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# REDING PUTMAN

## Fulton County Illinois to Washington County Arkansas

Reding Putman was perhaps the best documented son of Daniel and Prudence Putman. It is from Reding that my Putman lineage comes down.

Reding Putman was the third child, second son, of Daniel and Prudence Putman. Reding was born at the family home in Union County, South Carolina on April 20, 1792.

In later life he was described by his wife as being *"A man weighing around one hundred and fifty-five pounds, five feet ten inches high, with blue eyes and light brown hair."* This information was taken from a Pension Request based on Reding's Service in the War of 1812, made by his widow, Phoebe Putman.

I have a letter from Eben Putnam of Boston to William Cobb of Elkins, West Virginia dated in 1911. In this letter he refers to information obtained from Dewitt C. Putman in 1899 including a mention that Reding was named for a Baptist Minister named Joseph Redding.

Dewitt Putman mentioned that Joseph Redding was in Kentucky around 1779 and then went to Virginia. This made no sense, so I did some further research and found that Joseph Redding was the founder of the Turkey Creek Baptist Church in Union County right where the family lived. Likely it was he who married Daniel and Prudence in 1786, as he had just founded the Church in January of 1785. It therefore is quite probable that Reding was indeed named for Joseph Redding.

A good history of Joseph Redding and the Church is found in *A HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS*. The Putman family were very devote Baptists in those days. Reding's grandfather, Barnet Putman, was a Deacon in the local Baptist Church.

When he was only a few months old, his family moved to a new farm on the banks of the Savannah River near what it now Anderson, South Carolina; then simply called the old Pendleton District.

Reding began studies and took advantage of what schools were available. His father insisted that all his children get as much education as they could. The family had quite a library by the day's standards, and Reding became very interested in medical books, but it was his sons, Reding Junior and Bennett, that were to become the doctors in the family.

By the time he was ten, Reding made another pioneer move with his parents, this time going to Kentucky in 1804. This move was made by several large families from South Carolina, including the Combs family. A few years later, Reding would marry a Combs girl that he grew up with.

In 1811, the family again moved onwards, this time to Indiana. The same group of families, several Putmans, Skeltons, Holcombs, Duffs and Combs, set off across Kentucky and crossed the Ohio River near Evansville, Indiana and then northwest into what was then Knox County in the Indiana Territories. They settled near the town of Princeton. Rev. William Putman has pointed out that they very likely took a water route up the Barren and Green Rivers in Kentucky

and into the Pigeon River in Indiana that leads directly to Princeton.

The trip could have been dangerous as there was quite an Indian uprising going on in the territory at the time. They arrived in August or September of 1811. No sooner had they started to build their homes than the Indian troubles came to a head.

The Indians were being agitated by the British in Canada while the British at sea were attacking American ships. This precipitated the War of 1812. The Indian troubles were a prelude to the actual war.

The Governor of the Indiana Territory, which at the time included what is presently western Ohio, Indiana and most of Michigan, was William Henry Harrison. In September of 1811, Harrison called for men to support the Indiana Militia.

Young Reding was nineteen and felt it was time to prove his manhood. He enlisted in the Militia, along with his brother Hazeal and his uncle Laban, on September 18, 1811 and served as a private in the Fourth Regiment of the Indiana Militia. He served in a company commanded by William Hargroves. The Regiment was commanded by Lt. Colonel Luke Decker.

He was mustered into service at Vincennes, Indiana and drew pay of \$6.66 per month. Within two months he was to earn every penny. The Militia marched north to what is today called Battle Ground, Indiana.

On November 7, 1811 he fought under Harrison at the Battle of Tippicanoe. This was a decisive victory for the settlers and drove the Indians from the area. He was released from service on November 21, 1811. This was considered service in the War of 1812. Reding was later to receive a pension for this wartime effort.

Reding returned home a man of almost twenty and resumed the tasks of building a new home for the family. Having spare time in the winter of 1812, he courted another daughter of Dolly Combs, Stacey. She was living with her sister, Isabell, who was married to Hazeal Putman. Her mother was still in Kentucky with the rest of that family. On June 7, 1812, Reding married Stacey Combs in Princeton.

That year, Daniel Putman organized the effort to carve out a new county from Knox County and in the spring of 1813, Gibson County came into existence as a result.

Reding and Stacey built their own home in Gibson County and it was there that the first 3 of their 7 children were born. Delilah was born in 1813, George in 1814 and Anne Elizabeth in 1817.

Reding's father died in the summer of 1816 and Reding and Hazeal, his two eldest sons, were named to administer his estate.

In the summer of 1817, Reding packed his family up and together with his brother Hazeal and his family, made the long journey back to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

When the family originally left Kentucky, Daniel Putman had sold 1000 acres of land to a Moses Hunt, apparently with some strings attached. Daniel had to post a bond before leaving in 1811. When Daniel died, Moses Hunt sued for clear title to the lands. Reding and Hazeal, as executors, had to return to settle the affair.

Ezekiel, Daniel's brother, had been in Georgia for several trips, but was in Kentucky in the summer of 1817 as well. While there, Hazeal gave him \$2.36 still owed him from his father Barnett's estate. This was later recorded in Indiana where the estate was settled.

Once the land deal was settled, Hazeal returned to Indiana and built a home in Vanderburgh County just south of Gibson County. Vanderburgh County was formed in 1818 partly out of Gibson County. In fact it may have been the same farm he left, but with a new County name taking place.

Reding and Stacey left Kentucky to return to Gibson County for a very short time in 1818. This date of 1818 is to appear in a 1829 deposition stating he was living on a particular parcel in Gibson County in that year and sold it to a John Weatherow.

Reding then returned to Kentucky in late 1818 as his son, James was born in Kentucky in February of 1819. They traveled to Butler County just above Warren County. They remained there until 1821 or 1822. While in Butler County they had two more children born to them, James Daniel and Prudence.

In either late 1821 or early 1822, Reding and his family headed the short distance westward back to Gibson County, Indiana, this time bringing Stacey's mother, Dolly, along with them. Reding apparently only returned to Indiana to obtain bounty lands he was awarded for service in the War of 1812. He arranged land acquisition in Fulton County, Illinois through the Federal Land Agent in Gibson County, Indiana. The transaction was recorded at the Gibson County Courthouse in Princeton in 1822.

Hazeal and Laban Putman, also veterans of the War, apparently made similar arrangements as all three families, along with William Putman, John Holcomb, William Skelton, Ralph Skelton and their families, made the journey together to west central Illinois in November or December of 1822.

