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The Putman Families

of Sevier & Howard Counties Arkansas

Three sons of John Putman and Lucy Covington, of Rutherford County North Carolina, came to Sevier County from Alabama in the late 1850s. They were **WILLIAM PUTMAN** and his wife Sarah, **ANDERSON PUTMAN** and his wife Henrietta Turrentine and **JOSIAH PUTMAN** and his wife Rhoda Turrentine. William had died by the 1860 census and Sarah headed that family in the census.

They were in Howard County for the 1880 Census. By then Josiah had died.

ANDERSON PUTMAN

Anderson was born about 1823 in Morgan County Alabama. He married Henrietta A. Turrentine in Morgan County on August 28, 1853.

The family moved to Sevier County Arkansas in the 1850s and was there in the 1860 census. At that time he was 36 and Henrietta was 29. They were living in Greenville, Saline Township, Arkansas.

Anderson Putman was a deacon and then a Reverend in the M. E. Church and his papers were issued on November 16, 1856.

In 1880 they appeared in the Howard County Arkansas census. They may not have moved as Howard County was formed from Sevier County in 1873. In 1880 he was 58 and Henrietta was 51. Neither was alive by the 1900 census.

Their children were:

JOHN TURRENTINE PUTMAN was born in 1855, in Morgan County Alabama. He married Lydia Reeder and in 1880 was living with his folks. In 1900 he is 45, his wife has died and he has these children. He is in Howard County in 1910 and I don't find him in 1920.

Lottie M. Putman born in 1881. She married a man named Cox.

Willis Marvin Putman born November 4, 1885 and died October 26, 1918. In 1920, there is a widow, Susan Putman age 37 living with a J. C. Bratton. She may be his widow.

Archie Turrentine Putman born August 5, 1887 and died in October 1968 in Mineral Springs, Arkansas. His wife was Eula Lee Cowling. They are in Howard County through 1930 with:

Marie Putman born in 1907.

Willie Donna Putman born August 25, 1915 and died in Mineral Springs March 21, 2011. She married Coy Wiles.

Jesse Reeder Putman born August 20, 1889. His wife was Pearl Lyons. Pearl died in

the 1920s and he then married Emily Tinkes in 1928. The kids through the 1930 census were:

Troy Samuel Putman born in 1907. In 1930 he is married to a girl named Ruth and they have 2 young daughters. He died February 10, 1987.

William Densil Putman born in 1910. He is single and living with his brother Sam in 1930 in Mineral Springs.

Dewey Godfrey Putman born December 13, 1913. He married Elsie M. McClain who was born January 18, 1918 and died July 31, 1939. He later married Verna Cato. He died in November 1986 in Hope, Hempstead County Arkansas. They had:

William Frederick Putman born October 12, 1943 and died in Hot Springs, Garland County Arkansas April 5, 1982.

Kelsey Luenell Putman a son born in 1915. He married Pauline Carpenter in Howard County on January 21, 1938. He later married Louise Huckabee.

Opel 'Peggy' Putman a daughter born in 1918

Reeder Neal Putman born after 1920. He married Opal V. Webb.

Annie M. Putman born in 1930.

ELIZABETH S. PUTMAN was born in Arkansas in 1858. She was married and gone by 1880. She married James Sims Draper and lived in Nashville, Howard County Arkansas.

JOSIAH ANDERSON PUTMAN born August 15, 1866. He married Clara Bateman in Howard County on February 26, 1890. In 1900 he is 33 and his wife Clara is 29 and there are no children. They are still in Nashville, Howard County in 1930, and still no children. He died in Howard County July 1, 1944. She died a few months earlier on April 19, 1944.

WILLIAM PUTMAN

William was born in Morgan County Alabama in 1824. By the 1860 census of Sevier County he has died and his widow, Sarah E. Putman, was head of the household.

In 1880 Sarah had several Turrentines with her. She may well have been another Turrentine who married these three brothers, though I find no record in Morgan County.

There were no children.

JOSIAH PUTMAN

Josiah was born in Morgan County Alabama in 1831. He married Rhoda Wesley Turrentine in Morgan County on December 27, 1854. They went as a big family group to Sevier County Arkansas in the mid 1850s.

In 1860, Josiah was 28 and Rhoda was 27. Josiah joined Dawson's 19th Arkansas Infantry and died in about 1862 in the Civil War. His body was never returned. A descendent, John Leathers, had a Confederate Grave Marker placed beside his wife Rhoda's grave in Fall Chapel, Sevier County Arkansas.

By 1880 Rhoda was 48. Rhoda was born in Tennessee on January 20, 1832 and died in Falls Chapel, Arkansas on January 1, 1909. In 1900 she was 87 and living there with her son Joe.

The children were:

HENRIETTA PUTMAN born in 1855. She married H. L. Chandler In Hempstead County Arkansas on August 23, 1871.

