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WILLIAM PUTMAN

Kentucky to Linn County Missouri

This William Putman was a son of James Putman and Elizabeth Kendrick. He was born in Bracken County, Kentucky on March 25, 1813. He moved with his family to Monroe County, Indiana and there married Sarah Head on April 5, 1831.

The family moved to Linn County, Missouri about 1840 as their daughter Mary was born in Missouri in about 1841. His brother, Benjamin, came with him and settled in Linn County as well. There are several marriage records in Linn County in the 1840s that list William as the Justice of the Peace that performed the ceremonies.

The background of William Putman was covered in the section on **KENTUCKY PUTMANS**.

His wife Sarah died in 1864. William then married Rachel Fisher, widow of John Fisher, on February 28, 1865. Rachel died in 1881, and he married for a third time to Nancy Branch, widow of William Branch. However, in 1870 his wife was listed as Margaret, so there may have been a fourth wife, or more likely it was still Rachel in 1870 and Margaret was either a mistake or her middle name. Not certain.

William was a cabinetmaker by trade and lived for a while in North Salem, Missouri and then finally in Bucklin. He died on July 3, 1887 and is buried in the Bucklin Masonic Cemetery.

The children, all by Sarah Head Putman were:

Francis Marion Putman

Marion was born in Monroe County, Indiana on January 8, 1832. He married Permilia Jane Minnis in Sullivan County, Missouri on February 25, 1852. Permilia died in the early 1860s and on August 1, 1865, he married Martha Jane Alexander. Martha was the widow of Daniel Jones.

He farmed in North Salem until April of 1870 when he took his family by train to California and he opened a grocery store in Colusa, California. He ran the business until 1903 when he turned it over to his son Herman. The store operated until the 1940s.

Marion died in Colusa on March 3, 1908.

See the CALIFORNIA section for more details on this family.

Children in the first marriage were:

JOHN PUTMAN born about 1854 and died as an infant.

PETER PUTMAN born in 1855 and died as an infant.

CLARENCE BENSON PUTMAN born April 28, 1861. He was 19 in the 1880 California Census. He married Alice Amelia Sanderson November 15, 1887, and became a doctor was in Oakland. I don't find him in 1900, but his ex-wife Alice and daughter are in Los Angeles. So they were probably divorced in the 1890s. He was in the 1910 census of San Francisco County, California. At that time he was 48 and his wife Lily was 36 and there were no children. He died August 4, 1918 in Napa County, California. He had one child by his first wife:

Olivia A. Putman born in California in September 1888. She married Stephen Olney Bartlett and had two sons: James Putman Bartlett and Stephen Sanderson Bartlett. She went under the nickname Blossom.

HERMAN PUTMAN born in December 1864. He married Mary Theresa Cecilia McConnell and became a Catholic on his deathbed. He took over his father's grocery store and ran it until his death on August 25, 1925.

In his second marriage, he had:

IDA BELLE or **ADDIE BELLE PUTMAN** born in 1867 and died in Butte County, California on February 24, 1918.

FLORA PUTMAN born in Missouri in 1869. She married J. C. Oldham and died after 1925 in Butte County, California.

FRANKLIN LAWRENCE PUTMAN born in California in 1873. He died in Hawaii after 1925. He was a surgeon and x-ray specialist.

ELWOOD PUTMAN born in California in 1876. He died in Monterey County, California. He was in the Army Drug Department.

Peter Putman

Peter was born September 8, 1833 in Indiana. He married Araminta D. McPheeters on April 30, 1857. She was born in Illinois.

In the 1860 census they had:

GEORGE PUTMAN born in 1857.

WALTER PUTMAN born in 1858. He married Sarah Harrison in Jasper County, Missouri on October 14, 1875.

WILLIAM MARION PUTMAN born September 3, 1860. He was in the 1870 census. He was with his mom in 1880 and in 1900 was still in Sullivan County at age 39. He had a wife named Frances Millie Atkins, born March 15, 1864 in Ravenswood, Virginia. She was a daughter of H. A. Atkins and May J. Maiers. In the 1900 census he had four children. One, Beulah, was born in California in 1890. He must have gone there for a few years and then returned as the rest of the kids were born in Missouri. They were in Livingston County, Missouri in 1910, and he was widowed there by the 1920 census. Fannie died there October 14, 1913. He died there March 29, 1923. The children were:

Buelah M. Putman born in 1890 in California.

