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HAZEAL PUTMAN

of Fulton County Illinois

Hazeal was the eldest of Daniel Putman and Prudence Skelton's children, and was born in Union County, South Carolina on May 7, 1787. He moved with his family to Anderson, South Carolina in the Old Pendleton District about 1792 and lived on his parents' plantation on the banks of the Savannah River.

The family and many friends moved to Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky in about the year 1804, when Hazeal was about 17 years old.

One of the other families making this move was that of the widow Dorothy or Dolly Combs. Dorothy's husband had died in the Pendleton District of South Carolina in 1801 and at the time she had 3 teenage daughters and a son living with her. Her eldest daughter, Verlinda, had married Abraham Duff and they likewise made the trip to Kentucky.

On October 18, 1806, Hazeal Putman married Bennett and Dolly Comb's next oldest daughter, Isabel, in Warren County. Their marriage bond was signed by Abraham Duff her brother in law. According to a published list of Warren County Marriages they were married by James Martin. Isabel was born near Anderson, South Carolina in 1789, her parents having come from North Carolina.

Hazeal and Isabel had two young children born in Kentucky. Mary Putman was born about 1808 and Daniel Bennett Putman was born on April 15, 1810.

In the summer of 1811, Hazeal joined with his father, grandfather and brothers and moved north to the Indiana Territory settling near Princeton in what is now Gibson County, Indiana.

Shortly after arriving in the Indiana Territory, the Putmans found there were British inspired problems with the Indians. This trouble was one of the events that led to the War of 1812. Hazeal, his brother Reding and their uncle Laban Putman joined the Indiana Volunteers under the command of Territorial Governor William Henry Harrison and fought at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811. Hazeal must have remained as an inactive member of the militia as on November 6, 1813 he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment of the Indiana Militia.

Hazeal worked as a blacksmith, as had his father, Daniel, years before; he also learned to be a gunsmith and continued this trade for most of his life. In Indiana, his father was very active in politics and Hazeal seemed to follow this trait as well. He was the first sheriff in Gibson County and was commissioned a Justice of the Peace in Gibson County on May 25, 1813.

In 1817, two Putman brothers, Hazeal and Reding, left Indiana with their families to return to Warren County Kentucky where they had resided some six years earlier. Hazeal and Reding had been made Executors of their father's estate when he died in July of 1816. They were required to return to Bowling Green to settle a land dispute over some 1,000 acres Daniel Putman had sold to Moses Hunt who later sued for clear titles to the land in 1817.

Hazeal had also been given some lands in Kentucky by his father and he planned to sell them as well. Their uncle, Ezekiel Putman, was still living there at the time. While they were in Kentucky, Hazeal made final settlement of Barnet Putman's estate. When Barnet died, he appointed Daniel, his son, to administer his estate. As Daniel died within the next few years, he was unable to complete this task. Hazeal paid Ezekiel \$2.36 as monies due under the estate. Ezekiel signed this receipt on August 22, 1817 and it was later filed in the Gibson County Court House at Princeton, Indiana when they returned to that state.

After the legalities were over, Hazeal returned to Indiana, but moved to Vanderburgh County, which was created in 1818 partly from Gibson County. The area may in fact have been the same but the County boundaries had changed.

Hazeal is carried in the 1820 Indiana Census in Vanderburgh County with himself, Isabel, 2 sons over 16, 3 sons under 10, a daughter under 10 and another daughter between 10 and 15 years old. The eldest daughter was Mary. The two teenage males are the problem. I don't know who they were, they may have been sons or nephews. Daniel Bennett was born in 1810, and Harrison was born in 1811. The other younger son was Joseph. Carole Putman of West Linn, Oregon, whose husband descended from Hazeal, said family tradition indicated that there was a young set of twins born to Hazeal and Isabel; they were Buford and Mahala. It is felt that they died before becoming adults; these may be the two teenagers.

Hazeal's brother, Reding Putman, had heard of new and better lands to the west in Illinois and had arranged for the purchase of lands in Illinois and had the purchase recorded in the Gibson County Court House at Princeton, Indiana. They had, in fact, been Land Grants for service in the War of 1812.

