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# The New England Putnams

## Ohio to Tennessee to Mississippi

In almost every southern state, there pops up a bunch of Putmans and Putnams that just don't seem to fit in with ours. In most every case they were from the bunch of cousins we had back in Massachusetts. No exception here either folks.

### ALBIGENCE WALDO PUTNAM

The first guy of our name to appear in the state was Albigence Waldo Putnam. He came down from Marietta, Ohio about 1820.

Albigence was born in Marietta or possibly Belpre, Ohio on March 11, 1799. His parents were Aaron Waldo Putnam and Charlotte Loring who were married in 1791. His grand parents were Israel Putnam, Junior and Sarah Waldo who were married in 1764. His great grand parents were General Israel Putnam and Hannah Pope who were married in 1739. Good stock here.

He was a soldier, rank of Colonel and it was I guess the army that brought him to Mississippi. He married Catherine Ann Sevier in Claiborne County, Mississippi on April 14, 1825. He practiced law in Port Gibson, Mississippi. Catherine died early on and he married her sister Cornelia Virginia Sevier on June 15, 1834.

Shortly thereafter, he picked up and moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he continued to practice law and became a well known historian. He married a third time to Mary (Walker) Edwards of Columbia, Tennessee on August 14, 1848.

He raised a family of ten children, all of whom remained in Tennessee. As he was out of Mississippi in the 1830s, I won't detail the kids here. Their names were:

**Waldo Washington Putnam**  
**Loring Vertner Putnam**  
**Julia Chambers Putnam**  
**George Sevier Putnam**  
**Larry Putnam**  
**Emma Putnam**  
**Lottie Putnam**  
**Felicia Putnam**  
**Waldine Putnam**  
**Anna Putnam**

One interesting note here though. Anna, the youngest, married John Borden. She died in 1861 and John then married Hester Putman. Hester was one of ours. She was a daughter of Hiram Putman and Loamy Mercer. They were married in Benton County, Alabama on July 4, 1852. Small world in those days folks.

I have full details on this family, but won't bother listing them here, as old A. W. was out of the area early on and not a factor of confusion in Mississippi.

Look back in Davidson County, Tennessee for stuff on this family.

## **CHARLES CALEB PUTNAM**

Actually I believe his name was Caleb Charles Putnam, but generally went under Charles. At any rate, Charles was a son of Caleb Putnam and Hannah Russell.

Caleb Senior was born in Danvers, Massachusetts on November 24, 1763. He was a son of Archelaus Putnam and Abigail Goodrich of Salem Village (Danvers), Massachusetts. Caleb married Hannah Russell on September 27, 1784 and they moved to Newburyport, Massachusetts just up the coast and had ten children. They moved briefly to Topsham, Maine and then returned to Newburyport where Caleb died March 6, 1826.

Two of his sons, Charles Caleb Putnam and James Russell Putnam traveled to Louisiana before 1820. They and their kids pop up amongst our guys and it is important to know who was exactly whom here to keep the players apart.

Charles Caleb Putnam was born on October 1, 1793 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He went to Georgetown, District of Columbia in about 1815 or so. Possibly as a soldier in the War of 1812. He met, and married Margaret Murdock on October 17, 1820 in Georgetown, D.C. Their first two kids were born in Georgetown and then about 1824 moved to Tennessee where the rest of the children were born. He was in Knox County, Tennessee in the 1830 census. There was a Charles Putnam in Granger County, Tennessee for the 1840 census, but I believe he was in New Orleans at that time studying to be a lawyer. I'm not too certain here. There was also a Charles Putnam in Orleans Parish in 1840 and I believe it was he, because his brother James Russell Putnam was also there.

Then the family went to Smith County, Mississippi where he appears in time for the 1850 Census. His sons John, James, Oscar and Samuel are all in nearby Hinds County, Mississippi. Here initial confusion starts as both these counties abut Copiah County where a bunch of our folks were.

Charles Caleb then headed west to Louisiana. He died in Madison Parish in 1862. Margaret died in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, in July of 1887.

This is a rough go at their children.

## **John Murdock Putnam**

John was the eldest child. He was born in Georgetown on November 18, 1821. He married Sophronia Lee Fearn in Huntsville, Alabama on April 7, 1847. They were in Hinds County, Mississippi for the 1850 census. Sophronia was born in September 1827 in Alabama and was a daughter of George Fearn and Elizabeth Mildred Burras.

He was a cotton buyer. I don't find him in 1860 but he was around. In 1870, they are in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. In 1880 he is with his cousin James Mercier Putnam in

Louisiana at age 57. In 1900, he is in Harrison County, Mississippi. At that time he is 78 and Sophronia is 72. John died September 15, 1908. I don't find Sophie in 1910, but in 1920 she was living with her daughter Elizabeth Wilson in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. She was 92 at the time. Sophronia died there June 12, 1922 at age 94.