Irvin A. Putman born in 1895 in Missouri. Gone by 1920. He is married in Trenton, New Jersey in 1930.

Hugh A. Putman born in 1897 in Missouri. Gone by 1920.

Rita V. Putman born in 1898 in Missouri. Missing in 1910.

Garnet G. Putman born in Missouri in 1907 and home in 1920.

Peter must have died in the 1860s as in the 1870 census, Ariminta was shown as the wife of Hugh Canfield Warren and had her three Putman children with her. They were living in Duncan Township of Sullivan County. She had married Hugh in Sullivan County on June 9, 1867.

The family moved to Jasper County, Missouri where Hugh must have died. Ariminta married there, for the third time, on February 19, 1878 to Charles W. Chittenden.

Jonathan J. Putman

Jonathan was born in Indiana on November 29, 1835. He married Elizabeth Coulson on August 11, 1859 in Linn County, Missouri. He served in the Civil War. They were in the 1870 census of Linn County, Missouri. In 1880, they were in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado. In 1900, Elizabeth was a widow and had two grandchildren, who must have been children of her son William and his first wife. In 1910, Elizabeth is in Wallowa County, Oregon living with her daughter Mary Merriman.

Based on census data, the children were:

WILLIAM LEE PUTMAN born July 14, 1863 in Yellow Creek, Linn County Missouri. He is with his parents in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado by 1880. William became a Mormon and as near as can be figured, had four wives. He went to Utah and married his first wife Alice E. Waterhouse on November 5, 1883. They separated in 1884. Alice then married Sam Bigelow July 28, 1884. He seems to have had a second wife during the later 1880s and early 1890s. He was a Mormon and may have had another wife along with Alice and didn't want her known. Or he was still married to her while she remarried Sam. They may have had some sons. There were two children born in 1888 and 1893, William and Teller, back in Colorado with his mother in 1900. They were then given to another family who adopted them and changed their last names. This information was classified, so we have no idea who they 'became' and what happened to them. William may have married another gal in the later 1880s. He then married Annie Rebecca Grange (born in Birmingham England May 5, 1874) in about 1894 and had some more children. In 1900 they were shown together in Freemont County, Colorado. Annie died October 5, 1904 due to complications in Arthur's birth. Then he married Lula Mary Shaw May 24, 1905 in Salt Lake City, Utah. William was an ice cream salesman. He invented the ice cream scoop with the little lever that pushes out the scoop. He patented it, sold the thing to Borden Ice Cream and gave the money to the Mormon Church. His wife Annie was a member of the Mormon LDS Church, but it seems William wasn't. He was baptized into the Church long after his death on April 20, 1957. He died March 14, 1930 in Helper, Carbon County Utah. In 1930, Lula is widowed in Wasatch County, Utah. She was born February 1, 1882 in Gravity, Taylor County Iowa, and died in Kaysville, Utah March 5, 1934. In 1920 Alice Waterhouse was living with Ernest and Eunice Armstrong in Denver as a servant. She had married George E. Armstrong there on February 24, 1904. Seems to have taken her maiden name back by then. As best I can

determine, here come the kids:

Kids with a second wife whose name I don't know, but may well still be Alice Waterhouse:

Joseph Putman born August 1886 and died January 20, 1887.

Arthur Putman born January 20, 1887 and died January 6, 1890.

William Jonathan Putman born April 28, 1888 in Denver and died July 2, 1944 in Jackson, Oregon. He married a gal named Daisy who had first been married to a Yandell. They were in Spokane, Washington in 1920 and Long Beach, California in 1930.

Teller Waite Putman born March 1893 in Denver and died August 1900.

Kids with Annie Grange (as near as I can figure):

Henry Lee Putman born May 10, 1895 in Ogden Utah. He was home with the whole mob in 1920. There is a record of Henry Lee marrying Bessie Noakes in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah on September 28, 1923. Another record states he married Bessie Noakes January 14, 1922 in Helper, Carbon County. They are in Carbon County Utah in 1930 with a son Raymond and a daughter Margery. He died January 6, 1980 in Salt Lake City.

