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HOSEA PUTNAM

The Unknown Origin Guy in Georgia

Hosea was born in 1794 or 1795. As to his parents, I just do not know for certain, but I believe he is a son of Henry and Susannah Putnam from Charleston, South Carolina. If so, his dad was from Medford, Massachusetts, and is covered in the preceding section. Another line of thought is that he is a son of Henry's brother, William Putnam of Maine. Since I cannot prove any relationship, I am listing Hosea here by his lonesome.

He married Elizabeth Wilson in Jasper County, Georgia on August 24, 1820. She was a daughter of Archelaus Wilson and Nancy Swanson. Jasper County is next to Putnam County. In 1820, there was a Priscilla Putnam in Putnam County. She was the widow of Henry Putnam (see the next section on the New England folk). She had received land in the state lottery. I find no references to Hosea being a son of Henry Putnam of Savannah, and before that of Charleston, South Carolina. Yet this seems to be the best connection.

In 1830, Hosey and Elizabeth are in Pike County, Georgia with two sons and two daughters under the age of 9 years.

I do not find the family in 1840. By the 1850 census he appears with his wife Elizabeth Wilson and six children. At least three of the kids mentioned in 1820 were gone and the fourth, William, had moved to Paulding County where he died in about 1848, leaving his wife Elizabeth as a widow with two children in the 1850 census.

Hosea had received land in Henry County, Georgia in the land lotteries, but I do not know if he ever went there.

The children shown in the 1850 census with Hosea were:

MARTHA PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1833.

JOSEPH PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1834. In 1860 he is in Chattahoochie County, Georgia with a wife named Epsy. He served in the Civil War and died in Greensboro, North Carolina November 13, 1862. In 1870 there is a Harriet Putman, a widow, in Muscogee County, Georgia born about 1837, who may have been his widow. Harriet was living with John and Jane Fuller. Jane was likely Hosea's daughter Jane.

ELIZABETH PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1837.

JANE PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1839. Possibly married John Fuller.

EMMA (EMILY) PUTNAM born in 1844 in Muscogee County. Emma or Emily married John Franklin Fletcher in Muscogee County, Georgia July 16, 1868. In 1870 they were still in Muscogee County and her mother Elizabeth then age 67 was living with them. Her daughter, Minnie Fletcher was living with her brother John in the 1900 census.

JOHN WILLIAM PUTNAM born in 1846 in Muscogee County. He moved to Russell

County, Alabama and there married Eugenia Jane Jackson on November 21, 1867. They were there in the 1870, 1880 and 1900 census returns. In 1910 and 1920, he is in Lee County, Alabama. Eugenia is alive in 1910, but in 1920 he is 75 and has a new 41 year old wife named Florence. Based on those returns, the children were:

L. Dora Putnam born about 1868.

William H. Putnam born in 1870. He is in Lee County, Alabama in 1900 with a wife named Nannie and two sons. In 1910 and 1920 he is in Phoenix, Lee County, and has married a widow, Lorena (Griffin) Foster. There are two stepdaughters as well as new Putmans. Lorena died June 25, 1923. In 1930 it looks like yet another wife Minnie and a daughter not listed in 1920. Very weird. The children through 1920 were:

William Earl Putnam born in 1896. He is gone by 1920. He is a policeman in Columbus Georgia in 1930.

Roy L. Putnam born in 1898. He too is not home in 1920.

Clyde Huel Putnam born July 1, 1900. In 1920 he has just married Mary Veasey and they are living with her folks. They are in Phoenix in 1930 with 3 daughters. He will die September 19, 1956 and be buried in Columbus Georgia with his wife Mary who was born October 22, 1902 and died June 12, 1973.

James Putman born in 1906.

Elise Putnam born in 1911.

Charles Bradford Putnam born March 3, 1876 and still at home in 1900. In 1920 and 1930 he is in Russell County, Alabama with a wife named Liddie and these children:

Jennie Putnam born in 1904.

Charles Putnam born in 1908.

Effie Putnam born in 1911.

Juliette Putnam born in 1913.

Lutie Putnam born in 1915.

Robert Putnam born in 1917.

Quida Putnam a daughter born in 1918.

Thomas R. Putman born in 1920.

William E. Putman born in 1922.

John Robert Putnam born in 1876 and home in 1900. In 1910 and 1920 he is in Lee County with a wife named Maude and these children:

John W. Putnam born in 1902.

Luther Putnam born in 1908.

Velma Putnam born in 1909.

Edgar Putnam born in 1911.

Frank Putnam born in 1913.

Gladys Putnam born in 1915.

L. E. Putnam and **L. L. Putnam** twins born in 1880 and not around in 1900. Died young.

Colby Jackson Putnam born July 5, 1885. When he registered for the draft in 1917, he had a wife named Lula. In 1920 he is in Russell County, Alabama and she is listed as Lucy L. She is 7 years older than him and was widowed before. She has a bunch of her McClung children, but not any Putnams yet.

Then there were several older children not at home in 1880, but living nearby.

JAMES E. PUTNAM, the eldest child was born in the early 1820s, probably in Pike or Jasper County. He died in the Mexican War. Hosea probated his estate, so this ties him in.

ANDREW JACKSON PUTNAM, was listed in the 1850 census of Pike County. He was

born in 1828 and was a carriage maker living with Joseph Brown. It would appear he was one of Hosea's young uns. In 1860 they were in Muscogee County, Georgia and in 1870 in Russell County, Alabama. His wife was Elizabeth Ann. Children through 1870 were:

James Putnam born in 1855. Looks like the guy in Garland County, Arkansas in 1880 with a wife named Malinda.

John D. Putnam born in 1857 and not in the 1870 census.

Mary E. Putnam born in 1858.

Jane Putnam born in 1860.

There were obviously at least two daughters born between A. J. and Martha, but they too had married or were out of the household by 1850. Based on Marriage records, I guess these two girls were:

MATILDA PUTNAM born about 1821. She married Benjamin Waller in Muscogee County on February 25, 1841. Benjamin was born about 1808 in North Carolina and died in the 1860s in Wakulla County, Florida. Matilda died there in the 1880s. They had six children:

Elizabeth Jane Waller born December 19, 1841 in Muskogee County. She married William David McDaniel in Florida July 4, 1866.

James A. Waller born about 1843. He served in the Civil War, and was with his mother in 1870.

George W. Waller born in 1845. He was not in the 1860 census.

Nathan Waller born in 1847, and missing in 1860.

Martha Susan Waller born in 1849 and still at home with her mother in 1880.

Nancy Ann Waller born in 1852 and with her mother in 1880 in Florida.

ANN PUTNAM who married Barney Mullaney in Muscogee County on January 11, 1847.

In 1850 a Richard Cowan age 17 was living with Hosea and Elizabeth. I think he was a child of his sister (?) Adeline who married Joseph Cowan. Adeline is indeed a daughter of Henry and Priscilla Putman and this slight connection with the Cowan's may tie Hosea in with Henry.