They arrived in early 1823 and were met by their brother, Elijah, who had moved to Illinois a few years earlier. They immediately set out to homestead and develop their new homes in Fulton County. This portion of Illinois was very much unpopulated at the time.

Reding Putman was the first settler in the area and Putman Township, Illinois was named in his honor. William and Hazeal settled within a mile of Reding's home so once again the family was together.

The last children born to Reding and Stacey arrived while they were in Fulton County were Robert in 1823 and Bennett in 1825.

Reding continued to farm the rich lands and became a prominent citizen of the County. On December 16, 1827, tragedy struck when his wife, Stacey, died at the young age of only thirty-three. Delilah Putman, the eldest, was only fourteen at the time. Reding's mother, Prudence, and his older sister, Lavinia, helped him to raise the family. Prudence was living with her son William, and Lavinia more than likely moved in with Reding.

On February 21, 1829, Reding married again. He married Phoebe Marsh Stelle. Phoebe Marsh was born in Westfield, New Jersey on May 14, 1787, the daughter of John Marsh and Nancy Searing. She married Alexander Stelle in Ohio in 1814. Alexander Stelle had died in Preble County, Ohio in 1826. Phoebe had six small Stelle children, so the Putman household now soared to thirteen children overnight.

In September of 1829, Reding again may have headed back to Gibson County, Indiana. If he did, he more than likely traveled alone, leaving his family with Phoebe.

In 1818, he had sold a piece of land he was then living on to a John Weatherow. Later Weatherow sued in court stating Reding sold him the wrong parcel. Reding may have returned to defend this suit.

Dolly Combs was in Gibson County still, and she signed a deposition that she had overheard the transaction and that Weatherow got the piece of property he negotiated for. This was dated October 7, 1829. Reding won the case. As we all know, Putmans are true to their words and truly honorable folks.

Reding then immediately returned to Illinois and this time brought Dolly Combs back with him. Reding was back in Fulton County, as apparently was Dolly Combs, by 1830 for census time.

On July 18, 1830 Delilah Putman, their eldest child, married John Rizley, a friend from back in Indiana.

On September 12, 1830, Reding and Phoebe had their only child together, when Reding 2nd was born to them. At the time, Reding was thirty eight and Phoebe was forty three years old.

When Reding first arrived in this part of Illinois, there were more Indians than whites, but the 1820s brought a reversal in this order. The Indians were being forced westward by the expansion of settlers and problems began to increase between these two groups. Black Hawk was the Chief of this tribe of Fox and Sac Indians. The troubles came to a violent head in 1832 in what is now called the Black Hawk War.

Reding and Hazeal joined the Illinois Militia at Lewiston on April 25, 1832. Reding was a second sergeant in the Mounted Rangers Company commanded by Captain David W. Barnes. The commander of the Militia was Brig. General Isaiah Stillman. The men rode north and west of Peoria, Illinois where they met and fought the Fox and Sac at a place called Sycamore Creek on May 14, 1832. This being the first major encounter, the Indians were at full strength and routed the settlers. The Battle of Sycamore Creek is now historically referred to as '*Stillman's Run.*'

Reding was shot from his horse in the battle and seriously wounded. He took a musket ball in his left arm that shattered the bone and lodged in his chest. An old friend from back in South Carolina, John Holcomb, was serving in the same company and he pulled Reding out of further danger and paid someone four dollars to take Reding home by boat so that he could receive medical attention and recover.

Much later in 1884, in the Obituary of Phoebe Putman, it was said, "*He (Reding) was severely wounded in the arm, causing her (Phoebe) a great deal of anxiety.*" I assume it caused Reding some anxiety as well. It was this wound that caused a tumor that was later to be the cause of Reding's death.

Later battles resulted in the rather sad defeat of Black Hawk by August of 1832 and the lands were peaceful at last.

Reding never fully recovered from his wounds and was unable to work for a long time. He had heard of new lands being offered to veterans in Arkansas and he and Phoebe felt the milder

climate might be more favorable.

In 1836, Reding and his family along with his brother, William and his family, sold their Illinois lands and headed south. They were accompanied by his sister, Lavinia, and his mother, Prudence. Also making the trip were his daughter, Delilah Rizley and their family; Ralph Skelton, Prudence Putman's younger brother, and his family, John Holcomb, now a *'hard shell Baptist'* minister and his family and some of the Combs family. Young Reding, Robert, Bennett, James and Anne Eliza Putman and three Stelle children (Searing who married Catherine Reed, Timothy who married Permelia Skelton and Hannah who married. The first two married our cousins) accompanied their parents. Reding's other children had married and settled in Illinois where they remained.

The wagon train crossed Missouri and traveled south across the Ozarks and arrived in Washington County in the northwest part of Arkansas in the Fall of 1836. The various families settled near West Fork, southeast of the town of Fayetteville along the west fork of the White River, and in the Township of Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Reding was only forty-four when he came to Arkansas, but because of his war wounds he was forced to slow down and he became a farmer on a modest scale alongside his relatives. As Reding was one of the few literate people in the area, he helped others in writing letters and legal papers.

In the early 1840s, Delilah, then a young mother of five children, died suddenly and Reding and Phoebe opened their home to that family until John Rizley was able to remarry. In true family tradition, there were now four generations of Putmans living together in Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Reding had more time and spent many hours reviving his earlier interest in medicine and helping young Reding to read and understand all he could on the subject. These long hours of tutoring paid off, as Reding 2<sup>nd</sup> became a doctor once reaching adulthood. He also aided in the education of his grandson, Wilson Rizley, who was living with him after his mother died. Wilson went on to become a member of the State Legislature.

After four decades of moving across the country, Reding finally relaxed in these new lands in the rolling Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. He and the next two generations called this land their home. Reding was simply happy to see his family grow and develop into adults.

In the early 1860s, Arkansas was strongly divided as to the subject of slavery and whether to join the Confederacy or remain in the Union. Arkansas went with the South, but Reding remained quite vocal in wanting to preserve the Union he had fought so hard for in the past. As a result of this stand, his home was burnt down by Southern sympathizers in 1862 and he was forced to move and to live with his son, Reding, whose home was in Fayetteville. Young Reding, now a full fledged Doctor, ministered to both sides in the two heavy battles fought in the area; Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove.

My aunt Betty, Mary Elizabeth Putman Maxwell, said Reding told her that they all had the same color blood no matter what the color of their uniform.

