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THE PUTMANS

of Fayette County Indiana

This part of the Indiana section covers the life of James Putman of Virginia and his descendents. James two sons, Joseph and Daniel Putman, remained in Indiana and it is from this branch that the family expanded in Indiana.

JAMES PUTMAN

I feel that this James Putman is another son of John Putman of Culpeper County who went into Kentucky in 1797. Since I cannot prove it, I am simply placing him here in the Indiana section.

James would have been born in about 1775 to 1780 and most likely in Culpeper County, Virginia. His father had not gone to Rutherford County, North Carolina until the mid 1780s. He would have married about 1800 - 1803. His wife was Mary Collins. His brother and sister married other Collins kids in 1797 and 1799. At any rate he would have married Mary in Kentucky. It would have been after 1800 as he was not listed in the June Tax Roll of 1800 and was probably still with his dad in Bourbon County, Kentucky.

The first mention we find for James Putman is where he is listed in the 1810 census of Pendleton County, Kentucky. He and his wife are listed as being over 45, but this is an error. He is under 45 in 1820, but probably close to that age. In 1840 his wife Mary was in her 60s as he would have been if he were still living. I put his birth date at between 1775 and 1780. He would have been in his 30s at the time of the 1810 Kentucky Census. Pendleton County is adjacent to Bracken County where his father and the other Putmans remained during the early 1800s. Like his brother John living in Kanawha County, he simply set off by himself. His father was like that. Leaving Virginia for a short stay in North Carolina and then returning to head to Kentucky. John and his family were simply independent folk.

James, Mary and their family headed north into the newly opened Indiana Territory in 1816.

James first appears Indiana in the 1820 census living in Fayette County, Indiana in the southeastern part of the state. He is shown being between 26 and 44 years old as is his wife. They have a son between 16 and 18 who is probably Joseph, another son under 10, three daughters under 10 and another daughter between 10 and 15 years old. In the 1830 census James is still listed and Joseph has begun his own family and is listed also in Fayette County.

James Putman died in the mid 1830s, as his wife Mary is carried as the head of the household in the 1840 census. Mary herself died in 1849. She wrote her will on November 17, 1848 and it was recorded in Fayette County on August 21, 1849. In this will we get the names of her children; JOSEPH, DANIEL, NANCY, SARAH, REBECCA and NECY PUTMAN. The following are the children of James and Mary Putman.

Joseph Putman

Joseph was born in Kentucky and most likely in Pendleton County in about 1803-1805. He traveled to Fayette County with his parents and was married there.

He married Polly Hackleman in Fayette County on February 16, 1823. They had four children: ELIZABETH, WILLIAM, JAMES and NANCY before Polly died.

He met and married Eliza Conklin in Rush County, Indiana on March 16, 1834. It does not seem he moved to Rush County, which is only a few miles from where he lived in Fayette County as he was still on the same land in Fayette County in the 1840 census. With Eliza, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1813, he had five more children: HENRY, JOHN, AMANDA, SAMANTHA and AMOS.

It would appear that Eliza was a widow and that Conklin was her married not maiden name. In the 1850 census the eldest Putman is Henry age nine and there is a Harriet Conklin age 18 living with the family. Assuming she is a stepdaughter of Joseph, the Eliza's maiden name is presently unknown. If Harriett was a sister, then Conklin is okay as her maiden name. Not sure here.

By the 1860 census, the family has moved over the county line into Union Township of Rush County, Indiana. In 1860, he is listed as Jasper Putman and there is a new son CHARLEY. In 1870, he and Eliza and Charley are in Jefferson Township of Whitley County, Indiana.

In 1880, Joseph has died and Eliza is living in Whitley County with her son Charles and his wife Emma. Eliza was 67 at that time.

The following is what I know of the children of Joseph Putman:

ELIZABETH PUTMAN born about 1824. She married Benjamin Kidder in about 1842. They were in Jackson Township, Hamilton County Indiana in 1850 through 1870. Elizabeth is widowed there in 1880 at age 56 IN SC IN. Children as shown in the censuses were:

Reuben Kinder born in 1843.

