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The Putmans

of Pike, Montgomery & Polk County Arkansas

Ezekiel Putman, son of Barnet Putman, went to Hall County, Georgia with his brother Thomas. Ezekiel Putman and his family were covered in the section on GEORGIA PUTMANS. Ezekiel's son JACOB PUTMAN and Ezekiel's grandson ELIJAH COVINGTON PUTMAN, son of Elias Putman were in Pike County for the 1860 census. Elijah was there in 1870 and in Montgomery County, Arkansas in 1880. His children were in Montgomery and Polk Counties in 1900.

ELIJAH COVINGTON PUTMAN

Elijah was a son of Elias and Arletha Putman and a grandson of Ezekiel Putman. He was born in Hall County, Georgia on November 19, 1826.

He was first married in Floyd County, Georgia in 1849 to Mary Ellen Dodd, daughter of John Dodd and Charlotte Earle. Mary Ellen died in Georgia in 1857, and he moved to Arkansas in the late 1850s. Elijah and Mary Ellen had only three children, John, Hannah and William Putman, and possibly a Rebecca.

Elijah then married Melinda Millie White, born in Tennessee on November 29, 1837. Family tradition was that she was half Cherokee. He married here about 1859, and the children didn't like her it seems. A descendant has a photo of Melinda and she is definitely an Indian. They refused to return to Arkansas with their daddy. The kids moved in with their grandparents, the Dodds. Then to make matters worse, Elijah fought for the Union in the Civil War while in Arkansas. The children back home in Alabama were so devastated by the way they and the South were treated during the War that they never again had any contact with their father.

Elijah was a blacksmith by trade, like so very many other Putmans. The family was in the 1860 and 1870 census reports of Pike County, Arkansas and in Montgomery County, Arkansas in 1880.

Elijah Fought on the Union Side in the Civil War. He enlisted on November 19, 1863 at Benton, Arkansas. He was a private in the 4th Arkansas Cavalry. Elijah Covington Putman died near Camp Albert Pike in the Quachita National Forest, in Pike County, Arkansas on February 13, 1895 and is in one of the graves in the Putman Cemetery there. I have a photo of these stones. Malinda's tombstone reads born 1837 died 1895. She was born in Tennessee on November 29, 1837 and she died in Big Fork, Arkansas November 18, 1895.

The children, the first three by Mary Ellen, the rest by Millie, were:

HANNAH PUTMAN was born in Georgia in 1850. She died by 1860.

JOHN EZEKIEL PUTMAN was born in Gordon County Georgia on February 6, 1851. He died in Jolly, Newton County, Missouri on October 2, 1929. He moved with his family to Alabama for two years and there married Sarah Elizabeth Grimes. When his parents went to

Arkansas, he went on to Missouri and settled in Newton County and remained there all his life. He was living in Alabama during the Civil War and had a real hatred for the Yankees. His father fought for the Union and John never spoke to him again. More on this family is in the section on MISSOURI PUTMANS.

WILLIAM H. PUTMAN was born in Gordon County, Georgia on December 18, 1852. He married Elisa Jane Reynolds on March 27, 1870 in Montgomery County, Arkansas. Eliza was born in Floyd County, Georgia on January 8, 1854 and died December 8, 1925. She was a daughter of Middleton and Elizabeth Reynolds. They remained in Montgomery County. Bill died February 19, 1929. They had these children:

Martha M. Putman born March 7, 1871. Mattie married Joseph Grant Hooper on January 27, 1889. She died June 9, 1906. Joe was born in Arkansas in May 1869 and died after 1900. They had three children:

William Harrison Hopper born in January 1890 and died in 1960. He married Stella Mae Coffman. She was born in February 1894 and died in 1929.

Effie L. Hopper born in August 1892. She married John William Duke.

Frederick Hopper born November 8, 1894 and died in October 1964. He married Clida L. Duke.

John Middleton Putman born December 25, 1872. He died October 30, 1951. He never married.

Joseph W. Putman born December 5, 1874 and died June 13, 1878.

James W. Putman born May 14, 1877 and died May 8, 1883.

George A. Putman born April 6, 1879. He married Annie M. Coffman on April 29, 1900. Their children as of 1930 were:

Mary E. Putman born in 1901.

Herschel R. Putman born in 1907.

William Gilbert Putman born August 22, 1908 and died March 9, 1981. He married Grace O. Price on May 5, 1928. Grace was born August 16, 1909. They are on their own farm in Parks by 1930.