Reding spent the rest of his life at his son's and died peacefully there at age seventy-three, on September 9, 1865. He lived just long enough to know Lee surrendered and that his Union had once again been restored. Phoebe Putman remained living with her son in Fayetteville until she was ninety-six years old. She died on May 11, 1884.

Both Reding and Phoebe Putman are buried side by side, in Baptist Ford Cemetery in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Both were true Pioneers of America.

I have recently obtained Phoebe's pension request file from Washington. It seems that Reding was receiving a pension from his War of 1812 service in Indiana and also for a total disability for the service in the Black Hawk War. The original pension documents had been destroyed when Confederate sympathizers ransacked Reding's home on November 4th, 1864. At the time, Reding was almost totally paralyzed on his left side from the wound's he received. For this total disability, Phoebe was receiving the sum of eight dollars a month. It hardly seems fair.

## **The Children of Reding Putman**

Reding Putman and his first wife, Stacey Combs, had seven children and Reding had one more child with his second wife Phoebe Marsh Stelle. Phoebe had six children from her first marriage with Alexander Stelle. The following information is what I know of the children of Reding Putman.

### **Delilah Putman**

Delilah Putman was the first child born to Reding and Stacey. She was born on April 28, 1813 in Gibson County, Indiana. She moved with the family and on July 18, 1830 while living in Fulton County, Illinois, she married John Rizley. Delilah was eighteen at the time and John was twenty-five.

John Rizley was the son of David and Sarah Crooks Rizley. John Rizley was born in 1805 in Knox County, Indiana. His parents came there from Kentucky; David Rizley was born in Maryland and his wife, Sarah Crooks was born in Pennsylvania. Cleo Heiserman is a descendent of this marriage and I have a huge story of the Rizley/Risley families for those who are interested.

The young Rizleys lived on a farm near the Putmans in Putman Township and while they were living in Illinois, they had their first three children: Riley, born in 1832 and George, born in 1833. Wilson was born on March 24, 1835.

They moved to Arkansas with the Putman family in 1836 and took up farming between Prairie Grove and West Fork, again, near the farm of Reding Putman. It was here that they had their other children: Emaziah in 1836, Phoebe Jane in 1837 and Prudence in 1840.

In 1841, Delilah died suddenly leaving her six young children with John Rizley. Grandfather Reding Putman took in the children and raised them along with his family. Young Reding was only two years older than Riley, the eldest Rizley.

A few years later John Rizley remarried Elizabeth Mayfield. They appear together in the 1850 census.

The Rizleys, like the Putmans, were against the principles of the Confederacy and made these feelings well known. As a result, Riley Rizley was *'bushwhacked'* one night. The murderers were never found.

Elizabeth Rizley died sometime in the 1860s and John Rizley moved in with his son Wilson who had married Polly `Tennessee' Reed in 1859. Polly was a younger sister of Elizabeth Reed who had married the young Reding Putman.

Wilson Rizley and his family and his father moved to Ellsworth County, Kansas. His sister, Jane, who had married Emsley Vines accompanied them to Kansas. Another of Reding Putman's children, James Putman, had gone to Kansas earlier and had influenced the Rizleys to make this move.

John Rizley died in Trivoli Township, Ellsworth County, Kansas in 1879 at the age of seventy-four. He is buried in the Scates cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Ellsworth County.

As to the children of John And Delilah Putman Rizley, they were:

**RILEY RIZLEY** was born in 1832. He never married and was murdered in the early 1860s.

**GEORGE RIZLEY** was born in Illinois in 1833. He married and raised a large family and remained in Arkansas.

**EMAZIAH RIZLEY** married but had no children.

**PHOEBE JANE RIZLEY** married Emsley Vines and went with others to Kansas.

**PRUDENCE RIZLEY** died in Arkansas in 1854 at the age of fourteen.

**WILSON RIZLEY** was born March 24, 1835. He married Polly *Tennessee* Reed, sister of the wife of Reding Putman Junior. They were married on September 15, 1859. They were living with Reding Putman in the 1860 census. They had 4 children:

**Adam Rizley** born in 1860.

**Robert Rizley** born in 1861.

**John Calvin Rizley** born in 1864.

**Martha Elizabeth Rizley** born in 1867.

Polly died on July 24, 1869. Wilson married again on August 13, 1871 to a widow, Martha Ann Harrison Cates. Wilson and Martha had three more children:

**Howard Rizley** born in 1872.

**William Rizley** born in 1874.

**Mary Jane Rizley** born in 1875.

Wilson moved to Kansas in 1874 but returned to Arkansas the following year. He once again returned to Kansas for good in 1878.

## **George Combs Putman**

George C. Putman was the second child of Reding and Stacey Combs Putman. He was born in Gibson County, Indiana on October 3, 1814. He, likewise, made all the various family moves ending up in Fulton County, Illinois in 1823.

He married Charlotte Crosthwait in Fiatt, Illinois on December 18, 1834. Charlotte was born in Illinois and was the daughter of Harvey and Mary Crosthwait. Harvey Crosthwait was a third generation Virginian born in Loudoun County, Virginia on February 18, 1795. Mary Axley Crosthwait was born in 1794 in Harrison County, Virginia, which is now in West Virginia.

They spent most of their lives in Fulton County, where George was a farmer. They made one short trip to Arkansas, probably to see his parents, as two children were born in Arkansas in 1838 and 1839, but they were back in Buckheart Township, Fulton County, Illinois for the 1840 and later census taking, with the exception of the 1860 returns when they were all in neighboring McDonough County.

The 1879 *HISTORY OF FULTON COUNTY ILLINOIS* states he had 8 sons and 2 daughters, seven of whom were still living in 1879. The two dead sons were the one killed in the Civil War and John Marion Putman, who died of heart failure at age 35 in 1874. In a letter I have from Reding (2nd) Putman dated in 1912, he mentions a Mrs. Maria Putman Strong of Moscow, Idaho being a daughter of his brother George. This would be the second daughter.

Anne Putman Britton of Phoenix, Arizona is a descendent of George C. Putman, and she has information that Julia Ann Putman was born in Iowa. Perhaps these Putmans had joined other Putmans in Iowa for a short period. The 1879 History states he was a resident of Civer, Illinois at the time and a long standing resident.

