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The Daughters of James & Joice Putman

ELIZABETH PUTMAN

Elizabeth was born in about 1780-1785 , She had married Hezekiah Ray about 1800, and died before December 1811 when her father wrote his will. In the estate papers there is no record of her husband claiming the children's share so he must have moved out of the area prior to 1815. Hezekiah appears next in Bedford County, Tennessee with the other Putman folks that went there. Her brother Jesse, mentioned her heirs in his 1833 will in Bedford County.

It seems that after Elizabeth or Betsy died, Hezakiah left the children in South Carolina and married Martha 'Patsy' Jones and headed to Tennessee. He came back later for the children, but they didn't get along with their stepmother and were taken in by other families. Later documents and articles refer to them as 'poor orphans.'

The children of Betsy and Hezekiah Ray were:

JASON RAY born June 10, 1803 in Union County South Carolina and died June 4, 1880 in Bedford County Tennessee. He married Verlinda Smith, another orphan, in about 1825. He became a Baptist Minister. There is a series of Family Sheets on all their children at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-119347964>

WILLIAM RAY born December 22, 1805 in Cross Keys, South Carolina and died July 19, 1885 in Wayne County Tennessee. He married Rhoda Huckaby about 1823. She died in the 1830s and he married Jane Prince. He was a cabinet maker. There are a group of Family Sheets on the kids at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-119347962>

JABEL RAY born about 1807. He married Elizabeth Raney. He died about 1858 in Franklin County, Tennessee. There are family group sheets at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-119347961>

SOLOMON RAY born about 1808. He married Louisa Clay or Clady about 1825. He died in Lincoln County Tennessee January 19, 1863. She was born in Bedford County Tennessee March 29, 1808 and died October 18, 1876. Family Group sheets are found at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-119347959>

LUARKA RAY born April 9, 1810 and died in Bedford County Tennessee March 18, 1891. She married John Hastings December 4, 1834. John was born in Orange County North Carolina January 26, 1801 and died in Bedford County Tennessee February 5, 1863. There are Family Group sheets at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-119347956>

HANNAH RAY born about 1811. I don't have any more than that. Sorry.

NANCY PUTMAN

Nancy married a John Lawson. He signed for her legacy so she may have died prior to 1815. I

have nothing more on her, except her heirs were also mentioned in her brother Jesse's 1833 will.
I assume John and her kids were also in Bedford County, Tennessee in the 1830s.