Mary Elizabeth Putman born June 27, 1881. She married Robert Littleton Davis on August 25, 1899.

Eunice Putman born April 15, 1884 in Jackson County, Texas. She married John H. Hopper on June 2, 1901 back in Montgomery County, Arkansas. She died November 10, 1918.

Ada Putman born in Montgomery County on May 25, 1887. She died April 27, 1971, and I don't think she ever married. She was single living with her brother John in 1930.

Lula Belle Putman born August 4, 1889, and died May 10, 1979. She was living with her sister Mittie in 1930.

Grace Esther (Mittie) Putman born March 22, 1894. She married Otis Rather on December 23, 1911. She died November 11, 1983. It is from her bible that this information comes from. Thanks, Mittie. They had one daughter:

Mildred Rather

REBECCA JANE PUTMAN born October 22, 1854. She married Roland Lumpkin Horton December 13, 1874 in Gordon County, Georgia. They lived in Floyd County, Georgia. She died there August 5, 1922, and he died there April 11, 1917. Their children were:

Walter DeColguitt Horton born September 8, 1875 and died August 21, 1954. He married Ellen Rebecca Davis December 19, 1899.

Brilla Estelle Horton born May 18, 1877 and died December 6, 1953. She married Macon Lee Jones November 26, 1901.

Ada Horton born in November 1879. She married Thomas F. Jones July 10, 1911.

Claude Horton born and died in 1880.

Roland George Horton born January 18, 1882 and died August 13, 1920. He married Eva Winters Terrell in 1911.

Hiram Glenn Horton born in December 1883. He married Minnie Davis January 21, 1903.

Floy Gertrude Horton born January 23, 1885 and died June 8, 1943. She married Seward Lewis Vaughan November 7, 1909.

Doyle O. Horton born November 18, 1887 and died November 22, 1970.

Eva Lois Horton born October 23, 1889 and died February 8, 1922. She married Oran Grady Davis December 22, 1916.

Dallas Turner Horton born November 1891. He married Annie McClesky.

Mary Rosalyn Horton born November 13, 1893 and died November 24, 1978. She married Mark Traven Johnston in 1915.

Annie Blanche Horton born September 3, 1895 and died October 8, 1981. She married Frank Bradley Ward November 28, 1915. She later married Herbert Miller.

Bernice V. Horton born October 1897 and died in August 1930. She married Peter Torossian in the early 1920s.

SARAH CHAROLLA PUTMAN was born July 16, 1860. She married Richard T. Morrow on March 6, 1887.

NANCY ANN PUTMAN was born December 16, 1861. She married Henry O. Hunter. She died in August 1928 in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

RICHARD THOMPSON PUTMAN was born January 31, 1866. He married Martha Grant Lowery in Langley, Pike County, Arkansas on August 23, 1885. He died in Big Fork, Montgomery County on November 20, 1931 and is buried near his folks in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery along with his wife Martha (born October 12, 1868 and died October 4, 1957). In 1900 through 1930 they were in Polk County, Arkansas. Then Big Fork was in Montgomery County. The children were:

Nathan Elijah Putman born July 26, 1886, and died September 7, 1969. He married Effie G. Liles on November 5, 1911. They lived in Big Fork, Montgomery County. She was born November 11, 1895 and died in February 1972. They had these children:

Burl Vaughn Putman born August 7, 1913 and died Tuesday July 12, 1994. He married Lolita Hilred in Mena, Polk County on December 13, 1945. She was born July 23, 1921 and died February 15, 2004.

Gladys L. Putman born in 1915. She married a Hamilton.

Ralph A. Putman born in 1917.

Hattie R. Putman born after 1920, and married a Walrath.

Rollie Gilford Putman born April 17, 1888 and died October 7, 1983.

Melinda Ann Putman born June 16, 1890 and died March 3, 1986. She married John Dilbeck in Big Fork on January 31, 1909. They had five sons:

Alvin Dilbeck.

Marlin Dilbeck.

Clyde Dilbeck.

Woodrow Dilbeck.

Larkin Dilbeck.

Nancy A. Putman born January 24, 1892. She married Claude Goodman. Children were:

Tula Goodman. Married a Harland.

Edna Goodman. Married a Drake.

Effie Goodman. Married a Mitts.

Claude Goodman, Jr.

