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The PUTMANS of Newton County Missouri

The eldest son of Elijah Covington Putman and Mary Ellen Dodd, John Ezekiel Putman, came on to Missouri from Georgia and then Alabama, while the rest of his family moved to Pike County, Arkansas and remained there.

This is what I know of John E. Putman.

John Ezekiel Putman

John was born in Gordon County, Georgia on February 6, 1851.

His mother died during the Civil War and when his father, Elijah, returned and married for the second time, the two oldest sons, John and William, didn't get along with their new step mother and left home to go on their own. William went to Arkansas and John moved to northern Alabama in 1868 with the Grimes family. There in Madison County, Alabama on November 24, 1870, he married one of their daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Grimes. Sarah was a daughter of Lewis C. Grimes and Celia Sharp. Sarah was born in Claibourne County, Tennessee on August 25, 1855.

A descendant of John told me how he hated the Yankees while living in Georgia during the war. His father, Elijah, was fighting on the Union side in Arkansas at the time. This rift never healed and John probably never made contact again.

There was a cholera epidemic in Alabama in 1871, and John and Sarah left for Newton County, Missouri with some others of the Grimes family. They remained there for the rest of their lives.

John and Sarah had some seventeen children, four of which died in infancy. When John died he had thirty-three grandchildren.

John was a farmer and lived in Newtonia. He died in his sleep the night of October 2, 1929. Sarah died a few months earlier on January 9, 1929.

The following is what I know of their children. They were all born in Newton County, Missouri. The 1929 information comes from John's Obituary. The children I can identify were:

JAMES BURRIS PUTMAN born November 12, 1871. He married Frances 'Fanny' Henderson in about 1891. She died in childbirth October 28, 1892. In 1900 he was still single, but living in Jasper County as a boarder. He then married Ada B. Love on June 29, 1904. In 1910 and 1920, they are in Webb City, Jasper County. In 1929 he was living in Mulvane, Kansas and they were there in 1930. James died in Kansas February 23, 1965. Ada was born in Missouri February 7, 1885 and died in Mulvane Kansas October 2, 1966. Their children:

Lela Lucille Putman born in 1908. She married a Koenig.

Helen Hortense Putman born May 23, 1909. She never married and died in Mulvane January 28, 1990.

Ada Margaret Putman born July 10, 1911. She never married and died October 4, 1990.

Doris Love Putman born in December 1915. She too never married.

BERTHA PUTMAN born in 1874. She died as a child before 1880.

ALICE DELILAH PUTMAN born December 29, 1875. She married John Bowdoin. They eloped and she never had anything to do with her family again. They lived in Atlanta, and moved to Summerville, Georgia where she died January 1, 1966. They had one daughter:

Anne Bowdoin born August 12, 1898 in Atlanta.

GRACE MAY PUTMAN born March 24, 1878. She married George Nutting and was living in Baxter Springs, Missouri in 1929. She died October 2, 1850. Their children were:

Marjorie Elizabeth Nutting born November 3, 1903.

Lillian Georgia Nutting born March 31, 1906.

John Wesley Nutting born May 2, 1908.

Mary Edith Nutting born March 5, 1914.

Robert Lee Nutting born March 19, 1916.

GEORGE WILLIAM PUTMAN born November 19, 1879. His wife was Maud Pearl Russell. They were married May 12, 1909. They were in Newton County in 1910, 1920 and 1930. He was living in Pierce City, Missouri in 1929. In 1930 they are in Berwick, Newton County. He later married an Emily. Children were:

Georgia Putman born January 26, 1910, and died October 16, 1988. She married John Eskina in 1934 and then Joseph Askins in 1974.

Pearl J. Putman born July 7, 1912 and died July 14, 1923.

Grace Putman born in 1914.

Paul G. Putman born in December 1915.

Viola Putman born in July 1917.

Wayne D. Putman born in November 1919.

ALLIEGH HORTENCE PUTMAN born August 25, 1881 and died October 14, 1966 in Tacoma, Washington. She married Charles Young and was in Willard, Missouri in 1929. They had one child:

Charles Putman Young born July 8, 1921. He married Ruth M. Brinsfeld November 18, 1955.

JOHN FRANKLIN PUTMAN born March 24, 1883. He died as a child August 1, 1884.

LEWIS CHRISTMAN PUTMAN born March 18, 1886 and died March 10, 1945. In 1920 his wife was Hettie and they had no children then. He married Hettie Ann Thompson August 11, 1906. She was born August 11, 1888. They were living in Newtonia, Missouri in 1929 and in Franklin in the 1930 census. The children were:

Donald L. Putman born and died December 20, 1906.

John Bogle Putman born July 21, 1920 and died April 23, 1923.

Robert Christman Putman born March 27, 1922. He married Edra Dean Bailey on March 24, 1946.