Raymond Putman was born March 16, 1924 and died in Moab, Utah in May 1983. He entered the Army March 6, 1943 at age 19, and after the War married Ellen Mae Ramsay November 23, 1946.

Margery Putman born in 1926.

David William Putman born July 20, 1931 in Provo, Utah and died in Bountiful, Utah December 7, 1987. He married Norma Jean Downs January 20, 1954 in Utah. She was born in Quincy, Illinois December 26, 1934. He was a production planner at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah for some 37 years. They had Valerie Lee born May 11, 1955, David Byron born August 1, 1956, Christopher born September 12, 1959, and Jean Marie born July 7, 1961 and died August 3, 1962.

Frank Putman born 1897 in Utah and died two days later.

Albert Ellis Putman Clements born April 15, 1898. He was taken in by Cyrus Clements and his family. According to a family group sheet he married Flora Bracken on February 26, 1921, then Leone Shephard in about 1932 and Helen Ruth Clark on August 20, 1948. Albert and Clarence 'Clair' were basically given as indentured servants to Cy Clements and treated very poorly. Albert died in Booneville, Arkansas November 10, 1981. They had:

William Keith Clements born in 1923 and died in 1951.

Kenneth Rees Clements born in 1924.

Clarence Edwin Putman Clements born January 9, 1900 in Colorado Springs. He was another child taken in by the Clements Family. In both cases, the children's names were changed to Clements even though they were not 'officially' adopted. He married Ethelyn Dorothy Finley and had two children:

Elaine E. Clements born about 1923.

William R. Clements born about 1924.

William Wilford Putman Bentley born July 19, 1902 in Salt Lake City and died May 1, 1960 in San Diego, California. He was adopted by a Bentley family but he retained the Putman name. He married Martha Clara Charlesworth February 26, 1921.

Arthur George Putman born May 8, 1904 in Salt Lake City, and died there May 27, 1935. He married Minnie Jane Worsley on October 20, 1928. He was also adopted by the Bentleys. He was a sheriff.

Kids with Lula Mary Shaw:

Josie Florence Putman born March 7, 1906 and died soon after on May 1, 1906 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Baby Putman born and died March 17, 1907.

Juanita Virgil Putman born October 28, 1908 in Odgen, Utah. She married John Wesley Nance in Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah on May 8, 1930. He was born in Wilkesboro, North Carolina June 17, 1876 and died in Kaysville, Utah September 19, 1967. She died July 24, 1952 in Kaysville, Utah. They had:

Joyce Nance

Louella Nance

Jay Young Nance born March 26, 1936. He married Claudia Jean Burden in 1961.

Daniel Lee Nance born December 11, 1942. His wife was Charlene.

Mary Lynn Nance born June 7, 1944 in Kaysville and died in Layton, Davis County Utah February 25, 1998. She married David J. Reinsch in 1962.

Rollo Lincoln Putman born May 5, 1910 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Lucy Hannah Hopper in 1926 (he was sixteen at the time), and left her right after the birth of their daughter, Mary Lucille Putman was born July 16, 1927. He then moved out, and married Ruby Fern Ryan December 20, 1929 in Park City, Summit County Utah. In 1930 he and Ruby are in Soldier, Summit County and he is listed as being born in Alaska. Ruby was born in Park City, Utah May 26, 1910 and died in Salt Lake City December 22, 1984. He died in Monterey, California January 28, 1966. Children were:

Mary Lucille Putman born July 16, 1927 and died in Lander, Wyoming August 6, 2005. She married Roy Edward Seip in Provo, Utah July 11, 1945.

Betty A. Putman born in Park City in 1930. She married Paul Williams.

Donald Rollo Putman born in Park City April 5, 1932. He married Judy Ann Wilson in June 1955.

Wilbur Ray Putman born January 1, 1934 and died December 2, 1936 in Park City.

Elaine Ruby Putman born December 30, 1935 and died October 31, 2005. She married Leo Wardell December 30, 1953. They were divorced and then she married Lynn Loveridge in May 1980.

