

Other Putnam/Putman Families In Ohio

There are many others that start popping up all over in the early 1800s. I am putting this section in because as you go to the next section on Ohio Census Reports it can become very confusing.

The New England Putnams (English)

The most famous was General Rufus Putnam of Massachusetts. He is referred to as *The Founder of Ohio* and settled with his family in the Marietta area. Much on this family is found in the 1907 and 1908 works of Eben Putnam.

Rufus was born in Sutton, Massachusetts April 9, 1738 and died in Marietta, Ohio May 4, 1824. After serving in the Revolutionary War, he was appointed Superintendent of the Ohio Company on November 23, 1787.

Colonel Israel Putnam, son of the General, brought his family at the same time. Several other Putnams from Danvers were shareholders in the Ohio Company. Allen and Jethro settled there in the 1790s.

Before 1810 there were six separate Massachusetts Putnam families in Washington County alone. General Rufus, Israel, Edwin, Aaron, Ezra, Rufus Junior and David were all in the general area of Marietta. As the years went by, this group expanded. It was also during the 1820s and 1830s that many people with original spelling of Putman changed to the Putnam spelling as it was becoming more popular and more prevalent.

The Pennsylvania Putmans (German)

We find Putmans in Sandusky, Stark, Van Wert, Ross, Scioto and other Ohio Counties. These are German families descended from two brothers, Andrew and Philip Jacob Buttman whose name was anglicized to Putman back in Maryland and Pennsylvania. There is a full history of this family in the addendum of this work.

I have never been able to find out much about Philip Jacob Putman. Many believe that he was the father of the Peter Putman in Hampshire and the great grand father of the Philip Putman in Ross County, Ohio. The family of Andrew Putman is well established and several of his family came to Ohio.

The following are grandchildren of Andrew Putman that went into Ohio and you will see them in the upcoming Ohio Census Returns.

JACOB PUTMAN and **ELIZABETH GROSS**. He was a son of Peter Putman and Maria Schneider and went into Wayne County and then on to Sandusky County.

ANDREW PUTMAN was Jacob's brother. He went into Van Wert County. He will later be in Dent County, Missouri by the 1860 census.

JOSEPH PUTMAN and **ELIZABETH PUTMAN**. He was another son of Peter and his wife was a daughter of Andrew Putman and Elizabeth Lenhart. He went to Stark County, Ohio.

JOHN PUTMAN and **CHARLOTTE KING**. He was a son of Andrew Junior and went to Stark County.

GABRIEL PUTMAN and **SUSANNAH WEIMER** another of young Andrew's kids that went to Stark County.

PETER PUTMAN and **MARGARET ADAMS** same as above in Stark County. Margaret died and he went to Van Wirt County where he married **SARAH NIEFORD**.

JOSEPH PUTMAN and **ELIZABETH BRUNNER** same as above. He went to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and then to Stark County in the 1830s.

There is a reasonably complete history of the German Putman Families to be found in the Addenda to this work.

The Virginia Putmans (German)

The family of Philip Putman that came to Ross County, Ohio from Hampshire County, Virginia (part of West Virginia after 1863) was briefly covered earlier.

There is again, a fairly decent accounting of this German family in the Addenda.

The New York Putmans (Dutch)

In the Addendum of this history is an early history of the family that began with Jan Poutman from Holland. He went up the Hudson to the Albany area in the 1660s, had his name changed to Putman and went into the business of making kids that made more kids.

Most of the Putmans from New York are of Dutch descent, especially if they came from upstate New York. If, on the other hand, they came from Western New York, they were English coming from Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

The Dutch folks that I have isolated are:

Isaac Putman

Isaac was born in Schenectady and baptized there on March 17, 1796. He was a son of Johannes Putman and Elizabeth Vedder. A cousin of his, Ernestus Putman (see below), had written home tolling the beauty of Virginia and this probably satisfied Isaac's wanderlust. Just when he headed for the Virginia Hills, Ohio was opening and both he and Ernestus headed west.

Based on the 1850 census, his wife was Charlotte. I find a marriage record of him marrying Charlotte Spillman in Clarke County, Ohio on January 11, 1819. Clark was formed from Champaign County in 1818 and so he was probably living in the area at the time. I do not find him in the 1820, but in 1830 he is smack in the middle of all our Kentucky Putmans in

Champaign County. I firmly believe he did this in order to confuse us poor researchers. In 1860 they are all in Miami Township of Logan County.

Again based on marriage and census records, I will try and piece out his family.

JAMES N. PUTMAN was born in 1828. He is the eldest child. He would have been born in Champaign County. He was married there on April 6, 1847 to Margaret Hart. In the 1850 census all they had with them was her brother, James 18. In 1880 they were in Logan County. He was 51 and she 50. They had Fannie 15 and Annie 8. Also with them was their daughter Charlotte, 24, and her husband Park Doren 30. There were no other Putmans in the county, so I guess that's the whole gang.

WILLIAM R. PUTMAN was born in 1832. He was at home in 1850 at age 18. On July 1, 1852 he married Elvina or Elvira Stayman. In 1860 they are in Logan County. At the time they had Mary born in 1852 and Charlotte born in 1854.

JOSEPH H. PUTMAN was born in 1838. I do not find a marriage record for Joe in Champaign County, and I do not find a Joseph in 1880. Charlotte, who seems to be his widow, was back with her folks in 1880.

Ernestus Putman

I gave a brief history of Ernestus in the WEST VIRGINIA PUTMANS section. Basically he was born in Schenectady, New York on October 27, 1776. He was a son of Arent Putman and Elizabeth De Spitzer. He married Nancy Becker on April 1, 1797 in Schenectady and moved to Virginia.

Nancy died June 8, 1812. He then married Elizabeth Gray on March 24, 1814 in Jefferson County, Virginia which is now West Virginia. He moved to Ohio in the next few years and was in Darke County, Ohio by the 1820 Census.

In 1850 he was 74 and Elizabeth 62. One son **JAMES** 19 was with them and living next door was his son **ERNESTUS Junior** 24 and his wife Sarah and their new born son, **JOHN**.

He moved with a son to Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana where he died October 20, 1865. Elizabeth died there the year before on February 15, 1864.