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# Champion Farris Putman of Webster County Mississippi

Champion Farris Putman was the youngest child of the Reverend Martin Putman and Mahulda Parker. He was born September 18, 1852 in Marshall County Alabama. He was named after a Minister who preached with Martin in Alabama where Reverends Farris and Putman served in the same church.

He married Louisiana (Lucy) Roberts on August 15, 1872. She was born November 20, 1847, a daughter of John Chapman Roberts and Emeline Flannagin. In 1880 they were in Marshall County Alabama and in 1900 they were in Webster County Mississippi. He remained there for the rest of his life. They moved from Alabama in 1889 and settled in Union County Mississippi for two years, and then moved to Calhoun County for about a year and then on to Webster County.

Champ died in Hinds County (but was buried in Monte Vista, Webster County) Mississippi on January 4, 1927. Lucy died in Webster County on February 20, 1907.

Their children were:

**HULDA EMALINE PUTMAN** born January 21, 1871. She married Willie David Byrd on February 14, 1895 in Union County Mississippi. He was born in Alabama August 11, 1868 and died in Montevista, Mississippi March 12, 1965. Hulda died in Mathiston, Mississippi December 15, 1967. Their children were:

**Lucy Carolyn Byrd** born July 13, 1897 in Bolivar County Mississippi and died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1986. She married Mike Jones Brown August 17, 1913 in Webster County. He was born December 12, 1892 in Bolivar County and died May 27, 1957 in Memphis. They had 11 children.

**Ida Valeria Byrd** born August 1, 1899 in Webster County and died March 3, 1986 in Tate County Mississippi, She married Claudius Elmer Nelms about 1915. He was born in Memphis October 13, 1895 and died there May 17, 1963. They had 7 children. See the sheet at

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/39448668>

**William Henry Byrd** born December 4, 1902. He married Vera Lee Sturdivant about 1924. She was born about 1909. They had 4 children. There is a family sheet on Ancestry.com <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/39448671>

**Lewis E. Byrd** born February 23, 1906. His wife was named Nina.

**Lola Belle Byrd** born February 6, 1908.

**Euclis Kermit Byrd** born June 13, 1910.

**Paul Edward Byrd** born September 7, 1912.

**DEWITT CLINTON PUTMAN** born June 5, 1872. In 1920, he was living alone in Calhoun County Mississippi at age 46. He later moved back to Alabama. He died October 8, 1945 in Floyd County Georgia. He never married.

**ELMER TILDEN PUTMAN** born October 24, 1877. He married Susan Carrie Vaughn in Mississippi on October 30, 1898. They were in Webster County through the 1920 census report, and in Calhoun County in 1930. They had these children:

**Lillie C. Putnam** born December 12, 1899 and died in Clay County Mississippi December 14, 1993. She married Charles Parrish.

**Bunyan Faris Putnam** born October 4, 1901 and died in Eupora, Webster County on June 8, 1999. His wife was Sallie V. Schaffer, and they had a son

**William Elmer Putnam** born January 22, 1930. And died June 10, 2004 in Webster County

**Victor Faris Putnam** born August 9, 1931 and died in Montgomery, Alabama October 4, 2010.

**Hulda L. Putnam** Born about 1903.

**Mary Ellen Putnam** born about 1904.

**Lucy Ann Putnam** born December 28, 1906 and died in De Soto County Mississippi March 4, 2003. She married Frank Richard Bailey about 1923. He was born in Webster County August 19, 1901 and died in Lake City, Arkansas August 12, 1949.

They had four children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/41902017>

**Beatrice Putnam** born about 1909.

**Edna Putnam** born about 1914.

**Lorena Putnam** born about 1916.

**Montel Putnam** born about 1920.

**FRANCES MINILLA PUTMAN** born 1878. She died in Lawrence County Alabama in 1889. She died of pneumonia when they first began traveling through Alabama.