Wayne Rex Putman born December 30, 1935, a twin, and died in Park City December 11, 1982. He married Marietta Huggard in 1956.

Boyd LeRoy Putman born May 2, 1938 in Park City and died in Strasburg, Virginia in January 1972. He never married.

Sharon Putman born July 15, 1941 and died the next day.

Sterling Jonathan Putman born August 12, 1915 in Salt Lake City. He married Josephine Hanson August 12, 1935 in Orangeville, Utah. He died May 11, 1994 in Citrus Heights, California. Josephine was born August 16, 1915 in Spring Glen, Carbon County Utah and died in California August 21, 1999. They had:

Eva Ione Putman born in Spring Glen, Utah February 24, 1936. She married Erwin James Kingsley in Glenbrook, Nevada October 12, 1952. They were divorced in California April 2, 1975. Eva died October 18, 1988 in Sacramento, California.

Joan Carol Putman born May 10, 1938 in Utah. She married Gilbert Keith Walker January 7, 1956 in Roseville, California. They got divorced and she married Frederick Allen Plastino December 12, 1959. They were divorced in 1978.

Sterling Eugene Putman born March 14, 1939. He married Teresita Herrera in Nevada June 22, 1963.

Gary Lynn Putman born June 9, 1944. He married Carol Jean McGhee December 19, 1965.

Alvin Curtis Putman born February 1, 1955 in Roseville, California. He married Mildred Hope Renndidy. She was born in Illinois May 11, 1956 and died in Placer County California September 7, 1997. Alvin died February 2, 1998 at age 43.

Eleanor Mary Putman born November 8, 1916 in Salt Lake City and died December 14, 1996 in Seattle, Washington. She married Jon Tony Pagano about 1931. They were divorced and she married Frank Ferrer Aquino. He was born in the Phillipines July 7, 1901 and died in Contra Costa, California February 1, 1982. She died December 14, 1996 in Bellevue, Washington.

IDA PUTMAN born June 10, 1866. She married Herman Daniel Landon November 27, 1883. He was born in Pennsylvania in August 1860 and died in Salem, Oregon December 24, 1935. She died in Salem, Marion County, Oregon on December 24, 1953. They had:

Louis Landon born in about 1885 and died before 1910 in Oregon.

Raymond Landon born in California January 23, 1887 and died in Marion County, Oregon March 21, 1965. His wife was named Nina P.

Harry Landon born December 18, 1888 in Colorado and died in Hermiston, Oregon February 29, 1976. His wife Ivie was born March 13, 1892 and died in Eugene, Oregon February 5, 1993.

Charlotte E. Landon born in Colorado May 19, 1891 and died in Salem, Oregon July 7, 1973. She married Robert P. Keefer.

Ines May Landon born May 31, 1892 in Oregon and died in Portland, Oregon October 8, 1965. She married Howard Roy McDowell. He was born in Pennsylvania July 13, 1883 and died in Polk, Oregon July 16, 1955.

MARY PUTMAN born in 1868. She was at home through the 1880. She married Herbert Merriman and was in Denver in 1900, and in Enterprise, Wallowa County Oregon in 1910. Her mother was with her then at age 70.

MOLLY PUTMAN born in Missouri in 1870. She married a Merriman and lived in Montrose, Colorado. She died in Oregon at the home of her sister Ida.

SOPHIE or JOSIE PUTMAN born in Missouri in 1872. She died at age 16 on September 20, 1888.

Squire Putman

Squire was born in Indiana on November 26, 1837. He married Mary S. Rogers in Sullivan County, Missouri on June 26, 1864.

In 1880 he is listed in Chariton County, Missouri, but his wife is shown as Nancy J. Putman as he had married Nancy Jane Williams in Chariton County, Missouri on August 15, 1876.

Squire died as Nancy was married to a Moore in 1900 in Chariton County. She applied for a Widow Veteran's benefit October 7, 1890 so he had died before that. In 1910 she had remarried to a Ware and was still in Chariton County. Her son William was there as well.

In the 1880 census, he had:

LOUISE E. PUTMAN born in 1868.

WILLIAM S. PUTMAN born in March 1878. He is in Chariton County, Missouri in 1910.

