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# The Putmans

## Vermilion County Illinois

Sometime in 1858, Nancy Grover Putman, the widow of Thomas James Putman, son of Henry Putman of Virginia and Kentucky, traveled from Ohio to east central Illinois and settled for a period in Vermilion County. She was accompanied by her three sons. They settled in Hoopeston, Illinois.

Thomas the father had died in Champaign County, Ohio in 1827. Nancy moved with her children first to Pique, Champaign County, Ohio and then to Clark County, Ohio in the 1840s. Nancy was born in Maryland January 11, 1791 and died in Vermillion County February 23, 1872.

The three sons of Thomas Putman and Nancy Grover that resided for several years in Vermilion County were:

### **Thomas Putman Jr.**

Thomas Putman junior was born April 22, 1813 in Kentucky. He was in Clark County then in Vermilion County, Illinois and finally to Carroll County, Missouri where he died May 5, 1866. He married Elizabeth Weaver in Pique, Champaign County, Ohio and they had four children. Elizabeth was born on September 10, 1813 in Springfield, Ohio and she died of pneumonia on March 5, 1885. Both are buried in Carrollton, Carroll County, Missouri.

The children were:

**HENRY PUTMAN** born in 1848 and not in the 1860 census.

**MARY CATHERINE PUTMAN** was born on May 22, 1850. She married Frederick H. Allison on August 1, 1869. She died April 22, 1929 in Phelps County, Missouri.

**SARAH PUTMAN** was born May 8, 1853 in Danville, Illinois. She married George Steven Burkhardt. Sade died in Missouri on October 3, 1927.

**JOHN PUTMAN**, He was born in 1839 and he married Sarah Mossick or Messick on February 18, 1863. He died at age 40 in Carrollton, Missouri. They had one daughter:

**Florence Putman** born in 1863. In 1870 and 1880 she was living with her grandmother Sarah Mossick in Ross, Vermillion County.

**WILLIAM PUTMAN**. He was born in 1844. He died at age 63 in Carrollton, Missouri.

### **Joseph Henry Putman**

Joseph Putman was born November 10, 1819 in Champaign County, Ohio. He married Rebecca Rohl in Clark County, Ohio on January 18, 1847. She died very soon thereafter and he married Elizabeth Slusser also in Clark County on May 19, 1853. Elizabeth was born November 13, 1827

in Warren County, Indiana, a daughter of John Slusser and Margaret Odewalt.

He was in Hoopston Vermilion County, Illinois along with his brothers after that. He built a store and then added a second floor and then ultimately made it a hotel that was run by his daughter Martha. He died on July 30, 1892. Elizabeth was alive at age 72 in the 1900 census, and also there in 1910. She died on August 31, 1914. His children, all with Elizabeth were:

**JOHN HENRY PUTMAN** born in August 1854. In 1900 he is 45, Eva Kate Renard, his wife of 16 years (married January 7, 1885), is 35. He died January 28, 1931 and Kate died March 29, 1932. Their children were:

**Cassandra Elizabeth Putman** born November 1, 1885, died in January, 1968. She was home in 1920 and stayed there till she moved to Danville in 1964. She never married.

**Flossie Putman** born March 1888 and died in 1906.

**Fred Renard Putman** born July 26, 1890. He married Helen Alice Shockley in 1913. He died in Danville in December 1964. They had:

**Clara Lois Putman** born in 1913.

**John Clayton Putman** born July 22, 1915 and died October 19, 1915.

**Cassa Lucille Putman** born August 26, 1916. She married someone, and then Huron Wilson Henderson.

**Blanch Putman** born July 1893 and died in 1906.

**MARY ELLEN PUTMAN** born in 1857. She is not in the 1870 census. Ed Putnam found this info on Findagrave.com. 'Mary Ellen was the second child born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Slusser) Putman in Warren County, Indiana in 1857. Her son, Ernest Wentworth Putman, was born October 5, 1875. Ernest was born out of wedlock it seems and before Mary Ellen got married. I have him listed shortly as I am not sure how to place him. She married Charles D. Prickett January 23, 1878 in Vermilion County, Illinois. She had four children in Illinois, two in Missouri, one in Iowa and her youngest in Nebraska. She lived the next 30 years in Wheeler County, Nebraska and died in 1922 in Erickson, Nebraska and is buried in Pibel Cemetery in Wheeler County, Nebraska.