They had ten children, one of whom was killed in the Civil War. The children were:

**ALFRED PUTMAN**, born on August 19, 1835 in Illinois. He married Emily Ashworth August 7, 1856. He remained in Canton, Illinois where he died March 31, 1905. Emily was born February 22, 1839 in Baltimore and died December 14, 1893 in Canton. They were in McDonough County in 1860, and then back in Fulton County. Their children were:

**Mary E. Putman** born in 1857 and died December 2, 1933. She married Joseph Wyson.

**John Marion Putman** born September 13, 1863 and died March 12, 1941. He married Amelia E. Fengel August 2, 1886. She was born September 10, 1869 and died March 7, 1892. He then married her sister Margaret Lavinia Fengel on March 30, 1897. Maggie was born March 27, 1879 and died March 18, 1942 all in Deerfield, Fulton County.

Their children were:

**George Leroy Putman** born January 5, 1887 and died in Peoria October 5, 1955. He married Nola Mahr on December 6, 1911. In 1920 there were no children.

**Leonard Putman** born January 3, 1889 and died January 14, 1985. He married Ada Belle Littel on January 16, 1913. In 1920, they had:

**Raymond Putman** born in 1918.

**Kate Mae Putman** born January 15, 1891 and died April 6, 1963. She married Thomas J. Mahr July 15, 1910.

**Glen Marion Putman** born October 8, 1897 and died October 29, 1985. He was the first child in the second marriage. He married Anna Norman March 20, 1918. In 1920, they had:

**Margaret Putman** born in 1918.

**Earl F. Putman** born November 28, 1899 and died February 20, 1920 unmarried.

**Franklin Eugene Putman** born September 7, 1902 and died July 18, 1976. He married Margaret Harriett Stuckey December 28, 1923. She was a daughter of Frederick Stuckey and Grace Blanche Churchill. She was born December 29, 1901 and died in Canton Illinois July 3, 1958. They had 13 children:

**Russell Eugene Putman** born September 1, 1925. He married Lillian F. Ball June 3, 1948. They were divorced in May 1969. They had:

**Marna Jean Putman** born December 6, 1949.

**Curtis Eugene Putman** born April 22, 1952.

**John Franklin Putman** a twin born on November 3, 1927. He married Jessie Joann Mason November 21, 1954. They had:

**John Theodore Putman** born September 17, 1955.

**Bobby Bruce Putman** born July 30, 1957.

**David Michael Putman** born September 16, 1958 and died two days later.

**Rebecca Jo Putman** born March 11, 1960.

**Joseph Michael Putman** born December 12, 1962.

**Mary Ellen Putman** the other twin born on November 3, 1927. She married Wayland Smith July 6, 1944. She later married Eugene Freeman September 6, 1946. There was one child in the first marriage and 4 in the second:

**Linda Kay Smith** born September 22, 1944.

**Rosemary Freeman** born May 1, 1947.

**Michael Eugene Freeman** born July 23, 1950.

**Gordon Ray Freeman** born April 22, 1952.

**Margaret Ann Freeman** born October 12, 1953.

**Shirley Ann Putman** born November 29, 1928 and died February 13, 1929.

**Charlotte Elaine Putman** born and died November 29, 1928. She and Shirley were a second set of twins.

**Robert Franklin Putman** born February 16, 1930 and died July 27, 1985. He married Shirley Zink in November 1950. They were divorced and he then married Cora J. Boling May 2, 1954 also in Canton, Illinois. Cora was born July 5, 1935 and she died in Canton October 12, 2008. They were divorced, and then on October 23, 1976 he married Joyce E. C. Scott who had been previously married to a Clark. There were two kids in the second marriage:

**Robert Dean Putman** born November 9, 1954.

**Brian Allen Putman** born April 16, 1957.

**Gordon Andrew Putman** born October 24, 1931 and died March 9, 1978 in Phoenix Arizona. He first married Patricia Briggs February 21, 1954 and they were later divorced. They had the only children. He then married Linda Miller in Phoenix.

**Cindy Lou Putman** born April 17, 1955.

**Randall William Putman** born June 5, 1956.

**Ricky Putman** born January 1, 1958.

**Sheila Putman** born April 26, 1960.

**Harriet Ann Putman** born May 16, 1934 and died March 29, 1966. She married Raymond H. Burkhead on February 14, 1953. They had

**Bernard Lee Burkhead** born June 30, 1954.

**Carolyn Ann Burkhead** born January 9, 1956.

**Marcus Leon Burkhead** born June 19, 1957.

**Nancy Louise Burkhead** born March 16, 1961.

**Paula Jo Burkhead** born November 9, 1962.

**Julie Kay Burkhead** born July 7, 1964.

**Robert Allen Burkhead** born February 16, 1967.

**Vivian Kay Putman** born May 22, 1934 and died March 29, 1966. She never married.

**Charles Warner Putman** born August 16, 1935. He married Joyce Weery on April 20, 1957. They had two children:

**Crystal Kay Putman** born October 2, 1960.

**Charles Troy Putman** born June 21, 1963.

**Maxine Putman** born September 6, 1937 and died in Riverton Illinois July 5, 1997. She married Thomas Payne Hopkins on April 9, 1955. They had three children:

**Terry Lee Hopkins** born November 1, 1955. He married Kathy Cherry March 26, 1977.

**Rodney Richard Hopkins** born June 5, 1958. He married Noreen Rachelle Kuchen August 15, 1987. He supplied a lot of info on this branch of the family in 2006. Thanks.

**Jerry Allen Hopkins** born July 14, 1962.

**Helen Louise Putman** born October 9, 1938. She married Richard Reffett February 23, 1958. They had four children:

**Tina Louise Reffett** born September 12, 1958.

**Richard Aubrey Reffett** born December 18, 1959.

**Rhonda Joy Reffett** born October 28, 1961.

**Scott Allen Reffett** born July 1, 1962.

**Dixie Grace Putman** born April 3, 1941. She married Richard Ivan Chatterton February 26, 1964. She died in Ellisville Illinois November 22, 1991. They had:

**Angel Marie Chatterton** born March 10, 1972.

**Richard Ryan Chatterton** born May 12, 1977.

**Robert Anthony Chatterton** born February 22, 1981.

**Carl Thomas Putman** born April 16, 1905 and died March 23, 1967. He married Mary Ann Warner on November 30, 1926.

**Floyd Erwin Putman** born August 30, 1908 and died April 12, 1962. He married Violet Vera Delta on October 24, 1929.

**Leta Ellen Putman** born September 15, 1912. She married Harold Andrew September 24, 1930.

**Rita Faye Putman** born August 31, 1915 and died January 31, 1916.

**Marian Ruth Putman** born July 4, 1922. She married Howard Suydam Roberts on September 8, 1940. They had four sons.

**William Joseph Putnam** born August 14, 1865. He married Elvira Dilley June 24, 1891. They moved to Denver, Colorado and were there in 1910 and in 1920. They had:

**Edna L. Putnam** born in 1894.

**Elmer Dean Putnam** born March 25, 189 and died in January 1963. His wife Agnes was born July 31, 1896 and died in Greeley, Colorado February 25, 1996 at age 99. They were in Jefferson County in 1930.