Catherine Putman

Catherine was born October 18, 1839 in Indiana. She died early as she was not in the 1850 census with her family.

Mary Elizabeth Putman

Mary was born December 4, 1841 in Linn County. She married Charles Bentley in Linn County on January 20, 1858.

Benjamin Burton Putman

Benjamin was born June 10, 1844 in North Salem, Linn County. He married Mary Eliza Carter. They were married in Macon County, Missouri on July 13, 1865. Mary was born June 18, 1842 in Iowa.

Benjamin became a doctor during the Civil War and then studied in St. Louis. He practiced medicine in Bucklin for some 28 years. He was a surgeon for the Santa Fe Railway and others and also opened a drug store. He moved to Marceline, Missouri in 1894. The hospital in Marceline was named for him.

By 1900, he had divorced Mary, who is shown in the 1900 census with Homer age 16 with her. Benjamin has a new wife Ceola M. Ballard in 1900 and 1910. They were married in Linn County November 11, 1894. Mary was still around in Linn County as late as the 1920 Census, and died later that year on April 21, 1920. Benjamin died in Marceline, Linn County on July 14, 1912.

He had five children that died before the age of five years:

OSCAR A. PUTMAN born October 27, 1866 and died December 21, 1867.

WILLIAM R. PUTMAN born January 5, 1869 and died July 20, 1870.

RICHARD PUTMAN born February 16, 1870 and died August 19, 1871.

JACK PUTMAN born November 3, 1871 and died June 13, 1876.

JAMES OTIS PUTMAN born April 29, 1876 and died October 1, 1877.

Children that survived were:

SOPHRONIA PUTMAN born 1867.

OLA PUTMAN a son born June 6, 1878. He also became a doctor. He married Elise Jones of Quincy, Illinois. Ola will die of heart failure here on December 4, 1933. Elsie is a

daughter of George Jones and Mary Carter and was born in Quincy, Illinois September 21, 1877. She will die here on March 29, 1955 of a massive cerebral hemorrhage. They had at least one child:

George Benjamin Putman born July 22, 1907. He too was a doctor. After graduating from high school in 1925, he took two years of medicine at the University of Missouri, was awarded his A.B. degree by Harvard University in 1929, and in 1933 was graduated in medicine at the Cornell University Medical Center. In 1934 he returned to Marceline to take over the work of his father and grandfather before him. He married Mildred Hardin on October 27, 1934. He died in Kansas City, Missouri in December 1970.

HOMER PUTMAN born August 17, 1883 and died December 29, 1911.

Benjamin died July 14, 1912 in Linn County.

Jefferson Elwood Putman

Jefferson was born in Linn County on January 30, 1847. He married Emma Griffith in Linn County on May 3, 1868. He later married Harriet Cornelia Norton on August 25, 1870 in Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri. He served in the Union Army from September 4, 1864 through March 22, 1865.

He moved to Glen County, California and was murdered there in Willows, California on October 7, 1895. He was a druggist. The murder took place over a dispute concerning the payment of an advertisement in the local newspaper. Jefferson was shot by W. A. Sehorn who was drunk at the time.

This family is covered in detail in the CALIFORNIA Section.

They had the following children:

GRACE LEE PUTMAN born in Missouri on July 11, 1871. She married Henry Walter Walker in Willows, Colusa County on June 11, 1890. She died in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California on July 18, 1942.

WILLIAM WARREN PUTMAN died as an infant.

NED PUTMAN died at age six years.

Melvina Putman

Melvina was born in Linn County on August 25, 1850. She married George Linhart on December 14, 1865 in Linn County.

George drove freight wagons back and forth from Missouri to Denver. They later settled in Denver where he continued his freight business. I do not know when Melvina died, but George died in Denver in September 1931. Both are buried in the Linhart Plot in Riverside Cemetery in Denver.

William Putman

They only thing I have on him is that he is shown in the 1870 census and his birth date would be in about 1851 or 1852. He is shown as being 18 in 1870 census time. There is no mention of a William in the 1860 census however.

Susan Putman

There is also a Susan Putman age 16 listed in 1870. This would place her birth about 1853 or 1854. She might be William's wife, as again I have no information here. Be careful here folks.