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# DANIEL PUTMAN

## South Carolina and then Tennessee

Daniel would have been born about 1783 in South Carolina. He was married and living in Union County, South Carolina up through the time his father's estate was settled. He received a land grant in Williamson County, Tennessee in 1818. He appears in the 1820 census for Williamson County. Daniel had five sons and three daughters. Both Daniel and his wife were between 26 and 45 years of age.

In a listing of Bedford County, Tennessee cemetery records, there is a mention of a **Priscilla** Dollar, wife of Reuben Dollar, daughter of Daniel Putman, August 25, 1810 - May 30, 1835, age 24Y, 9M, 4D. There are land transactions involving Daniel in Bedford County through 1840.

In 1840 there is a Daniel Putner about the right age living in Perry County, Tennessee somewhat west of where he had lived. He died there in 1841.

In 1850 there is a Jane Patterson, age 67 born in North Carolina, living as a head of a household with 3 Putman folks ranging in age from 7 to 35, in Marshall County. Marshall abuts Bedford County to the west and was cut out of Bedford in 1836. The eldest of the Putmans was Eliza age 35. She is Eliza Dixie Patterson, the widow of James W. Putman and has two of their kids there: Thomas born in Tennessee in 1838 and Sarah born in Mississippi in 1842. James was in Hernando, Desoto County, Mississippi in the early 1840s and was mayor of the town. His brother David was there also and was Constable there in 1844.

Also in the 1850 census of Perry County, there are two Putman kids, Thomas 11 and Elizabeth 9 living with the family of Henry Nix age 39 and Elizabeth Nix age 42. It seems that Elizabeth was Daniel's wife and married Henry after Dan died. This gains more strength with the following tombstone listing found in the Nix Cemetery: "Thompson F. Putman born March 19, 1839 and died April 17, 1860, son of Daniel and Elizabeth."

Those facts make it appear that Elizabeth was a wife of Daniel, but was way too young to be his first wife, as Daniel was having kids about the time Elizabeth was born. Another thought, also logical, was that Daniel's first son was Dan junior and he married this Elizabeth, and all the Daniels just up and died.

My *best guess* is that Daniel's first wife died about 1830 as there was a steady parade of kids born between 1810 and 1829. Then he married Elizabeth (last name probably Patterson) about 1837 and had the last two kids with her.

Good Luck here folks!

Be careful as to whether or not the following children belong to Daniel. I really don't know for sure on any of them. At any rate, here are the kids I think are Daniel's.

**JAMES W. PUTMAN** born in 1809 and died at age 34 on September 30, 1843 in Hernando, Mississippi. He married Eliza Dixie Patterson of Chapel Hill, Tennessee. He was mayor of Hernando about 1840, but never showed up in any census records there. I got most

of this from a descendant. They had two children:

**Thomas J. Putman** born in 1840 and died September 25, 1861 enroute to the battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky. He was a corporal in the 17<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry.

**Sarah Jane Putman** born June 6, 1843 and died in Tennessee May 31, 1922. She married Dr. Edward Swanson.

**PRISCILLA PUTMAN** born August 25, 1810 and died May 30, 1835. She married Reuben Dollar in Bedford County, Tennessee.

**DAVID G. PUTMAN** born August 2, 1825 and died in Mississippi October 20, 1849.

**MELISSA PUTMAN** born in 1831 in Tennessee. In 1850 there is a Melissa Putman in Hernando, Mississippi. According to mortality records she was David's wife. That seems strange as she was 18 in 1850, so would have been about 8 when she married David. Then there are cemetery records stating that the headstones were supplied by a M. Putman who was a sister of James and David. That probably makes more sense.

**THOMPSON F. PUTMAN** born in Tennessee March 19, 1839 and died April 17, 1860 according to his tombstone. He is living with his mom Elizabeth and stepfather Henry Nix in Perry County in 1850.

**ELIZABETH PUTMAN** born in Tennessee in 1840. She is living with her mom Elizabeth and stepfather Henry Nix in Perry County in 1850.