**Eugene Putman** born August 11, 1870 and died in Fulton County August 7, 1895.

**Mark E. Putman** born December 3, 1878. He married Leona Dean Ferguson on June 3, 1899. They were in Canton in 1900. He moved to Oregon but I can't find him anywhere in 1910 or 1920. He was in Jackson County Oregon in 1930 with a wife Amy born in Iowa.

**Jesse B. Putman** born in 1879.

**JOHN MARION PUTMAN**, born June 24, 1838 in Washington County, Arkansas. John Marion Putman married Sarah Catherine Miller October 3, 1867 in Illinois. She and her parents, George and Hannah Miller, were all natives of Virginia. They were in Freemont County, Iowa in the 1870 census. They had two children before he died on December 9, 1874 and one, John Harrison Putman, just after his death. In 1880, Sarah and the three children were back in Putman Township, Fulton County and she was by then Married to Henry Newton (married December 12, 1876). The children were:

**Mintie Marion Putman** born October 30, 1868. She married Charles Laird and remained in Cuba, Illinois for a while and then went to Nebraska.

**George Calloway Putman** born August 10, 1870 in Iowa. He married Lillian DeWitt also born in Iowa. They were married September 30, 1896. He returned to Fulton County, Illinois and died in Cuba, Illinois May 12, 1934. In 1900 they had a daughter. In 1920, they had:

**Vera M. Putman** born in September 1898. She married Harry George from Lydbrook England.

**Lorena Putman** born in 1900.

**Faith Putman** born in 1902.

**David Putman** born in 1905.

**John Harrison Putman** born January 12, 1875. He moved to western Nebraska and then on to Salem, Oregon. In Nebraska, he met and married Philippina K. Wach, a Russian German from Odessa, who came to America in 1885. He died in 1945, she in 1970 (she was born in December 1875). They were in Hayes County, Nebraska in 1900 and in Red Willow County, Nebraska in 1920 and 1930. They had four children that survived childhood:

**Theodore Frederick Putman** born in 1901, who married Dorothy Bell. They had one son:

**Marion Keith Putman**

**Edmund Leslie Putman** born in 1906, who married Hazel Layton. They had two children. Then Hazel died of cancer in the early 1960s, and Edmund married his brother Robert's wife, Adelle, as Robert had died in 1962. Edmunds children were:

**Dennis Putman**

**Janice Putman**

**Robert Burns Putman** born in 1909, who married Adele Murphy. After he died in 1962, and after her sister in law Hazel had died, Adele married Edmund Putman. Robert and Adele's two children were:

**Robert Burns Putman Jr.**

**Anne Lynn Putman.** Anne married George Britton, lives in Phoenix, and supplied the info on this family. Thanks, Anne.

**Gladys Lorena Putman** born August 21, 1916. She married Gordon Richard Rook in 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska. They lived in Waterloo, New York from 1941 on. Gordon was born September 9, 1916 and died in 1990. Gladys was still there in 2006 at age 90, and she supplied this info. They had 6 children:

**Marilyn Jean Rook** born May 29, 1937 in Lincoln, Nebraska. She married William Henry Sisson.

**Thomas Allen Rook** born November 9, 1942 in Geneva, New York.

**William Gordon Rook** born December 29, 1943 in Geneva. He married Carol Wolfe of Seneca Falls.

**Robert Morris Rook** born December 29, 1946 in Geneva. He married Jill Bordner.

**Ellenor Rook** born August 25, 1949 in Waterloo, NY. She married Timothy Linehan.

**Elaine Rook** born August 25, 1949, and married John Derby.

Sarah later married Henry Newton on December 12, 1876 and was with him in the 1880 census of Fulton County. They had three more children: Maud, Bess and Abraham M. Newton. Sarah Putman Newton died in August 1930.

**JAMES HARVEY PUTMAN**, also born in Fayetteville, Arkansas September 11, 1839, but

remained in Canton, Fulton County, Illinois after his family returned there. He married a widow, Elizabeth Van Buren who had previously married Hewitt McBroom. They were married August 1, 1861 and they got divorced in 1869. They then remarried February 17, 1870 and are in Buckheart in 1870. They are there in 1880 they had these children. Then he seems to have remarried as in 1900 he is in Latah County, Idaho with a wife named Ruba E. born in Canada. His brother Benjamin and sister Maria were in Latah County then too. Ruba died near Moscow in 1911 and is buried there. He then married a Margaret and moved over the border to Garfield Washington and died there April 9, 1914.

**Luella Putman** born in 1868. She married Frank W. Slater December 19, 1888.

**Lena Flora Putman** born in 1872. She married Henry N. Knight June 15, 1893.

**Agnes Putman** born in 1876. She married Frank Conover December 10, 1896.

**Oscar Putman** born in December 1880. In 1920 he is single age 39.

**ROBERT PUTMAN** was born in 1841 in Illinois. He married Philina Murphy, born in 1842. They were married here March 8, 1866. He was in the 1870 census of Freemont County, Iowa and in the 1880 and 1900 census of Fulton County, Illinois. Philina was a widow in 1900 and 1910. They had these children:

**Carrie E. Putman** born in 1866. She married Thomas Woodcock February 15, 1885.

**Delcina Putman** born in 1870.

**Lewis Putman** born in 1871. In 1920, he is married to Julia May Gilpin from West Virginia and has a daughter:

**Elise Putman** born in 1917.

**Florence Putman** born in August 1874. She married Charles Smith October 31, 1893.

**Mary Putman** born in December 1876.

**Fred H. Putman** born in January 1879.

**Jennie Putman** born in July 1880.

**Allie Putman** born in March 1884.

**JOSEPH P. PUTMAN**, born in Illinois in 1843. In 1860, he is living with John Deems.

**ENOCH I. PUTMAN**, born in 1844.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUTMAN**, born in 1847. He is in Moscow, Latah County, Idaho in 1900 and is widowed or at least wifeless. At that time he had:

**Herbert C. Putman** born in January 1877 in Idaho.

**Carol B. Putman** born in July 1881 in Idaho.

**WILLIAM H. PUTMAN** born in 1852. He married Sarah Frances Miller December 15, 1875. They are in Riley County, Kansas in the 1880 census.