Mary Lucinda Putman born in March 1895 and died June 22, 1963. She married Wesley Henry Collier, and had these children:

Peggy Collier. A stepdaughter who married a Kennedy.

Henry Louallen Collier born June 20, 1932, and married Verona Carruth.

Richard David Collier born October 29, 1936, and married Barbara Ann Stewman.

Dicy Putman born March 20, 1898 and died November 22, 1975. She married Gene Day. There were no children.

Artie Putman born August 12, 1900. She married George Sanders. There were no children. She died August 2, 1981

Thurman Sterling Putman born in 1904 and only lived four months.

Charles W. Putman born January 6, 1907. He married Lula May Bailey. He died Tuesday March 2, 1993 in Mena, Arkansas. She was born January 1, 1910 and died in Mena November 2, 1996. They had these children:

Milo Putman a daughter born in 1927.

Myrna Putman a daughter born in 1928.

Oleta Putman a daughter born after 1930.

MINNIE EUDORA PUTMAN was born September 30, 1868. She married Samuel Carson Gaddis on December 2, 1888 in Montgomery County. I have no information on any kids.

DANIEL ELIJAH PUTMAN was born February 12, 1870. He died in Polk County on October 3, 1945. He married Martha Abigail Markham on January 25, 1891. She was born April 6, 1874 and died March 28, 1929. He then married another widow Hattie Hinard on June 24, 1933. They remained in Polk County all their lives. Their children were:

Elbert Elijah Putman born August 29, 1891 and died July 1, 1964. He married Dora Ann Edwards on January 11, 1912. They moved from Polk County, Arkansas to Muse, Le Flore County, Oklahoma about 1925 and remained there all their lives. Dora was born May 24, 1895 and died in Muse in September 1983. He was listed as a prisoner in the 1918-1920 time period. Have no ideas what he did. They had these children:

Cecil Edwin Putman born September 14, 1912. He married Arizona Smith.

Ernest Cleborn Putman born May 1, 1914 and died March 24, 1983. He married Luvie Barrett.

Idus Clifton Putman born February 11, 1916 and died February 9, 1988. He married Katherine Whisenhunt.

Corrine Lorine Putman born May 26, 1918. She married Arville Smith.

Floyd Leroy Putman born July 18, 1920 and died March 3, 1979. He married Opal Loftis.

Daniel Elijah Putman born May 25, 1922 and died January 1, 1959. He married Margilee Pendelton.

Audrie Levon Putman born July 19, 1924 and died September 22, 1978. He married Evaline Loftis.

Delbert Denton Putman born February 15, 1927 and died April 15, 1992. He married Christine Tisseare. He was the first born in Oklahoma.

Jewel Calvin Putman born May 4, 1928. He married Barbara Lewis.

Daphne Catherine Putman born October 6, 1931. She married Junior DeHart.

Frobin Flag Putman born November 20, 1933. He married Carolyn Sue Carter. They live in Alaska, and they were the ones who sent the info on Elbert's family.

Jim Wayne Putman born July 19, 1936. He married Mary Elizabeth Robbins.

William Marcus Putman born July 9, 1894. He married Lula Lewis on August 28, 1918 in Polk County. Lula was a daughter of Marion Lewis and Maude E. Deming. She was born June 3, 1903 in Polk County. They moved to Opal, Montgomery County, Arkansas after they were married, and took up farming. In about 1940, they moved to Sulphur Springs, Montgomery County where they remained all the rest of their lives. He died September 7, 1978. Lula died March 3, 1985. Both are buried in Board Camp, Polk County, Arkansas. He was a farmer. Their children were:

Faye Geraldine Putman born September 11, 1920 and died October 5, 1989. She married Paule E. Thomas on June 9, 1947.

Theo Josephine Putman born May 26, 1925 and died October 27, 1994. She married J.D. Hicks April 6, 1946.

Jerry Llewellan Putman born April 2, 1931 and died November 15, 1994. He married Helen Buzzard.

Eutha Marylin Putman born September 12, 1935. She never married and died June 19, 2003.

Jackie Lula Putman born November 10, 1937 and died December 16, 1975. She married Robert Lee February 6, 1962.

Joffery Ray Putman born January 7, 1941. He married Wanda Luckliter September 25, 1964.

Gaylord Larry Putman born October 9, 1945. He married a Peggy.