**LEWIS FRANKLIN PUTMAN** born October 14, 1859. He died in a wagon accident on August 21, 1872.

**MARTHA (MATTIE) A. PUTMAN** was born October 13, 1860 and was still single at age 39 and with her mother who was 72 in 1900. She ran a hotel that her father had started. She died unmarried on December 24, 1911.

**WILLIAM T. PUTMAN** born December 27, 1862 and died October 7, 1863..

**NANCY JANE PUTMAN** was born on May 23, 1865. She married William Andrew Douglas Hollowell on October 13, 1881. They are listed in the 1900 census in Vermilion County. She died on May 12, 1955. Their children were:

**Purley P. Hollowel** born June 19, 1887 and died July 10, 19109.

**Verna Hollowell** born March 10, 1893 and died May 27, 1955. She married a Carlson.

**Nora Hollowell** born October 23, 1889, died November 3, 1923. She never married.

**Chauncy Clyde Hollowell** born February 12, 1885 and died October 22, 1966. He married Olivena Walter. They had several children, all in Hollowell, Vermilion County.

**Frank Hollowell** born January 29, 1896. He first married Esther Wilbur and after she died in 1952, married Ethel Tully.

**Thomas Floyd Hollowell** born May 26, 1900 and died December 4, 1954.

**ERNEST WENTWORTH PUTMAN** was born October 5, 1875 and died March 8, 1961. He was married to Cora Elizabeth Wilson on June 26, 1894. Cora was born June 15, 1872 and died January 3, 1968. She was a daughter of William Rice Wilson and Catherine Deck. Now Ernest was not shown in the family in the 1880 census, and in the 1910 census Elizabeth stated she had six children of which four were living. This would seem to eliminate Ernest, except his death certificate lists Joseph and Elizabeth as his parents. Relatives seem to think he may be someone's illegitimate child simply raised in the family. Ed Putnam found this info on Findagrave.com. 'Mary Ellen was the second child born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Slusser) Putman in Warren County, Indiana in 1857. Her son, Ernest Wentworth Putman, was born October 5, 1875. She married Charles D. Prickett January 23, 1878 in Vermilion County, Illinois.' I list him here, as there is nowhere better to place him. His children were:

**Hazel Ernestine Putman** born October 29, 1894. She married Clarence H. Wilson on May 9, 1925. He was born March 24, 1886 and died May 28, 1968. Hazel died December 9, 1979. They had one daughter.

**Bulah Bell Putman** born August 17, 1896 and died April 11, 1991. She married Ralph Hoover Elliot on August 17, 1917. He was born April 21, 1894. They had one son.

**Infant Son Putman** born and died July 14, 1900.

**June Elizabeth Putman** born June 20, 1902. She married Walter Raymond Simmons December 1, 1920. He was born June 4, 1902 and died February 24, 1931. June then married Elvis Merritt on April 1, 1934. Elvis was born November 4, 1899 and died February 17, 1991. June is still alive now in 1995. There were two Simmons children and one Merritt child.

**Forest Lee Putman** born May 6, 1905 and died February 14, 1982. He married Mary Magdaline Carter November 20, 1926. She was the daughter of William O. Carter and Gertrude Gahen. She was born October 10, 1907, and died May 29, 1998. They had two daughters, Joan and Patty.

**Dale Wilson Putman** born September 23, 1907 and died January 25, 1976. He was married on January 1, 1934 to a Ruth. They had three children.

## **Zachariah Putman**

Zachariah Putman, was born in Champaign County, Ohio in about 1824. His wife, Mary Ann Whitmer was born in 1831 in Ohio.

They were in Fountain County, Indiana for the 1860 census.

He was in Vermillion County in 1870 and 1880, then I do not know where he went.

They had nine children:

**DAVID C. PUTMAN** born in 1849 and married to Susan Irene Bennett in 1870. They were just married November 11, 1869. Through 1910, there was only one child listed in the census returns:

**Elmer C. Putman** born in October 1872. He married Ada May Smyth on May 23, 1891 in Vermilion County. In 1900 they are in Ayer, Champaign County, Illinois. They are in Warren County Indiana in 1910. In 1920 and 1930 they are in Logan County,

Ohio. They had these children:

**David S. Putman** born in Illinois in May 1899.

**John S. Putman** born in Indiana in 1903. He is married to a Mayme and is in El Paso Texas in 1930. He is a brakeman for the railroad.