JOSEPH COVINGTON PUTMAN born July 26, 1857 in Sevier County Arkansas. He married Mary 'Molly' Wiggins Sandel in Mineral Springs, Howard County Arkansas on April 17, 1884. She was born in Natchez, Mississippi August 21, 1862. In 1900 they were in Howard County and in 1910 in Sevier County Arkansas. The family was later in Brown County Texas, and in 1920 in Red River County Texas. Joe died October 16, 1927 in English, Red River County Texas. Molly died there January 7, 1939. Their children were:

May Brent Putman born May 19, 1885 and died May 21, 1914. She married John Richard Harrison in 1902. She spent her life in Ben Lomand, Sevier County Arkansas.

Frederick Bishop Putman born December 19, 1889. He married Mary Lena Corbell in Arkansas and in 1920 they were in Red River County Texas. She was born in Arkansas in September 1890 and died in English, Red River County Texas October 21, 1924. Sometime later, after Mary died, he married Minnie W. Hunt. Fred died February 18, 1936 in Wichita Falls, Texas. In 1920, the children were:

Esther Mae Putman born 1911 in Arkansas. She married Raymond Reese. He was born December 23, 1911 and died in Clarksville, Texas August 5, 1992.

Frederick Bishop Putman, jr. born August 5, 1913 in Arkansas and died May 29, 1988 in Houston, Texas. He married Clementine Mae Gist and had two daughters.

Joseph Caton Putman born December 25, 1916 in Clarksville, Red River County Texas and died in Katy, Harris County Texas January 8, 1997. He married Eva Lucille Gist. She was born in Clarksville January 28, 1918 and died in Katy, Texas on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1995. They had two daughters and a son.

James Leon Putman born in 1919 in Red River County Texas and died in November 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He married Juanita Frederick.

Joseph Wiggins Putman born July 5, 1895 in Mineral Springs, In 1920 he was still single and living with his folks. He then married Mary Elizabeth Medley and died in Avery, Texas in August 1971. Mary was born in Texas in 1899 and died in Red River County Texas May 1, 1968.

JOANNA PUTMAN born in 1859 and died in 1861-62.

MARTHA LAURA 'MATTIE' PUTMAN born in March 1860. She married Thomas R. Shirley in Howard County Arkansas on March 9, 1876. He was born February 21, 1852 in Hempstead County Arkansas and died there December 28, 1910. She died in Howard County in 1930. They had:

Fannie Lillian Shirley born January 24, 1877 and died in Howard County March 9, 1967. She married Robert Franks Jones in 1898. He was born in Mineral Springs May 17, 1876 and died there May 3, 1951. They had:

Jack Augustus Jones born in Ozan, Arkansas December 21, 1898 and died in Mineral Springs, Arkansas September 21, 1965.

Neal Shirley Jones a son born in Ozan November 9, 1900 and died in Nashville, Arkansas in 1967.

Mattie Alice Jones born in Ozan February 25, 1902 and died in Wharton, Texas.

Mary Elizabeth Jones born in Ozan April 1, 1903 and died in Mineral Springs December 30, 1963.

Rhoda Florence Jones born January 23, 1905 and died in Mineral Springs.

Katherine Helen Jones born in Ozan February 16, 1907 and died in Mineral Springs June

3, 1987.

Frances Jones born in Ozan March 23, 1909 and died in Dallas, Texas May 20, 2002.

Virginia Louise Jones born Ozan January 11, 1912 and died in Mineral Springs February 10, 2007.

Robert Lee Jones born in Nashville, Arkansas December 5, 1915 and died in Texarkana, Arkansas February 18, 1978.

Thomas Reeder Jones born in Nashville July 3, 1918 and died in Dallas, Texas December 12, 1965.

Ruth Lillian Jones born in Nashville, Arkansas November 7, 1919 and died in Mineral Springs October 17, 1983.

Rhoda E. Shirley born September 17, 1879 and died in Arkansas November 28, 1960. She married R. John Raiford. He was born January 23, 1875 in Arkansas and died there January 11, 1917. They had a son:

Norman Olin Raiford born August 7, 1899 and died in November 1968.

Nannie Pearl Shirley born July 17, 1881 in Arkansas and died in Wichita County Texas September 12, 1942. She married Peter Cincenatus Jones. He was born July 10, 1880 and died in Wichita County Texas August 14, 1952.

Jo Shirley born in February 1884 and died in 1933 in Hope, Arkansas. She married Thomas Earnest Schooley.

William Shirley born in March 1886.

Claude Wesley Shirley born January 4, 1887 and died in Howard County Arkansas in January 1965. He married Elsie Maude Lightfoot April 17, 1927 in Howard County. She was born about 1908 and died March 23, 2003 in Texarkana, Texas.

Clark Shirley born in March 1889.

Mattie Shirley born in March 1890.

Ethel Shirley born in June 1892.

Lee T. Shirley born May 4, 1896 and died in Mineral Springs February 9, 1973. He married Robbie Deliah Hunter. They had a daughter:

Bessie Louise Shirley born December 16, 1923 and died May 13, 2010. She married a McJunkins.

Joel Shirley born in May 1898.

Lydia Shirley born in 1901.

JOEL A. PUTMAN born August 12, 1861. He married Mary Simms Goodlett February 10, 1886 in Arkansas. In 1900 and 1910 they are in Wichita County Texas. Joel died August 6, 1919 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Mary was born July 17, 1871 in Arkansas and died in Wichita County Texas June 30, 1956. There were no children.