

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, Hezekiah 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, SC and died April 12, 1880 in Bedford County, TN. He married Verlinda Smith, another orphan, in about 1825. He became a Baptist Minister.

WILLIAM RAY born December 22, 1805 in SC and died July 19, 1885 in Wayne County, TN. He married Rhoda Huckaby about 1823. She died in the 1830s and he married Jane Prince. He was a cabinet maker.

SOLOMON RAY born about 1807. He married Louisa Clardy.

JABEL RAY born about 1809. He married Elizabeth Raney. He died about 1858 in Franklin County, Tennessee.

HANNAH RAY born about 1811.

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.