**JULIA ANN PUTMAN**, born on September 5, 1859. She was born in Iowa. Julia Ann married Thompson Laird on May 30, 1878. She died in Silver Creek, Minnesota on January 16, 1918.

**MARY MARIA PUTMAN** born May 10, 1854 and married James Russell Strong as mentioned above. They were married January 15, 1876 in Fulton County. James was a son of Orren Russell Strong and Amanda Gibbs. He was born September 24, 1849 and died September 20, 1922. She died in Moscow, Idaho May 10, 1919 according to her death certificate. That certificate was found by Anne Britton and it was where we found out her

dad's middle name was Combs. Their children were:

**Alvah Strong** He married Agnes Danly.

**Eunice Strong** She married Edward Moak.

**Ettie Strong** She married Homer Estes.

**Alice Strong** She married Corliss McElroy.

John Marion and Alfred, in addition to the son that was killed, fought on the Union side in the Civil War.

## **Anne Elizabeth Putman**

Anne Eliza Putman was born in Gibson County, Indiana on January 10, 1817. She traveled as a child to Kentucky and then on to Fulton County, Illinois in 1823.

Anne Eliza married William Farmer, a native of Marion County, Tennessee born in 1816. He was a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Farmer. They were married in Fulton County August 21, 1836. Shortly thereafter, she and her husband moved to Washington County, Arkansas, along with her parents.

William Farmer was a farmer first in Prairie Washington County and then in West Fork the rest of his life until he died September 15, 1865.

After William Farmer died in 1865, Anne Elizabeth remained at the old farm with her daughter Stacy. It seems Stacy never married. In the 1880 census Elizabeth is living with Stacy, then 37, and James 30, both of whom were single.

Anne Elizabeth died in Washington County, Arkansas on June 25, 1892.

William and Anne Elizabeth had 5 children. They were:

**JASPER N. FARMER**, who was born on February 11, 1840 and remained all his life in Arkansas. Jasper served in the Confederate Army for 4 months in 1862. He was wounded and returned home. He married Martha Ann Woolsey, a native of Arkansas, on November 27, 1877. She was born April 21, 1849 and died August 24, 1926. He died December 24, 1919. There were no children.

**STACY FARMER** was born December 25, 1842 and died in West Fork on February 28, 1923. She never married. She and her brother James were there in 1900 and 1910. And Stacy was there in 1920 at age 77.

**ISAAC NEWTON FARMER** was born in 1844 and died in Austin, Texas July 21, 1929 at the Texas Confederate Home. He married but I have no name or anything. They had at least two kids:

**Cora E. Farmer** born in 1889. She married Samuel C. Taylor from Canada.

**Newton Farmer** born about 1895.

**WILLIAM REDING FARMER** was born in October 1846 and died about 1920 in

Muskogee County, Oklahoma. He married Louisa Elizabeth Caldwell in Washington County, Arkansas on February 16, 1871. Louisa was born in Washington County in January 1853 and she died in Muskogee March 28, 1908. (a great deal more on this family can be obtained from Lyle Farmer, a descendant, at [farmer-l@sbcglobal.net](mailto:farmer-l@sbcglobal.net). Their children were:

**William M. Farmer** born March 1876 in Washington County, Arkansas.

**Merlin Filmore Farmer** born May 1, 1880 in Eastland County, Texas and died November 19, 1954 in Choctaw County Oklahoma. He married Sarah Eliza Fredrick June 21, 1903. She was born July 22, 1884 and died June 21 1950 in Choctaw County.

**Maybell Cora Farmer** born in January 1883. She married a Pound.

**Zella D. Farmer** born in June 1885. She married J. J. Ford.

**Mary Jane Farmer** born in August 1887. She married a Sanders and lived in Muskogee.

**Allen Everett Farmer** born in November 1888 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma.

**Myrtle E. Farmer** born in May 1891. She married Clem W. Rogers.

**Charles Edward Farmer** born in March 1899 in Indian Territory.

**JAMES MADISON FARMER** was born May 12, 1850 and died January 17, 1917. He never married and was living with his mother and then his sister Stacy all his life.

## James Daniel Putman

James Daniel Putman was one of two children born in Butler County, Kentucky during the short period that Reding and Stacy moved back to that state.

James Putman was born on February 13, 1819. He went with the family to both Illinois and to then to Arkansas.

On August 15, 1840, James Putman married Diadema (Damie) Smith in Washington County, Arkansas. Diadema was born in Indiana in 1821. Her father was from Virginia and her mother from North Carolina.

They left Arkansas in the early 1850s and were in Hardin County Iowa in the 1854 State Census.

In 1860, James and Diadema were in the Lincoln Precinct of Logan County, Illinois with seven children. They were in Fulton County in 1870, and in 1880 they are in Ellsworth County, Kansas. Diadema was with her daughter Elizabeth in Logan County, Oklahoma in 1900.

The following information on their children was obtained from 1860 and 1880 Census records and from Cleo Heiserman of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUTMAN** born in Arkansas September 21, 1841. He is married in Pueblo County, Colorado in 1880 and in Carroll County, Arkansas in the 1900. He had a wife named Sarah Jane. She was born March 1, 1861 and died March 26, 1915. He is widowed back in Carroll County in 1920. He will die February 19, 1920. Both are buried in Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, Washington County. They had one son:

**John F. Putman** born in Arkansas February 21, 1889. He married Helen Kathleen Sanders about 1910-1911 and then died October 12, 1913. Helen married Garland Cook and they were in Benton County Arkansas in 1920 and she had their daughter Mary

Putman age 7 with her.

**ELIZABETH ANN PUTMAN** born in Fulton County, Illinois October 26, 1845. She married Robert Wright in Kansas on February 19, 1880. She died in Arkansas City, Kansas July 21, 1928. Robert Wright was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1844 and died August 8, 1899 in Grand Falls, Washington. Their children were:

**Rachel Della Wright** born March 15, 1884 in Rice County, Kansas and died in Newton, Kansas March 16, 1979. She married Joseph Moore November 27, 1902 in Oklahoma.

