

WILLIAM PUTMAN

He is another son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Putman. The first mention of William Putman was when he was given a Land Grant for 150 acres on Sims Creek of the Little Broad River in Rutherford County, North Carolina. The grant was dated November 26, 1790, but was not recorded until July 30, 1809.

The 1800 Census for Rutherford County shows William Putman and his wife as both being between 26 and 45 years old. It also shows he has a son between 10 and 15 and two daughters, under the age of ten. William was probably married around 1785 to 1788 and so was probably born about 1765 or so. Since I estimate that Benjamin was not married until about 1765, William was the eldest of Ben's kids.

By the 1810 Census of Rutherford County, both William and his wife are over the ages of 45.

It then seems they traveled into eastern Tennessee and settled in Rhea County with his brother Wilson. The families were there a short period before continuing their journey southwest into Alabama.

In the 1830 Tennessee Census for Rhea County, we find Wilson and his family and a widow, Winnie Putman in her late 40s. I am assuming William had died by 1830 and Winnie was his widow. It is the only thing that makes any sense. Winnie had 2 sons in their late teens and one in his twenties and three teenage daughters in that 1830 census.

I have no information on any of the children of this William Putman. There was a William Putman who was in the 1850 Census of Morgan County, Alabama. Wilson Putman's family and John Putman went to Morgan County as did Griggs Putman. Perhaps this William in Alabama was a son, but my current thinking is that he was one of Griggs' children.

In the 1830 census, Winnie had 3 males and 3 females with her and I assume they were all her children. Assuming she was William's widow and followed her brother in law Wilson to Alabama, then she might be the Winfield Putman near Wilson in Lawrence County, Alabama in 1840 with two other daughters and a son. Right next door is a William Putman.

Since she does not re-emerge, I have no decent clues as to the children. I can only try and put William Wilson Putman here, but I am not certain if he belongs here or not. As to the other kids, I have no ideas at all. Here is what I have on him.

William Wilson Putman

This positioning is simply a last resort to place this particular Wilson Putman. PLEASE feel free to move him into another column if you feel like it.

Wilson was born about 1815 and his wife Susan Hullett about 1816. They appear in the 1840 census of Rutherford County, North Carolina with a young son and daughter. In 1850 they were in Benton County, Alabama and in Blount County, Alabama in 1860.

Based on the ages and birthplaces of the children, it seems that the family left North Carolina in 1842 or so and went to South Carolina for about two or three years and then to Georgia by 1846 and finally to Alabama by 1849. They were in Benton County, Alabama in the 1850 census and in Blount County in 1860, 1870 and 1880. In 1870 he lists himself as William Wilson Putman. This is probably his full name. He is listed Wilson in 1880 and has died before 1900 as has Susan. The kids are still in Blount County in 1900.

The following are the children and where they were born:

CHARLOTTE PUTMAN born February 1, 1839 NC. She married William Thomas Cornelius on July 20, 1856 in Blount County, Alabama.

JOHN J. PUTMAN born in 1841 NC. He married Martha Jane Stafford in Blount County on October 31, 1861. He seems to have died in the Civil War and in the 1870 census, his son is living with his parents. Both mom and dad are missing.

BENJAMIN PUTMAN born in 1843 SC. He was home in 1860 and missing in 1870. Again, I assume he died for the CSA.

SARAH E. PUTMAN born in 1846 GA. As of 1880 she was at home and unmarried.

MARY JANE PUTMAN born in 1849 AL. She was still at home through 1880.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTMAN born in 1855 AL. He married Mary E. Ellis in Blount County. In 1900 they were still here with one son.

ANDREW JACKSON PUTMAN born in 1857 AL. He married Rachel Clementine Pierce in Blount County on May 11, 1877. They were living with his parents in 1880 with their first three children. They are in the same area in 1900. By 1910, Andy has died and Rachel is alone with some of the kids in both 1910 and 1920.

This family is covered in detail in the section on ALABAMA PUTMANS.