Their brother, Elijah, had moved to Illinois earlier and appeared in the 1820 census in Madison County, which at the time covered all of Illinois northeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Madison County was formed in 1812. In 1821, Sangamon and Fulton Counties were formed out of Madison. As I do not know where in Madison County he lived, I feel he probably moved to what is now Fulton County. The rest of the family arrived there in 1823.

In December of 1822 the families of Hazeal, Reding, William and Laban Putman along with John Holcomb's and perhaps other families headed for the greener pastures and arrived in Fulton County, Illinois in very early 1823.

Reding Putman was the first settler, and the township he lived in was named Putman Township in his honor. Hazeal lived one mile east of Reding's farm and was a pioneer settler in Buckheart Township. As the County grew so did the Putman families' influence. Hazeal was appointed to the first Grand Jury of Fulton County in 1830 along with his brother Elijah.

Once again war came to the Putmans. Hazeal, along with his brother Reding joined the Illinois Militia on April 21, 1832 under Captain David Barnes and fought the Fox and Sack tribes at the major Battle of Sycamore Creek under General Isaiah Stillman. The Indians won rather handily and the Battle was referred to as '*Stillman's Run.*' Later Black Hawk and his tribe were driven west across the Mississippi by starvation.

By now the children of Hazeal and Isabel Putman were grown and ready to strike out on their own.

Mary, the eldest child, married William Barker on August 22, 1831, and is said to have moved to Texas. Daniel Bennett Putman married Isabelle Findley, daughter of David and Jane Ritchey

Findley on January 28, 1830. Harrison Putman married Malinda Fouts, daughter of David Fouts, on November 15, 1832. All the marriages took place in Fulton County, Illinois. I have no other marriage information on the other children.

Sometime in the later part of the 1830s Hazeal and his family moved to Schuyler County Illinois which is the adjacent county to the southwest. The family appears there in the 1840 census.

Isabel Putman died on July 23, 1841 as recorded in the family bible of her son, Daniel Bennett Putman. Hazeal later married a widow, Mary Barker, on September 30, 1841 in Schuyler County Illinois. This date is mentioned in the Pension Application Papers of Mary Putman as a widow.

Hazeal died in Schuyler County on September 30, 1843, the second anniversary of his second marriage.

Mary was in the 1850 census of Fulton County at age 63 with her son John Barker 18 living with her.

The children that I have some detailed information on follows.

Mary Putman

Mary Putman was the eldest child of Hazeal and Isabel Putman. She was probably born about 1808 or 1809 in Warren County, Kentucky. She married William Barker on August 22, 1831 in Fulton County, Illinois. It is said that she moved to Texas, but I have no further information on her.

Daniel Bennett Putman

Daniel Bennett Putman was born in Warren County, Kentucky on April 15, 1810. He was named for his two grandfathers, Daniel Putman and Bennett Combs.

He married Isabelle Findley on January 28, 1830 in Fulton County, Illinois. Isabelle was born on January 5, 1814 and was the daughter of David Findley and Jeanette Ritchey Findley.

Daniel Bennett Putman left Fulton County during the 1830s and lived for a while in Henderson County, Illinois. In May of 1846 the family decided to go west.

The Findley family, including Daniel Bennett and Isabelle left Illinois in late 1846. Her brothers had gone to Oregon a year before and came back to take the rest with them. Winter came early and they remained in Holt County, Missouri until April of 1847. They joined with another wagon train, the Buel Train, and headed west in late April. The wagon train stopped at the Whitman Mission in Southeastern Washington (in Indian Territory), and left only days before the Cayuse Indians overran the settlement. This branch of the Putman Family again pioneered new territories and are prominent today in Oregon.

Daniel Bennett and Isabelle Putman had eight children, all born in Illinois, except the youngest James who was born in Missouri while the family had laid over waiting for spring to come. Isabelle died shortly after arriving in Oregon in October of 1847. Daniel Bennett Putman remarried a widow, Rebecca (Keeney) Landingham, on August 20, 1850 in Lane County,

Oregon and they had seven more children. Daniel Bennett Putman died in Amity, Yamill County, Oregon on March 3, 1887. Rebecca died there on September 23, 1895.