**Daisy Wright** born in 1887 and died in Oklahoma. She married Ralph Cooper and later E. H. Fisher.

**NANCY I. PUTMAN** born in 1850 in Illinois.

**WILLIAM B. PUTMAN** born in Illinois in 1851.

**ROBERT F. PUTMAN** born in Iowa in 1854. In 1880, he is farming in Union Township, Rice County Kansas. His uncle Bennett Putman is there too. Next door is Fanny Ann Putman Richard, a daughter of Bennett Putman. In the Territorial census of 1885, he is still single but now has his sister Mary Ellen and her husband Josiah Kidd living with him. In 1920, there is a Robert the right age in Polk County, Arkansas with a wife named Mary and no children. Might be him.

**DANIEL PUTMAN** was born in 1858 and was working on his father's farm in 1880.

**MARY ELLEN PUTMAN** was born March 16, 1861. She married Josiah Nicholas Kidd on September 25, 1879. Josiah was born January 20, 1854 and died on May 12, 1921. They were in Rice County, Kansas in the 1880 and 1885 census. At that time they had a daughter:

**S. Kidd** born in Kansas in 1882.

**MARTHA PUTMAN** was born in 1863 and was listed as a teacher. According to Mrs. Heiserman, Martha married a Noah McCarvan.

**CHARLES JAMES PUTMAN** was born in August 1867. In the 1900 census, Charles was living in Rice County with his Wife Elizabeth S. In 1910 Charles was in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma with a second wife Mary E. from Kansas. He had these children:

**Chester A. Putman** born in Kansas in October 1891.

**Mabel Putman** born in Kansas in May 1896.

**William O. Putman** born in October 1899.

Cleo Heiserman's grandmother also talked about *'the twins'* as well. If there were two more children, I know nothing about them.

James Putman does not appear in the 1875 Kansas Census, but is in the 1880 Census living in Empire Township of Ellsworth County as he is in the special 1885 Census. James was in Kansas in 1874 during the *'grasshopper plague'* and may have left as did Wilson Rizley. James was back, however in 1878 as the Rizleys lived near his farm in that year.

James Daniel Putman died in Kansas on September 14, 1897 and Diadema died there on July 5,

1901.

I have no other information on James Putman and his family.

## **Prudence Putman**

Prudence Putman was the second child born in Butler County, Kentucky. She was born on September 22, 1820.

Prudence went with the family to Fulton County, Illinois where she married and spent the rest of her life.

Prudence was married on September 22, 1836 in Fulton County to Elijah Calloway Willcoxon. Elijah was born in Kentucky and was the son of Captain Elijah Willcoxon and Charlotte Calloway. Captain Willcoxon was a rather colorful character and a good write-up on him may be found in the 1908 HISTORY OF FULTON COUNTY.

A descendant, Raymond F. Willcoxon of Canton, Illinois, has provided me with a copy of their marriage certificate filed in the Fulton County Courthouse.

They farmed the land and had 14 children born to them all in Fulton County, four of which died in infancy.

Elijah Willcoxon died on January 22, 1872, and Prudence died on October 24, 1882, both in Fulton County near Canton, Illinois. They are both buried in the Salem/Willcoxon Cemetery.

Their children were:

**REDDING PUTMAN WILLCOXEN**, born August 29, 1838. Redding married Amanda Evaline Stought on May 8, 1862. They had four children:

**Thomas Lee Willcoxon**  
**Anna P. Willcoxon**  
**Andrew J. Willcoxon**  
**Noah C. Willcoxon**

Amanda died on April 8, 1873 and Redding remarried on December 22, 1873 to Lucinda Morgan. She was born in Fulton County December 21, 1848. This second marriage resulted in 8 more children:

**Viola Willcoxon**  
**William Wade Willcoxon**  
**Reding Quincy Willcoxon**  
**Jessie David Willcoxon**  
**Melinda M. Willcoxon**  
**James Oliver Willcoxon**  
**Bert M. Willcoxon**  
**Jerimiah Willcoxon**

Redding Willcoxon died on December 8, 1907 and is buried in the Salem Willcoxon

Cemetery in Fulton County.

**ELVIRA WILLCOXEN** was born on June 23, 1839 and married Amos Fall in Fulton County on January 5, 1899. She died in Altamonte, Missouri.

**NANCY MATILDA WILLCOXEN** was born on February 24, 1841 and married William Shields on March 14, 1861. She died in Fulton County on November 5, 1906.

**ELIJAH WILLCOXEN** was born in 1844. He was never married and was killed in 1862 in the Civil War at age eighteen.

**JANE WILLCOXEN** was born on September 9, 1846. She married Andrew Shields in 1864 and died in Fulton County on January 19, 1868.

**JAMES M. WILLCOXEN** was born on March 26, 1848. He married Isabel Ford on April 12, 1870 and he died in Fulton County on February 11, 1917. They had four children:

**Dora Willcoxen** who married a Millett  
**John Willcoxen**  
**Melvin Willcoxen**  
**Roba Willcoxen**

**PRUDENCE WILLCOXEN** was born about 1850, married John Alexander Ray and moved to Washington State where she died.

**CALLOWAY E. WILLCOXEN** was born on September 1, 1854 and died unmarried on December 22, 1876.

**STEPHEN DOUGLAS WILLCOXEN** was born on June 7, 1856. He married Rebecca Stufflebeam on January 13, 1876 and died in Fulton County on March 24, 1916.

**REBECCA WILLCOXEN** was born in 1860 and married William Alpheus Ray. She died in Fulton County on August 3, 1884.

**PACANINNA WILLCOXEN** was born on May 13, 1861 and died on January 29, 1875 at age thirteen.

**MARSHALL WILLCOXEN** died in infancy.

**ANNA ELIZABETH WILLCOXEN** was born on August 25, 1844 and died October 21, 1861 at the age of seventeen.

There was one other unnamed child that died at birth.

## **Robert Putman**

Robert Putman was born in Putman Township, Fulton County, Illinois on December 16, 1823. In his census reports, he states he was born in Kentucky (Butler County), but I still feel he was born in Illinois. Reding left Kentucky in 1821 or 1822, and was in Fulton County by early 1823. Robert made the trip to Arkansas with his family in 1836.

Robert was accounted for in the Arkansas 1840 census as living at home, but was gone by 1850. He seems to be the Robert Putman living with Harrison Putman in Fulton County in the 1850 census of Illinois. His brother, Reding junior, was also listed in the same household in 1850 in Illinois. Reding was also listed in the 1850 Arkansas Census, so they may have only been visiting when the census taker made his rounds. At any rate, Reding returned to Arkansas.