**MARTIN CHAPMAN PUTMAN** born November 28, 1879. He died in Calhoun County September 26, 1964. He was in Webster County in 1900, and then in Calhoun County Mississippi in 1910 and 1920. He was in Chickasaw County in 1930. His wife was Myrtle Abigail Weeks, born March 5, 1890 in Calhoun County and died July 16, 1972. Their children were:

**Charles Otis Putnam** born December 18, 1907. He married Mary Maude Hill August 8, 1936. Mary died in childbirth September 14, 1947. He later married Nell Bias on June 18, 1952. He died April 30, 1993 in Tennessee. He and Mary had one son:

**Charles Winston Putnam** born September 1947 and died, like his mother, in childbirth, in Memphis.

**Dora Odean Putman** born July 19, 1915, and died October 21, 1948 in Chickasaw County Mississippi. She married George Clark Mabry Jr. on November 19, 1933. He was born in Mississippi January 21, 1910 and died in Calhoun County Mississippi in July 1984. They had these children:

**Beverly Ann Mabry** born June 23, 1935. She married Robert Eugene Hannaford June 10, 1956. She supplied the info on Martin's family.

**George Clark Mabry III** born March 3, 1938. He married Helen Celeste Kressenberg April 1, 1967. He died in Calhoun City in December 1977.

**Charles Eldredge Mabry** born February 28, 1948. (1948 being a leap year, he just missed one of those every four year birthdays). He married Toni Rose Hardin September 10, 1982.

**Martin Winston Putnam** born December 8, 1917, and died December 13, 1993. He married Lelia Almina Hollis July 20, 1938. Lelia was born February 26, 1914 and died April 26, 2006. They had one child:

**Winston Hollis Putnam** born September 22, 1941. He married Sandra Crowell December 28, 1963.

**Russell Putnam** born September 26, 1919. He married Helen Doris Ledbetter on January 22, 1957 in Collins, Mississippi. She had been married to Johnny Williams before. According to her obituary she was born November 20, 1919 and died in West Monroe, Louisiana on October 7, 2009.

**EMMET M. PUTMAN** born in July 1881. He was married around 1903 or so, but was widowed in 1910 and 1920. I would guess his wife died in the childbirth of young Lucy. He was in Webster County with these three daughters:

**Thelma L. Putman** born in 1906.

**Allie M. Putman** born in 1907.

**Lucy Putman** born in 1909.

**WILLIAM THOMAS PUTMAN** born June 22, 1883. He married Carrie Lee Miles on January 25, 1905. She was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Miles of Webster County. They were in Webster County in the 1910 and 1920 reports with the following children. He died in Webster County Mississippi March 5, 1973. Carrie Lee was born February 25, 1890 and died in Webster County October 21, 1971. Steven Putnam in Washington State has lots more information on this family. You can reach him at [stevenputnam@aol.com](mailto:stevenputnam@aol.com)

**Joe Donald Putnam** born October 7, 1905 and died June 10, 1914 of Collides. He was in the fourth grade.

**Erma Lee Putnam** born July 24, 1907. She married Louis Schulke July 20, 1939 in Lewiston, Idaho. They had one child:

**Erma Louise Schulke** born May 16, 1946. She married Terry Dale Simmelink.

**Dovie Estelle Putnam** born April 4, 1910 and died December 7, 1968. She married Eudell Kent in July 1928. Their children were:

**Curtis Eudell Kent** born December 13, 1928. He married Betty Jo Adair.

**Carolyn Marie Kent** born January 12, 1930.

**Betty Jo Kent** born March 3, 1932. She married Elton Mitchusson.

**Lela Mae Kent** born November 4, 1933.

**Mary Deloris Kent** born February 7, 1935. She married Floyd Harris.

**Carlton Eugene Kent** born May 15, 1936. He married Flora Mae Strange.

**Wanda Lee Kent** born September 14, 1938. She married Max Dale Prater.

**Barbara Jean Kent** born February 1, 1941. She married Charles Elton Harris.

**Erma Catherine Kent** born January 26, 1943. She married Billy Creekmore.

**Patsy Ruth Kent** born November 9, 1944. She married Booby Leon Harris.

**Martha Ann Kent** born December 9, 1946 and married William Lyn Howard.

**Mary Elizabeth Kent** born January 1, 1954. She married Bert Bush.

**William Ovin Putnam** born April 1, 1914, and died in Webster County February 5, 1975. He married Jewel Lee Hood on March 12, 1937 in Starkville, Miss. She was born March 9, 1921 and died October 10, 1997. Their children were:

**William Ovin Putnam, jr.** born January 11, 1938.

**Elizabeth Ann Putnam** born October 27, 1939.

**Frances Dian Putnam** born January 9, 1951.

**Bessie Elizabeth Putnam** born August 1, 1917. She married Edward Frederick Schulkie. They lived in Natchez and then in Walla Walla, Washington. Their children were:

**James Carlton Schulkie** born February 25, 1933, married Phyllis Joan Dill.

**Dorothy Lee Schulkie** born September 28, 1939, married Tom Wade in 1954 and Sam Waldron in 1959.

**Mary Lou Schulkie** born July 17, 1941, married Harlan Leroy Wolff in 1955.

**Thomas Edward Schulkie** born February 15, 1943, married Elizabeth Marie Brody in 1970.

**Shirley Elizabeth Schulkie** born May 13, 1944.

**Patricia Jane Schulkie** born November 5, 1945 and died March 12, 1961.

**Joe Faris Putnam** born July 20, 1920 and died October 13, 1970. He married Fanny Lola Kimball on February 25, 1939. They were divorced in 1957. He later married Geraldine Kerr on May 13, 1967. He played in a couple of Country Music bands including Tex Ritter's. Children, all by Fanny were:

**Bobby Joe Putnam** born September 28, 1940, married Karen Osborne. He died in Kennewick Washington December 9, 2003. Karen was alive at that time.

**Jerry Thomas Putnam** born July 4, 1944. He married a Linda.

**Linda Lee Putnam** born April 16, 1948, married Russell David Smith in 1968.

**Judy Ann Putnam** born January 29, 1953, married Tim Lerolle Bettendorf in 1976.

**Janet Sue Putnam** born September 24, 1956. She married Norman E. Banks in 1976, and then Rodney Doakes in 1990.

Joe then seems to have married, or at least had two kids with Betty Eugene Lyons.

**Joe Gene Putnam** born February 8, 1958.

**Melinda Sue Putnam.**

**Mary Evelyn Putnam** She married Herman Pennington. Their children were:

**Herman Pennington Jr.**

**Ann Pennington**

**Herbert Pennington**

**Debra Pennington**

**Wanda Pennington**

**Tommy Pennington**

**Gary Pennington**

**Linda Pennington**

### **Milton Pennington**

**Paul Revere Putnam** born March 18, 1926 and died March 10, 1981. He first married Dorothy Sue Pennington in 1945, then Maureen Tolan in 1957 and Geraldine Karr (widow of his brother Joe Farris) in 1977. The children were:

**Dorothy Paulette Putnam** born February 12, 1947. She married Jerry Tallent, then Jim Groff, then Roy E. Holley.

**Donald Jerome Putnam** born February 26, 1949. He married Kathy Rae Jacobson in 1971 and Beverly Williams in 1974.

**Steven Lee Putnam** born February 18, 1950. He married Diane Lynn Adkins in 1968 and then Sandra Marie Wright. Steven supplied the info on this family. Thanks.

**Richard Allen Putnam** born June 22, 1952. He married Lynn Thompson then Olga Alpizar.

**Barbara Kay Putnam** born May 28, 1955. She married Andrew Jacobsen and then Gary Orr.

**Helen Kathleen Putnam** born August 13, 1956.

**Patricia Gail Putnam** born August 3, 1958.

**Carrie Lee Putnam** born July 12, 1960.

**Tawana Lynette Putnam** born November 6, 1977.

**Donna Marie Putnam** born August 31, 1979.

**Robert Jerome Putnam** born April 23, 1931. He married Frances Marie Thurman and then Peggy Louise Ware. Children were:

**Sandra Marie Putnam** born July 3, 1952, married J. Scott Boulette.

**David Wayne Putnam** born February 13, 1957.

**Shelley Jerise Putnam** born December 16, 1975, married Donny Burge in 2002.

**Charles Allen Putman** born May 8, 1934. He married Mable Sue Sibley in 1953. The children were:

**Jennifer Kay Putnam** born January 2, 1960.

**Cassandra Ann Putnam** born October 1, 1961.

**Charles Allen Putnam** born February 11, 1965, married Jan Middleton in 1992.

**JOSEPH FRANKLIN PUTMAN** born March 12, 1885. He married Mary Jones in 1900. Mary died May 30, 1907. Joe then returned to Lawrence County Alabama and there married Daisy Benifield in January of 1908. There were two children in the first marriage, born in Webster County Mississippi, and eight children in the second all born in Alabama. Daisy died in Lawrence County Alabama on September 16, 1921 and Joseph died in Rome, Floyd County Georgia on February 22, 1978 just before his ninety-third birthday. The children were:

**Jerome Putnam** born August 15, 1902 in Mississippi. He died June 5, 1903.

**Lillie Mae Putnam** born in Mississippi June 6, 1903. She married Bert Brown in Etowah County Alabama on June 4, 1922 and she died in Etowah County on May 22, 1983.

**Edna Earl Putnam** born in Lawrence County December 2, 1908. She died October 27, 1917.

**Lucy Putnam** born January 29, 1910 in Lawrence County. She married William D. Pearson on October 13, 1928 in Morgan County.

**Travis Francis Putman** born in Morgan County on April 5, 1911. He was single in Lawrence County Alabama in 1930. He married Lula Brown in Georgia on July 24, 1949.

**Edgar Putnam** born in August 1914. He married Lorena Strickland in Etowah County Alabama on February 1, 1933. He died in Etowah County on September 4, 1974.

**Curtis Putnam** born in Lawrence County in March 11, 1917. He first married Viva Jane Slaton in Marshall County in June 1936. After her death he married Dorothy Mix. Curtis died in Etowah County in December 1986.

**Robert Putnam** born in May 1918. He married Lila Simpson on August 5, 1933 in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama.

**Jeanetta Putnam** born in December 1919. She married Robert Wilson.

**J. D. Putman** a son born September 8, 1921 and died the next year in May 1922.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTMAN** born November 20, 1888. He was an itinerate blacksmith and traveled a lot. Later he took up farming. He died in Mississippi in about 1950. In 1910 he is in Lawrence County Alabama working for a Charles Stouton. He married his wife Minnie Ida Tucker in Lawrence County very shortly afterwards. Minnie was born in Alabama May 9, 1888 and died in Pensacola, Florida May 16, 1982. They had one child in Alabama in 1912 and the next in 1913 back in Mississippi. In 1920, he is back in Webster County with his father, then 67, and his wife Minnie and in 1930 is in Nesoba County Mississippi. They had these children:

**Clovis Preston Putnam** a son born in Lawrence County Alabama March 26, 1911. He was a postal clerk and died August 12, 1984 in Dixon, Neshoba County Mississippi. He married Lola Viola Milling on June 11, 1935. She was born June 19, 1915 and died July 22, 2002. They had two daughters:

**Gwendolyn Putnam** born January 9, 1946. She married Joseph Eugene Hatch, Jr. January 22, 1946.

**Barbara Jo Putnam** born October 1, 1947. She married Hernando Abril from Columbia, and then later married David Lee Monts in Mississippi April 20, 2000.

Barbara is the one who filled me in on this family. Thanks.

**Lola Bell Putnam** born in Webster County Mississippi in 1913. She was married three times, last to Floyd May and lives in Mississippi in 2004.

**George Farris Putnam** born in Webster County March 23, 1917 and died in Alabama August 16, 1991. He was a career soldier in the Army. Married three times, last to Patricia Zebb of Rockford, Illinois.

**William B. 'Nook' Putnam** born in 1920, and died in 1936.

**Babe Ruth Putnam** a daughter. She married Robert Ritchie and had two children.

**Henry L. 'Billy' Putnam** He married Annie Ruth Dean.

**MARY ELIZABETH 'MOLLY' PUTMAN** born in March 1890. In 1910, she was living with her brother Dewitt in Webster County. Then she must have gone back to Lawrence County Alabama. She married John Armor there and she died in Lawrence County Alabama March 29, 1978.