Dale A. Putman born and died on September 3, 1926.

LILLIE PUTMAN born February 18, 1888. She married Squire Elzie Paden in Newton County on August 25, 1909. She died July 29, 1977 in Webb City, Jasper County, Missouri and was returned for burial in Newtonia, Newton County. Squire died August 30, 1977. They had three sons:

John Milton Paden born January 27, 1912 and died November 9, 1981. He married Erma Maye Wheeler.

Carl Elzie Paden born August 29, 1919 and died January 4, 1998. He married Ann Stoker.

Charles Allen Paden born September 20, 1922. He married Patricia Patterson May 24, 1949.

SARAH ELIZABETH 'BESSIE' PUTMAN born January 9, 1890. She married Arthur Kelsey Kelly July 12, 1911. They had:

Thelma Irene Kelly born July 2, 1912 and married Lawrence Schnake.

Ruby Imogene Kelly born May 23, 1914. She married Raymond Endicott July 3, 1935.

Rachel Louise Kelly born June 4, 1916. She married Everett Jackson September 12, 1937.

Mary Jane Kelly born December 2, 1918. She married Harold White in 1945.

Arthur Keith Kelly born March 15, 1921. He married Helen Brewer June 15, 1941.

Curtis Clay Kelly born March 5, 1923. He married Elizabeth Jean Belch.

Thomas J. Kelly born December 2, 1925. He died unmarried in 1960.

James Edward Kelly born May 20, 1927, and married Helen Rowe.

Sara Elizabeth Kelly born June 29, 1931 and died unmarried November 13, 1992.

CARRIE JUANITA PUTMAN born March 26, 1892. She married James Cunningham, and was in Newtonia, Missouri in 1929. She died November 22, 1988. They had two children:

Virginia Lee Cunningham born December 1, 1917. She married James Phillip Latimer on June 15, 1941 and later married Charles Reed.

John William Cunningham born October 4, 1922. He married Wanda Johnson.

ANNIE EDITH PUTMAN born March 15, 1894. She was at home in 1920 and 1930. She never married, and died in Newton County June 23, 1979.

RICHARD BLANE PUTMAN born August 10, 1896. In 1930 he was living in North Platte, Nebraska. He was a civil engineer on state road construction. His wife was named Goldie, and they had one son:

John Stanley Putman born in the 1930s.

COMMODORE DEWEY PUTMAN born January 23, 1898. Living in Denver, Colorado in 1929. He married Ada Stewart on May 5, 1918. He died October 27, 1969. Their children were:

Charles Warren Putman born August 9, 1920. He married Betty Dale Irwin in Kimball, Nebraska on August 30, 1941.

James Donald Putman born November 13, 1922. He married Naomi Storehocker in Reno, Nevada December 28, 1954.

RALPH GRIMES PUTMAN born February 23, 1900. He died December 8, 1904.

RACHEL VIRGINIA PUTMAN born February 12, 1903. She was single and living in Drumwright, Oklahoma in 1929. She was a public school teacher there. She then married Earl Guy Messecar there on May 30, 1936. Earl was a son of Eugene Guy Messecar and Susan Margaret Burgess. He was born July 28, 1905 and died in Oklahoma September 22, 1956. Rachel died in Dallas, Texas May 27, 1999.

Other Putnams in Newton County

These are children of John Doyle Putnan and Alice Sonora Caldwell from McDonald County, Missouri in 1900 and Newton County in 1920 and 1930. John was a son of John Putnam and Rachel Philbrick from Clayton County Iowa. John was originally from Vermont but we have never been able to figure his folks out. John Doyle died in Joplin Missouri on October 26, 1941. Alice will die there November 12, 1943. The kids were:

ARTHUR MELVIN PUTNAM born in Chickowa Territory, Oklahoma on August 5, 1894, and died in Newton County August 21, 1968. He married Lora Viola Nichols. She was born January 31, 1894, and will die in Newton County March 3, 1967. Based on the 1930 Census and tombstones in Redings Mill, Newton County, they had (at least):

Archie Putnam born in 1918.

Wayne Putnam born in Oklahoma in 1920.

Arthur Paul Putnam born in 1925.

Gerald Putnam born in 1926.

Benjamin Putnam born in 1929 and died in 1930.

Glen Dean Putnam born in 1936 and died in 1959. His wife Norma was born in 1932 and died in 1965. I am guessing Norma was his wife as they are buried in the same cemetery.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUTNAM born in Joplin, Missouri on February 22, 1897. In 1920 and 1930, he is listed in the Newton County census with his wife Ada May Haynes and these kids through 1930:

Laverne Putman born in June 1918 in Missouri.

Ruth Putnam born in 1919.

Burl Putnam born in 1922.