The eight children with Isabelle were:

MARTHA PUTMAN was born February 2, 1832 in Fulton County, Illinois. She married James H. Pierce in Linn County, Oregon on June 25, 1850 She died February 19, 1905 in Rowland, Linn County.

MAHALA PUTMAN was born March 30, 1834 and was married in Linn County, Oregon to Pleasant Robinett on January 29, 1850. Pleasant was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky on March 23, 1821, a son of Joseph Robinett and Nancy Barker. Mahala died in Linn County December 7, 1905, Pleasant died there on October 31, 1878. Their children were:

William Albert Robinett born in 1851.

Nancy Almona Robinett born May 8, 1853 and died September 27, 1878.

Elizabeth Estrella Robinett born July 27, 1855 and died May 4, 1914. She married Livy Alexander Murphy on July 30, 1871.

Mary Isabell Robinett born April 22, 1857 and died July 8, 1893. She married Morvin Dudley Murphy on November 4, 1875 and later married a Lane man.

Joseph D. Robinett born March 6, 1859 and died October 31, 1859.

James Martin Robinett born in 1861 and died May 15, 1923.

Martha Frances Robinett born October 17, 1869 and died September 18, 1946. She married Artemus Murphy on October 16, 1886.

Pleasant L. Robinett born March 20, 1871 and died March 27, 1927. He married Ida Louise Malone September 10, 1898.

Mahala Gemima Robinett born June 7, 1873 and died April 3, 1933.

Thomas Robinett born in 1877 and died as a child.

Four other Robinetts all of whom died as infants.

DAVID HAZEAL PUTMAN was born in Henderson County, Illinois April 2, 1836. In Linn County, he married Catherine Lemaster on July 30, 1854. He died in Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon on March 18, 1888. In the 1870 and 1880 census his children were:

Thurston L. Putman born in 1857.

William Putman born in 1860.

James Putman born in 1861.

Nancy Putman born in 1863.

Robert Putman born in 1866.

Isaac B. Putman born in 1871.

Julia C. Putman born in 1873.

Martha Putman born in 1879.

JOHN HARRISON PUTMAN was born in Henderson County, Illinois on February 23, 1838. He married Hannah Louisa Woodfin in Linn County on May 28, 1861. After her death he married Arminda Dancer in Yamhill County, Oregon on May 28, 1896. I do not know when he died. In 1880, they had these children:

Lizzie Putman born in 1865.

David Putman born in 1867.

Martha Putman born 1870.

Eliza Putman born in 1872.

Daniel B. Putman born in 1874.

James Putman born in 1879.

JANE PUTMAN was born July 24, 1840 and died October 2, 1841.

MARY ELIZABETH PUTMAN was born May 1, 1842 in Illinois and married James Lemaster in Linn County, Oregon on October 25, 1855. She lived in Yamhill and Benton Counties in Oregon. I do not have a date of death.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER PUTMAN was born April 28, 1845 and died later that year on December 25, 1845. Not a good Christmas present.

JAMES LEE PUTMAN was born January 10, 1847 in Holt County, Missouri. He was married in Polk County, Oregon to Mary Ellen Ewing on August 16, 1870. He died when a horse kicked him in 1928 in Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon. In 1880 they had a daughter, and in Sweet Home, Oregon in 1910, they had 5 children. In 1920 all the kids were gone and married. The children were:

H. A. Putman (probably Harriet) born in 1872.

William Putman born in November 1880.

Della Putman born in June 1883.

Sarah Jane Putman born September 29, 1885. She married a Strickler.

Susan Putman born in July 1889.

After Daniel married Rebecca Landingham, he had another seven children, all born in Linn County, Oregon:

SARAH ISABEL PUTMAN was born September 27, 1852.

JOSEPH JACKSON PUTMAN was born June 4, 1854. In 1880 his wife was Flora and they had **Effie** 5 months old.