Isaac Eden Putman born August 25, 1895. In 1920 he is in Polk County with a wife named Lillie Corley and a stepdaughter Ruth Corley age 7. He married Lillie Medford, daughter of Luke Medford, and widow of a Corley guy. Ike and Lilly were married November 23, 1919. They were in Fulton, Polk County in 1920 and 1930. Ike died February 28, 1957 at the V.A. Hospital in Little Rock. I do not know when Lillie died. Their children were:

Clifford E. Putman born April 9, 1924 and killed in action in Florence, Italy in WWII on April 1, 1945.

Tuly J. Putman born June 13, 1926 and died September 8, 1988.

Helen Putman married a Gibson and then a Masters guy.

Mary Putman born and died in 1897.

Jesse Jason Putman born July 9, 1898. He is home in 1920. He married Lela 'Lee' Lewis on January 5, 1922. Lee was a daughter of Marion James Lewis and Maude Deming. She was born November 5, 1904 and died March 8, 1950. Jess died March 19, 1969. They had two children:

Lois C. Putman born September 29, 1922 and died February 17, 1992. She married Luther Gaither and remained in Polk County.

Grady E. Putman was born August 4, 1928 and lives in El Dorado, Arkansas (as of 1997). He married Sara June Murphy May 18, 1957. They have two sons, Leslie Gene and Donald Lynn Putman.

Necie Lavinia Putman born August 14, 1904 and home in 1920. She married Ira E. Chaney on September 30, 1928. They lived in Mena, Polk County, Arkansas. Ira was born October 29, 1897 and died March 22, 1955. Necie died there June 14, 1970. They had one daughter:

Martha Abigail Ellen Putman born August 16, 1931. She married Ray Tucker September 1, 1949. They live in Mena, Polk County, Arkansas.

JAMES BISSELL PUTMAN was born January 25, 1873 and died March 15, 1938. He married first to Susan Stover in around 1892. She died shortly after giving birth to their daughter Vicki. He married Lula Dove Shields around 1901. Lulu was an illegitimate daughter of William Jackson Hopper and Mary Ann Shields. They are in Polk County through 1930. Children, all but the first one are with Lula, were:

Louisa (Vicki) Putman born in 1893. She was raised by her grandparents, John and Catherine Stover.

Stella Jane Putman born September 27, 1902. She married Dean Keyes in Polk County.

Frederick Elmer Putman born September 18, 1904. He married Mary Jane Herring and they were in Center, Polk County in 1930.

Eula Esther Putman born July 12, 1908, a twin of Eunice. She married Fred Barron.

Eunice Ruia Putman also born July 12, 1908. She married Henry Kirkland.

Sterling Anson Putman born January 11, 1911. He married Josephine Sturgell and moved to Lubbock, Texas.

Lucy Nawasa Putman born April 7, 1912. She married a Palmer and moved to California.

Lena Leora Putman born April 16, 1917. She married Albert Benjamin Chaffen.

Marvin Odell Putman born June 22, 1922 and died in 1923.

LUCINDA CAROLINE PUTMAN was born December 27, 1874. She married William Ames Markham on September 18, 1892.

ROBERT HAYES PUTMAN was born January 30, 1878. He married Alice Safronia Smith on May 17, 1903. They too are buried in the Putman Cemetery in Big Fork, Polk County. Bob died October 27, 1959. Alice was born December 28, 1880 and died June 27, 1970. Children were:

Oliver O. Putman born October 26, 1903 and died November 3, 1903.

Raymond Edwin Putman born August 8, 1904 and died December 18, 1981. He married Bessie Crawford November 23, 1924. She was the daughter of John Madison Crawford and Ella Arizona Shockley from Polk County. She was born August 8, 1905 and died January 16, 1958. They had these children:

Durell Alson Putman Born June 24, 1927 and died November 4, 2002. He Married Mary Edwards September 7, 1956.

Eldridge Darrell Putman born June 24, 1927, a twin. He married Oleda Guthrie October 7, 1960. He died in Mena June 26, 1997.

Nuell Travis Putman born January 5, 1930. He married Carolyn Wolf February 3, 1951.

Marlene Helen Putman born March 8, 1933. She married Paul Tucker on August 27, 1960. They have two children and live in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Marlene was the one who supplied the information here on Robert Hayes Putman and his descendants. Thanks.

Haskell Deal Putman born January 1, 1935 and died May 9, 1989. He never married.