Their three children, all born in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi were:

**ELIZABETH BURRAS PUTNAM** born January 25, 1849. She married John Cazeneuve Wilson in 1868. He was born October 11, 1842 in Union City, Tennessee, and was in the cotton and grain business. He died December 29, 1879 and is buried in Sherman, Texas. The last child was born posthumously there in 1880. Elizabeth later moved to Memphis, Tennessee where she died. Their children were:

**Fearn Putnam Wilson** born September 15, 1868 and died December 25, 1905 in Greenville, Mississippi. She never married.

**Belle Hamilton Wilson** born September 12, 1870 and died in Memphis April 10, 1955. She never married.

**Samuel Burton Wilson** born October 30, 1872 in New Orleans and died January 19, 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee. He married Jennie Yerger in Greenville, Mississippi April 12, 1899.

**Oscar Lee Wilson** born November 24, 1874 and died in Memphis. He married Louise Ragland November 9, 1920.

**Mamie Lindsey Wilson** born October 20, 1877 in New Orleans and died in Memphis on March 27, 1972. She never married.

**John Cazeneuve Wilson Jr.** born in Sherman, Texas April 6, 1880 and died in New Orleans September 14, 1939. He never married.

**MARIA FEARN PUTNAM** born July 30, 1851. She married James Preston Geren in New Orleans on January 28, 1878. Probably why dad was here in 1880. They later lived in Sherman, Texas.

**OSCAR LEE PUTNAM** born February 17, 1855. He was a merchant, the firm of Putnam and King in New Orleans. He married Mary Virginia Shaw on May 31, 1904. He died May 7, 1915, in New Orleans I believe.

## **Hannah Putnam**

She was born in Georgetown about 1823. She married a Kline and moved to Louisiana.

## **James Russell Putnam**

He was born in Knox County, Tennessee in 1826-27. He was in Hinds County, Mississippi in 1850. I do not find him after this. He would be the right age for Civil War duty. I have a note that he died in Louisiana in 1862. He had a wife Elizabeth who died in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1856.

## **Oscar Putnam**

He was born about 1830 in Tennessee. He never married. I have nothing more, other than he was a musician.

## Samuel Putnam

He was born in 1832 in Tennessee. He married Margaret M. Moore in Warren County on November 21, 1854. They were there for the 1860 census with two young daughters. They were there right through the 1900 census when he was 68 and Margaret 64.

He lived in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He served in the Confederate Army and Navy. He was captured and held at Fort Warren in Boston.

He was not in the 1880 Soundex as there were no children under 10. He is in Vicksburg in 1900. In 1910 he is widowed in Vicksburg living with his, then widowed, daughter Hattie LaBarre. I guess at a few of the kids based on marriage records in Warren County.

**HARRIETT C. PUTNAM** born in 1855. She married George P. LaBarre in Warren County on October 21, 1877. She died in 1928. They had three children:

**George Pascalis LaBarre** born in 1878 and died in 1950. He married Fannie Ellis Schackleford and lived in Yazoo City, Mississippi. They had 4 children:

**George Pascalis LaBarre**

**Frances LaBarre**

**William Ellis LaBarre**

**Louise LaBarre** [1924-2004] She married a doctor Eugene Mullen. They lived in Tenafly New Jersey.

**Louise LaBarre** born in 1881. She married Joseph Walker Garrett of Canton, Mississippi. They had no children. They lived in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**Oscar Putnam LaBarre** born in Vicksburg in 1886. He married Marry Roof about 1916. They lived in Vicksburg.

**MARY PUTNAM** born in 1857.

## Bruce Putnam

Bruce was born in 1834. He moved with his folks to Madison County, Louisiana. He was in Vicksburg, Madison County, Mississippi and single in 1860. He served in the C.S.A. army as an officer in the Louisiana Infantry. He was a lieutenant in Wheat's Battalion. He served in many of the early battles including Bull Run. In 1862 he was injured in the face in the Battle of Port Republic, Virginia. This caused him to be discharged in 1862. He rejoined in 1864 as a quartermaster in Major Harris' Battalion.

In the 1880 census he was in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana at age 46 and has a wife named Katie born in England.

He died in 1884. I have nothing more on him. Kate is in an old folks home in New Orleans in 1910.

## William Mynatt Putnam

He was born in 1835 in Tennessee. He was in the Louisiana Infantry as a private. He was a prisoner and was released or paroled on May 17, 1865 in Meridian, Mississippi.

In 1870 he is in Madison County, Mississippi. He has a wife named Annie, born in Alabama in about 1845. Mynatt was working as a railroad conductor. At that time they had:

**JAMES PUTNAM** born in Mississippi in 1868.