George Kinder born in 1844.

William Wilson Kinder born in 1846.

Isaac Kinder born in 1848.

Joseph Kinder born in 1850.

Christian Kinder born in 1852.

Martha Kinder born in 1855.

Mary Ann Kinder born in 1857.

Sarah Kinder born in 1860.

WILLIAM MARION PUTMAN born about 1826. In Rush County in 1850, and in Wright Township, Wayne County, Iowa in 1860 and 1870. Mary is widowed there in 1880. In the Iowa census reports, he has a wife named Mary Jane Hayes born in Illinois in 1829. They were married September 11, 1853, and they had these children:

Florence M. Putman born in Indiana in 1854.

Mary Alice Putman born in Iowa March 13, 1857.

William Frank Putman born in Iowa in 1861.

Emma F. Putman born in Iowa September 22, 1863,

Charles M. (Marion) Putman born in Iowa September 18, 1866. He married Ivy Alice Gordon in about 1889. She was a daughter of George Gordon and Eliza Jane Ruark.

They are in Wayne County in 1900 through 1930. The children through then were:
Georgia Elizabeth Putman born January 19, 1890. She married Leo Humphrey Lewis April 9, 1911.
Viola Putman born in April 1891.
Dessa Frances Putman born February 22, 1895. She married Walter G. Werts February 9, 1915.
Rossie A. Putman born in Jul 1898 and home in 1920.
Frank Gordon Putman born August 13, 1901, and the last one still at home in 1930.
Cleo C. Putman born in 1903 and home in 1920. In 1930 he is in Lucas County, Iowa with a wife named Genevieve and a son Charles age 2.
Jerry Charles Putman born July 30, 1905 and gone by 1920.

JAMES PUTMAN born about 1828. He too is gone by 1860. In 1870, he is married to Elizabeth Smith, and lives next door to his folks in Whitley County, Indiana.

NANCY PUTMAN born about 1830. Think she was the one who married Amos Hills here on September 5, 1850.

HENRY PUTMAN was born December 10, 1837. He married Mary Frances Alte, born December 26, 1846 in Kentucky, in Fayette County, Indiana. They were married on October 2, 1867. In 1900, he was the only member of the family still in Indiana. He was 43, Mary 33. Henry died April 22, 1919. Mary died August 27, 1927. Their children were:

Avery G. Putman born in April 1869. He is in Indianapolis, Marion County in 1900, 1910 and 1920. His wife was Susan P. Linsdale. They had these children:

Ruth Putman born November 16, 1899. In 1920 she was at home with her husband Hayden Everett Smock, and a new daughter Elizabeth Smock born in May 1920.

Roy Putman born in 1903 and home in 1920.

Lola D. Putman born January 7, 1871. She married William C. Runyon. She died in 1943, he in 1943 also. They lived in Fayette County, Indiana. Their children were:

Earl C. Runyon born in May 1892. He married Rosa May Hill in 1813 and they lived in Hamilton County, Indiana. Their children were: Floyd Noel, Richard E. and Isabelle Runyon.

Karl L. Runyon born in 1903, and married Lucille M. Roberts in 1923. Their children were: Helen Monette and David Lee Runyon.

Atha Putman born May 15, 1873, and died November 7, 1927. She married George Theodore Dillman December 28, 1892 and they lived in Montgomery County, Indiana. Their children were:

Garrie Lee Dillman born March 24, 1894. He married Mabel Lough.

Maxwell C. Dillman born May 17, 1899. He married Margaret McNutt.

Mabel Dillman born May 17, 1899. She married Phillip Seybert.

Emery Putman born January 24, 1875. In 1920 and 1930 he is in Delaware County, Indiana with a wife named Ruby Rees and a daughter:

Dorothy Putman born in 1814.