Melba Avon Putman born May 5, 1937 and died in March 1994. She married Jerry Griffin on December 22, 1957.

Roy Himer Putman born March 22, 1906 and died May 7, 1990. He never married.

Ruby Lilly Putman born August 30, 1907 and died January 27, 1981. She married Earl Linham on November 14, 1931.

Harkley Covington Putman born April 23, 1909 and died March 5, 1978. He married Grace Luttrell around 1931. She died January 24, 1934, and he later married Ollie (Lawrence) Hentham August 16, 1939. After he died, Ollie married Joseph Ketcham. There were three children in each of the two marriages:

Franklin Covington Putman born March 16, 1932 in Board Camp, Arkansas. He married Dorothy Stafford. They had two children. He died in 1970 in Bossier City,

Louisiana.

Mariedda Faye Putman born January 16, 1934. She married Winston Kent Sharp and lived in Little Rock. They had three children.

Marienna Mae Putman a twin born January 16, 1934, and died on November 23, 1934.

Irviline Putman born November 11, 1944. She married Seaborn Harrison and had two children.

Evelyn Putman born December 6, 1942 and died October 29, 1996. She married Albert Rogers and had three children.

Nolan Lee Putman born April 8, 1947. He married Betty Lou Dafford. They lived in Garland, Texas. He died November 24, 2007.

Lester Orland Putman born March 5, 1911 and died April 11, 1964. He married Esther Bates. She was born February 29, 1920 and died Saturday July 24, 1999.

Lois Parthenia Putman born December 24, 1912 and died February 17, 1913.

Hester Malinda Putman born October 19, 1914. She married John Thompson on March 30, 1940.

Flavil Thompson Putman born May 30, 1917 and died in January 1973. He married Isabell Comstock.

VICTOR MIDDLETON PUTMAN was born January 24, 1881 and died April 12, 1961. He married Melissa Ann Salina Bates in Polk County on November 14, 1901. Melissa was born November 16, 1877 and died December 10, 1940. Interesting story here. "...When Robert Putman took Melissa Bates to a dance, she spotted another young man there. She asked Bob who he was. He said, 'That's my baby brother.' She thought to herself that he was the one she was going to marry. Sure enough she and Victor Putman got married. Two years later Bob married Melissa's cousin, Alice Smith." They moved to Miller County, Oklahoma. They had these children:

Ethel H. Putman born August 20, 1902 and married Robert Clifton Smart on January 30, 1920. She died in Polk County December 5, 1999. Cliff Smart was a son of R. L. Smart and Mary Low Wilson. He was born February 10, 1899 and died April 23, 1962. They lived in Oklahoma, Arkansas and then California. Ethel came back to Polk County after Cliff died. They had:

Robert Lenois Smart born in 1920.

John Lester Smart born in 1924.

Mildred Ann Smart born July 28, 1926 and died January 23, 1999.

Shirley Clifton Smart a son born in 1929.

Mary Roselle Smart born in 1932.

Wanda Faye Smart born in 1934.

David Allen Smart born in 1935.

Carl Joe Smart stillborn in 1941.

Sarah E. Putman born March 13, 1905 and married John Linzy Smart on February 9, 1922.

Millie Dorothy L. Putman born February 21, 1908 and married Andrew Otis Cotnam on February 22, 1928.

Roscoe Covington Putman born November 20, 1910 and Married Frances Williams on December 23, 1938. They were divorced in 1959. They had three children:

Jerald Covington Putnam born in 1942 and married Ann Rhys.

Dianne Lee Putnam born in 1946. She married Alvin Barclay in 1963, and later Fred Soucy in 1991. She gave me this family's info.

Glenna Noel Putnam born in 1947. She married Andrew Hromiko.

John Coaster Putman a twin born November 20, 1910. He married Ila Mae Pruitt on

October 21, 1933. He died in Big Fork December 30, 1988. Ila was born July 20, 1915 and died in Mena November 28, 1996.

Gracie V. R. Putman born August 18, 1913 and married Howard Mauldin on February 14, 1934.

Josie M. L. Putman was born in Poteau, Oklahoma on February 16, 1921. She married Forrest Mauldin on October 7, 1934.

Victor Hayes Putman was born and died on February 16, 1921 in Eagleston, Oklahoma.

J. M. Putman was born June 18, 1924 in Glover, Oklahoma and died a month later on July 12, 1924.