According to a biographical sketch on Leigh Reding Putman found in the HISTORICAL REVIEW OF ARKANSAS published in 1911, Robert went to Iowa to farm and it was there that he died. He first appears single in 1857 in Des Moines Iowa and was a physician.

In 1860 he was in Arcadia Township, Morgan County Illinois. He is there with his new wife Elizabeth Drutz and their first child, Israel 2 years old. They are in Cass County Illinois in 1865 and have their first two daughters, Mary Jane and Prudence, with them as well as Israel.

I find him in the 1870 and 1880 census in Jasper County, Iowa. He is 57 and it says Kentucky is his birthplace so he may have been born there while Reding made that trip back for a few years. His wife named Elizabeth Drutz and she was born in Illinois September 13, 1836. Drutz was the way the marriage was recorded, but another source states she was a daughter of Elias Prunty and Harriet Cassell from Morgan County, Illinois. They were married in Jasper County, Iowa on May 27, 1857. His brother Bennett was married there also in 1857. Elizabeth is shown as a widow in the 1900 census of Jasper County, Iowa. In 1910, she and three daughters are in Spokane, Washington.

Robert died in Prairie City, Iowa May 30, 1892. Elizabeth died in Spokane, Washington September 22, 1913.

Based on the 1880 and 1900 Census reports, his children were:

**ISRAEL PUTMAN** born May 16, 1858 in Jasper County, Iowa. He is single in Marion County in 1885. He was with his mother in 1895 in Iowa and that is the last time I find him.

**MARY JANE PUTMAN** born in Morgan County, Illinois September 18, 1860.

**PRUDENCE PUTMAN** born in Princeton, Illinois September 8, 1864.

**ELIZA H. PUTMAN** born September 8, 1865 in Princeton, Illinois.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTMAN** born in Jasper County, Iowa July 27, 1872. In late 1899 he and his wife Nellie E., born in Iowa in August 1871, moved to Spokane County, Washington and were in Five Mile in the 1900 census. They were there in 1910 and 1920 as well but living in Spokane. Children through 1920 were:

**Ruth Putman** born in Iowa in June 1898. She was at home in 1920.

**Elizabeth Putman** born in Washington in February 1900. She is listed at home as Ardis in 1910 and 1920.

**Robert H. Putman** born in Washington in 1902. He is married to a Margaret in Spokane in the 1930.

**Nellie Fay Putman** born in Washington in 1905.

**ELLEN E. PUTMAN** born in Iowa April 19, 1874.

**PHOEBE JOSEPHINE PUTMAN** born in Iowa August 27, 1876. She was with mom in 1900 and 1910 as were her sisters Delila and Eliza. She died in Washington State November 9, 1910.

**DELILA PUTMAN** born March 19, 1880 in Jasper County, Iowa. She was still single in Seattle Washington in 1920.

## **Bennett Putman**

Bennett Putman was a son of Reding Putman Senior. He was also born in Fulton County, Illinois. He was born 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.

He returned to Canton in Fulton County, Illinois as he does appear in the 1850 Illinois Census along with his wife, Susannah M. Effner, who he married in Fulton County, 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 late 1856 or early 1857 as they were in Jasper County Iowa in the State Census of 1856. He then married Martha Ann Burckhalter in Jasper County, Iowa on September 29, 1857. Martha Ann, or Mattie, was born in Indiana in 1836. She was a daughter of Cason Burckhalter. He was living with the family in 1880 and Mattie signed her father's pension request forms there for service during the Civil War while he was living in Iowa. Bennett was a Physician, and listed as such in 1880.

His son Douglas was born in Illinois in 1852. He was living in Iowa by 1853, as his third child, Fanny Ann was born in Iowa in that year. It may have been earlier as Douglas lists Iowa as his birthplace in 1860 and 1880.

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 and remained there the rest of his life.

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 old 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.

Bennett died in 1888 and Martha in 1889. They are buried in the Iuka Township Cemetery, Iuka, Pratt County Kansas.

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

**REDING PUTMAN** was born in Illinois in 1849. He was alone in Jasper County, Iowa in 1870, but returned shortly to Arkansas. 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. He was not in the 1900 Arkansas Census, but some of his children were. In 1900, he and Charlotte were in Lamar County, Texas. The children I can figure out were:

**Maggie Lenora Putman** born in 1871 in Arkansas.

**Bennett F. Putman** born in 1872 in Arkansas. He married Cordellia Ezra in Crawford County, Arkansas on July 7, 1895. In 1900 they have a son Kenneth 3 years old.

**James C. Putman** born in Arkansas in 1877.

**Willie Edgar Putman** born in Kansas in 1879 or 1880. In 1900 he is living with his brother Bennett.

**Ralph Putman** born in Kansas in November 1882. In Texas in 1910.

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

**Charles Putman** born in Arkansas in October 1891.

**DOUGLAS PUTMAN** was born in about 1852 in Iowa (possibly in Illinois). He married Martha J. Milinix in Washington County, Arkansas in 1869. In 1880, in Marion County, Kansas, he had the first four children. Then there is a record in Carroll County, Arkansas where Douglas Putman married Louisa Williamson on July 4, 1889. Her full name was Amanda Louisa Williamson. I don't find them in 1900, but in 1910 (and probably in 1900) he is in Beaver County, Alabama with Manda L. and four new children. His children would include:

**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.

**Horace M. Putman** born in Arkansas in 1891.

**Roxie L. Putman** born in Arkansas in 1894.

**Altha Matilda Putman** born in 1896 in Arkansas. She married Bernard Austin Detwiler.

**Nimrod C. Putman** born in Oklahoma in 1898.

**FRANCES A. (FANNY) PUTMAN** was born in 1857 in Iowa. She married James W. Richard in about 1878. He was born in Tennessee in about 1853. In 1880 they were in Union Township, Rice County, Kansas with a son:

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

**HORACE PUTMAN** was born in Iowa in 1861.

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

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

## **Reding Putman II**

After Reding's wife Stacey died, Reding Putman Senior married Phoebe Marsh Stelle and they had one more child, Reding Putman Junior.

Reding junior was born September 12, 1830 in Putman Township, Fulton County, Illinois. He moved with his family to Washington County, Arkansas and there on May 10, 1855, he married Elizabeth Reed.

The complete life of Reding and his family is contained in the section on ARKANSAS PUTMANS later in this history.