ROBERT BENNETT PUTMAN was born April 21, 1856.

DANIEL BARNET PUTMAN was born May 23, 1858. His wife was Lucinda. They both died in an automobile accident June 2, 1929.

NANCY ANN PUTMAN was born October 18, 1859.

FRANCIS BROWN PUTMAN was born August 24, 1862.

REBECCA PUTMAN was born August 1, 1865.

There was also a child that died in birth on August 25, 1851 and was not named. Rebecca had five children by her first marriage with William Landingham. The total reached nineteen children. Wow!

Harrison Putman

Another son of Hazeal, Harrison Putman, was born on December 3, 1811 shortly after the family

arrived in Indiana. He was eleven when he came to Fulton County, Illinois. Harrison was named after William Henry Harrison, his father Hazeal had fought under that Harrison a month earlier.

On November 15, 1832 he married Malinda Fouts in Fulton County, Illinois. Malinda was the daughter of David and Mary Fouts (Pfautz as originally spelled) and was born in North Carolina on July 27, 1814.

Harrison spent the rest of his life as a farmer in Fulton County, living in Canton during the last portion of his life.

Malinda died in Canton, Illinois on April 2, 1890 and Harrison died June 17, 1891. Harrison and Malinda had 11 children, all born in Fulton County:

CLARISSA PUTMAN, born October 13, 1833. She married James Calvin Wilcoxin September 18, 1851, and moved to Chicago.

FRANCIS MARION PUTMAN, born in Fulton County on October 27, 1837 and died there March 20, 1908. He served in the 7th Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War from August 20, 1862 till July 12, 1865. He married Clarissa 'Clara' Saunders in Canton February 15, 1866. She was a daughter of Christopher Saunders and Aurilla Putney. She was born in Fulton County February 25, 1842 and died in Canton April 17, 1923. He was a farmer. They were in Canton in 1900, and Clara was widowed there in 1910 and 1920. Children were:

Flora Putman born February 28, 1868 and died October 25, 1949. She married Henry Nelson Knight on June 15, 1893. He was born in 1863 and died in 1939. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1910 and he opened a business constructing and assembling School Bus bodies. Their children were:

Francis Putman Knight born July 10, 1894 and died in 1932. He was in the Army in WWI and started a trucking business in Oklahoma City when he got out.

Anna Rebecca Knight born November 14, 1899 and died September 10, 1975. She married Robert Reeve Park (1889-1942) and they lived in Tulsa where he was a building contractor. They had a son Robert Reeve Park Junior born May 24, 1924.

Elbridge Gerry Knight born July 21, 1907 and died February 2, 1978. He married Elizabeth Shaw who was born March 26, 1909 and died February 14, 1979. They lived in Amarillo, Texas and later in Texarkana, Texas where he ran a feed business. They had a son Joseph born December 6, 1931.

Frances 'Fannie' Putman born December 18, 1871 and died June 25, 1932. She married William Henry Colean December 30, 1896. He was born in 1864 and died in 1939. They lived in Peoria, Illinois where he sold securities and later, after the Depression I am sure, sold farm implements. They had 2 children:

Miles Lanier Colean was born August 4, 1898 and died September 16, 1980. He married Marion Feltman. She was born August 9, 1898 and died April 23, 1977. They lived in Washington DC where he was with the Mortgage Bankers Association. They had a daughter Mary Catherine born July 6, 1928. She married Edwin Etherington who was born December 25, 1924 and died in 2001.

Clara Colean born November 14, 1900 and died in 1979. She married James William Stevens Junior. They had a horse farm near Lynchburg, Virginia. They had a son James William III and daughter Shirley Ann.

Mary Belle Putman born August 14, 1874. She is with her mom in Canton in 1920 and by herself there in 1930. She never married and died October 21, 1948.