JOHN PUTMAN was born in 1839 and was living at his parents in the 1860 census. No one got listed in 1870, but John was married to a Lavinia in Orange, Fayette County in 1880 and then gone someplace. There were no children in 1880.

AMANDA PUTMAN was born September 2, 1844. She married Andrew Barth in Rush

County, Indiana on December 4, 1859. She died in Harrison County, Missouri on March 26, 1909. Their children were:

Eliza Jane Barth
John Edward Barth
Emma Catherine Barth
Addie Barth
Joseph Elmer Barth
Eldora Barth
Nancy E. Barth
Rena Barth
Minnie E. Barth
Charles H. Barth
Amanda Barth
James William Barth

SAMANTHA PUTMAN was born in 1845.

AMOS PUTMAN was born in 1847.

CHARLES PUTMAN was born in August 1850. In 1880 he has mom with him and is in Whitley County, Indiana. His wife then is named Emma. By 1900 he was widowed and still in Whitley County. He was remarried to a Rose in 1910, 1920 and 1930 in Fort Wayne, Allen County. They had:

Perry Putman born in July 1871. He is in Whitley County through the 1920 census with a wife named Effie Ann born in Indiana in October 1874. Children were:

Merle Putman a daughter born in February 1892.

Joseph L. Putman born in January 1894. In 1920 he had a wife named Goldie and a son Charles born in 1916 and another son Leroy born in 1918.

Solon Guy Putman born in November 1897. In 1920 he has a wife Mabel G. and they are in Whitley County.

Paul R. Putman born in 1900 and home in 1920. He is married in 1930 and has a wife Bessie and a daughter Marjorie age 4.

Rilto (?) Putman a daughter born in 1906.

Rosa D. Putman born in February 1889, and with dad in 1900.

Daniel Putman

Daniel was born in 1816 in Pendleton County, Kentucky. He lists Kentucky as his birthplace in the 1860 census although he calls Indiana his birthplace in 1850. I go for the last call he makes. In 1850 he has his own farm, but does not seem to have married, he is also single in 1860 but by then he is living back with his brother Joseph helping to run their farm.

In the 1850 census his sister Rebecca is widowed and living with him and her nine year old son Alexander Kinder. Daniel's sister Nancy, age 20, is also living with him as is Elizabeth Hawkins age 85. Elizabeth is the widow of Joseph Hawkins and mother-in-law of two of Daniel's sisters. Because of the relationship, Elizabeth may well have been his mother in law. He probably also married a Hawkins.

Nancy Putman

Nancy was born February 14, 1809. She married John Hawkins January 23, 1833, and died February 17, 1853. John didn't die until September 4, 1865

Sarah Putman

Sarah was born about 1805. She married Joseph Conklin on October 23, 1828. He must have died as she also married a Hawkins. The Hawkins and the Hackleman families were related by marriages.

Rebecca Putman

Rebecca was born in Indiana February 23, 1817. This would place the move from Kentucky to Indiana between Daniel's birth in 1816 and her birth in 1817. She married Reuben Alexander Kinder in Fayette County. They had one child, Alexander Kinder (probably Reuben jr.) born in 1841, so they were probably married about 1839 or 1840.

Reuben died in September or October of 1842. His will was dated September 21, 1842 and was recorded on November 22, 1842. Reuben mentioned land he owned in Hamilton County, Indiana. Rebecca died on November 23, 1893.

In the 1850 census Rebecca and Alex were living with her brother Daniel Putman in Harrison Township of Fayette County.

The only child was:

ALEXANDER KINDER born in 1841.

Necy Putman

Necy was born May 5, 1820. She married William Brown September 19, 1841. She died February 23, 1903. They had two children:

ALEXANDER G. BROWN
MICHAEL BROWN

Now a question mark. Suddenly in 1860, I find a **JAMES PUTMAN** born in Virginia in about 1799 or 1800. I do not know who he is. Perhaps he is the eldest son and is James Junior. I am not listing him, but I have a hunch that's who he is, but I do not find him in previous reports. Who knows?