the mid 1870s. In 1880, they were in Rice County, Kansas with a son:

**Bennett F. Richard** born in 1878 in Kansas.

**HORACE ELLSWORTH PUTMAN** was born in Iowa in 1859. In 1900, he is in Beaver County, Oklahoma. He has a wife named Electa F. In 1910 through 1930 they are in Guymon, Texas County Oklahoma. It appears there were never any children, as none were listed. He was a lawyer and then a Judge in Oklahoma. Electa was born in Nebraska in 1876 and died in Guymon in 1956. Horace died there in 1935.

**ELLA PUTMAN** born in Arkansas in 1871.

**ALLICE PUTMAN** born in Arkansas in 1871. Probably twins.