Harrison Christopher Putman born February 11, 1877, died July 20, 1963. He graduated Rush Medical School in Chicago and was a doctor in Canton. He was in

Sangamon County in 1900, and he's still single in 1910 in Canton. In 1920 and 1930 he is in Canton with his wife Nelle Hanlon. She was born December 15, 1882 and died December 12, 1963. They were married in 1911. They had these children:

Elizabeth Ann Putman born December 28, 1913, died August 29, 1968. She married John Thomas Rainey. She went to St. Mary's College and he was in Notre Dame, both in South Bend, Indiana where they met. They were married about 1937 and later divorced. They had two daughters, Carol Ann born April 1, 1939 and Christine Ellen Rainey born April 4, 1944.

Harriet Jane Putman born March 11, 1915, died August 8, 1992. She graduated St. Mary's College in Indiana and married Joseph John Estwanik in 1941. He was born June 24, 1909 and died December 30, 1972. He graduated University of Illinois. They later lived in suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. They had Joseph John III born December 31, 1946, Michael Putman born October 13, 1948, Mary Jane born February 6, 1950 and William Harrison Estwanik born October 26, 1954.

Harrison Christopher Putman born August 11, 1917 and died March 17, 1970. He graduated University of Illinois and Northwestern University Medical School. He was in the Navy in WWII and then went to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and was a physician in Peoria. He married Marilou Neumayer born August 26, 1920. They had Mary Katherine August 14, 1947, Harrison Christopher March 8, 1949, Steven Frederick September 19, 1950, Deborah Ann April 24, 1953, Julia Ellen May 15, 1957, William David May 24, 1959 and Laurie Jane Putman June 18, 1960.

William Hanlon Putman born December 23, 1918 and died in December 1955. He married Dorothy Durbin. She was born July 16, 1918 and died in March 2008. He was an explorer for oil, gas and uranium in El Paso, Texas. After he died Dorothy worked in administration for El Paso Natural Gas Company. They had Susan Jane January 15, 1943, Judith Ann April 15, 1944, and William Hanlon Jr. November 18, 1947.

Floyd Fosket Putman born in Civer on October 8, 1880. He was a lawyer, graduating from University of Michigan Law School in 1904. He married Clara Edna Thompson in 1909. Clara was born May 17, 1882. He served in France from 1918 – May 1919. Floyd died February 14, 1958. Clara moved to Lincoln and she died there October 17, 1965. They are in Canton with these children:

Mary Elizabeth Putman born December 30, 1910, died January 1, 2006. She married James M. Stewart (February 6, 1908- May 3, 1989) in 1936, and lived in Lincoln, Illinois. Jim went to the University of Illinois and worked for the Federal Land Bank System and managed Scully Estates. Later he was at the First National Bank of Lincoln as Chairman of the Board. They had two sons, James Frank Stewart born February 21, 1944 and John Charles Stewart born January 6, 1947. Jim was the one who has given me all the info on this family.

Lewis Thompson Putman born May 12, 1912 and died September 3, 2000). He Married Marjorie Holt in 1946. She was born April 7, 1922 and died March 27, 1976. Lewis attended the University of Illinois at Urbana and worked for International Harvester in Canton. After serving as an Army officer in France and Germany in World War II, he received the CPA designation and worked several years in Peoria for Peat Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG). Marge attended Bradley University and worked for the Peoria school system and Richwoods High School before her children were born. They had Lewis Thompson Jr. born July 12, 1961 and Patricia Jane Putman born November 20, 1964.

Charles Francis Putman born March 17, 1914. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1939, and served in the Navy for some 24 years in submarines. He married Kathryn Krout June 16, 1939. She was born June 16, 1914 and died

October 9, 1979. He then married Nancy McCune Smead in 1981. He died in Edina, Minnesota September 5, 2001. Nancy was born May 18, 1927 and died in 2006. When he died in 2001, he had two children Gary Charles Putman born October 25, 1940 and Helen Louise Putman (born November 14, 1921 and married Richard W. Hughes. She died in December 2001), three stepchildren Kent, Nancy and Peter Smead and a dozen grandchildren. They had another daughter Lindsay Mae born October 5, 1948 who married Ronald Glenn Ray born November 15, 1948.

HARRIETT PUTMAN, born October 8, 1838. She married John H. Kelly November 12, 1857. They had:

William Harrison Kelly born August 12, 1859. He married Elizabeth Neuby December 21, 1882.