**Barbara E. Putman** born in Illinois in 1911.

**JACOB PUTMAN** born in 1850.

**HATTIE PUTMAN** born 1853.

**DOROTHY** or **DARTHA PUTMAN** born 1856.

**CHARLES THOMAS PUTMAN** born in April of 1858, and died May 11, 1923. His wife was Mollie Emma Myers born in January 1862 in Indiana. They were married January 13, 1881. In 1900 through 1930, the only child at home was:

**Lila M. Putman** born August 16, 1886. She died in Pontiac Illinois in October 1979, still single I think.

**FLORENCE PUTMAN** born 1864.

**GEORGE PUTMAN** born in August 1865. In 1900 and 1910, his wife is Edith E. Cook born in Indiana in February of 1870. They were married in Vermilion County July 14, 1887. Their children were:

**Earl Samuel Putman** born in October 1888.

**Glenn George Putman** born in August of 1894.

**Anna Putman** born in 1904.

**CARRIE B. PUTMAN** born 1867.

**EDWARD PUTMAN** born June 1869, and not found after 1880, at least by me.

# The New Englanders in Vermilion County

Actually, the first guys into this County were not ours. I'll give some info on these folks as they and our gang all lived in the same neck of the woods and this may help sort out the Census reports.

## Thomas J. Putnam

Thomas was born about 1823 in Logan, Fountain County, Indiana. His father was Reuben Putnam from New York and then Indiana. Reuben had been in Indiana since the 1830s. He was married to a Mary M. in the early 1840s. They were in Fountain County in 1850 and in Ross Township of Vermilion County, Illinois by the 1860 census, arriving about 1859. They were in Grant Township of Vermilion County in 1870. Thomas and Mary were there through the 1880 census and Thomas was there in Ross Township in 1900 at age 80.

Their children were:

**WILLIAM T. PUTNAM** born in Indiana in 1842. He is with his folks in 1850 and 1860. In 1870 he is married to Melissa Slusser and is back in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. I lose them after that. He married Melissa November 10, 1864. In 1870, they had:

**Mary E. Putnam** born in Illinois in 1866.

**James H. Putnam** born in Illinois in 1868.

**JAMES POLK PUTNAM** born in Indiana in about 1845. He was with the family through 1860. He married a girl named Jane, and briefly returned to Fountain County, Indiana and was there in 1870. Then they were back in Vermillion County by the 1880. He was a barber.

**EMMA PUTNAM** born in about 1852. She was home through 1870, and then married John W. Westfall April 22, 1873.

**CAMPBELL PUTNAM** born in October 1853 in Indiana. He is in Rossville until his death October 17, 1929. His wife was Malissa in 1880 and he appears to have a second wife Ella in 1900. There was one child listed in 1900:

**Stella Putnam** born in July 1888.

**ANDREW JACKSON PUTNAM** born in 1855. He is with his folks through 1880, and was single then. He married Frances A. Schafer November 22, 1890. He was widowed or at least single in Grant, Vermilion County in 1900. By 1910 he was in Chicago.

**RACHEL ELIZABETH PUTNAM** born in Indiana in 1857. She is home through 1880.

**CHARLES PUTNAM** born in February 1857. His wife was missing in the 1900 census, so have no idea who she was. The only children listed in the 1900 census report were:

**Mary E. Putnam** born in Illinois in November 1891.

**Elizabeth M. Putnam** born in February 1893.

**LOUISA PUTNAM** born in 1860 and home through 1880. She married Richard T. Phillips here April 23, 1882.

**MARY M. PUTNAM** born in 1863. She was with her brother Campbell in 1880 and then gone.

**THOMAS J. PUTNAM** born in 1877, home in 1880 and then I don't find him. He did marry Gertrude B. Jewell May 23, 1888.

## Death Records in Vermillion County

The following were taken from the listings of Illinois death records. Right now, I do not know with whom they connect.

Leona Anne Putnam	Pilot Township	March 16, 1916
Hugh William Putman	Danville	January 2, 1932
Jonas Putman	Danville	October 23, 1921 He's from Ohio.
Rosie Valentine Putman	Danville	April 11, 1923
Margery Ruth Putman	Danville	December 24, 1935 Age 39
Matilda Putman	Danville	June 17, 1929
William Putman	Danville	February 12, 1925