Frank E. Kelly born in August 1869 and died in 1885.

CAROLINE PUTMAN, born January 6, 1842. She married Charles N. Thompson August 12, 1860. He was born in 1839. They had:

Astler C. Thompson born about 1861.

Nelson Thompson born about 1863.

Charles N. Thompson Jr. born about 1864 and died before 1880.

Jessie Thompson born about 1866 and died in San Joaquin, California April 3, 1944. She married a Purdy.

Berinthia Thompson born August 25, 1867 and died in Los Angeles, California January 5, 1955. She married Frank R. Greene in 1890 and they lived in Chicago for a while and then in California.

Pamilla Thompson born about 1871.

MARTIN PUTMAN, born December 28, 1843. He married Hannah Newton of Putman Township on March 14, 1867. She was a daughter of the County doctor. She was born April 29, 1850. He was a farmer on 264 acres in Putman Township and also a cattle breeder. He served on the local school board for several years. They had four daughters. He died November 8, 1899, and in 1900 Hannah is shown as a widow. She died March 7, 1922.

Kate N. Putman born February 24, 1869 and died February 18, 1956. She married Frank Benjamin Newell on April 22, 1890. He was born February 17, 1865 and died September 9, 1924. They had Franklin Benjamin Newell February 1, 1891, Helen Newell, Oarker Bent Newell February 2, 1900, Martin Putman Newell, Rosalind Elizabeth Newell February 5, 1911, Ferris Estes Newell February 5, 1911.

Luella Maude Putman born in January 1871. She married Dudley Geyer Bolton on July 14, 1896. She was in Colorado when she had a child.

May M. Putman born in 1875.

Jean Gale Putman who died in infancy.

JOHN ELIJAH PUTMAN, born May 15, 1846. A blacksmith. In 1880 he had a wife Eldina and was still in Fulton County. They had their last two daughters in Ohio, so were there in the late 1880s and early 1890s. In 1900 the family is in Joplin, Jasper County Missouri. In 1900 and 1910 his wife is called Emma, but is the same gal, Emma Erhardt. In 1910 they had been married 36 years. He was a real estate agent in Joplin. He died of kidney failure in Joplin on September 24, 1917. The children through 1910 were:

Ollie M. Putman born in 1872.

Mary A. Putman born in 1874.

John Harrison Putman born in December 1878.

Ralph Putman born June 1, 1880. He married Ella Rebecca Newell September 17, 1910. He is a manager at a concrete plant. They are in Berkley California in 1930.

Alma R. Putman born in November 1886.

Dorthea C. Putman born in July 1890.

ALMIRA PUTMAN, born June 6, 1850.

MARY PUTMAN, born May 27, 1853. I think she was the Mary that married James A. Gardner November 29, 1877.

JENNIE PUTMAN, born July 13, 1855.

CHARLES N. PUTMAN, born December 24, 1857. In 1880 he had a new wife Jennie Spenny a widow. They were married October 13, 1879. She was 20 and no kids at that time. He then married Lizzie Duncan on August 26, 1885. In 1900 there is a widow Elizabeth the right age and there is a son, Fred H. Putman born in January 1880. He may or may not be their son, as he should have been listed in 1880. Don't be sure of this at all.

ELLA BELLE PUTMAN born in about 1858 and living with a Luzetta Sanders in the 1920 census.

Joseph Putman

Joseph was the youngest child, born about 1814. He married Lucinda Hedges or Hodges here in Fulton County December 27, 1838, or at least some Joseph married her here then. In 1840 he and his wife were in Fulton County, but I lose him after that.

Lucinda is widowed in Pickaway County Ohio in 1870 and 1880. Based on the 1860 Ohio census they had:

THOMAS PUTMAN born in Illinois in 1840.

MARY PUTMAN born in Illinois in 1842.

HORACE PUTMAN born in 1845 but listed as a nephew in 1860 and a son born Ohio in 1870.

GEORGE PUTMAN born in 1847. In 1860 listed as a nephew born in Illinois and in 1870 a son born in Ohio.