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LABAN PUTMAN

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Laban was probably born in the 1770s in Union County. There are no recorded land records for Laban in South Carolina as he was perhaps too young to have his own farm. He first appears on a land grant in Warren County in 1802 and on a deed in Warren County, Kentucky on January 7, 1805.

He seems to have migrated to Kentucky several years earlier than the rest of the Putman Family. According to a History of Trigg County, Kentucky, Laban Putman was married to Elizabeth or Betsy Young on March 1, 1800 in Livingston County, Kentucky.

This is in a book of records from Trigg County, which was later carved out of Livingston. There are two references to this marriage, one in 1800 and one in 1805; I do not know which one was correct. Livingston and Trigg counties are west of Warren County, yet he was with the rest of his family in Warren County, Kentucky in 1802. I would assume that the 1800 date was correct.

There is a Lebon Putman listed in the First Tax List of Caldwell County, Kentucky in the year 1809. He is carried on the Warren county, Kentucky Tax lists of 1803, 1805 and 1806, but not any later.

Laban remained in Kentucky with his father and brothers until about 1810 when the whole family moved to an area near Princeton, Indiana in what was then Knox County. He joined the Indiana Volunteers and fought, along with Daniel's sons Reding and Hazeal, under William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811.

Laban was listed in the 1820 Indiana Census as living in adjacent Warrick County, which was also carved out of Knox County in 1813. He is listed under males 26 to 44, his wife under females of the same age and they had listed 1 son under 10 years, 1 son between 10 and 15, 4 daughters under 10 and one between 10 and 15 years old.

Laban is listed in the 1830 Census in White County in Illinois, which is on the southern Indiana border not far from Warrick County, Indiana. It is felt that he died in Illinois sometime after 1830. There is no mention of Laban Putman in the 1835 or 1840 census of either Illinois or Indiana.

There is, however, a Jane Putman, in her 30s, listed in Cane Creek Township of Gallatin County, Illinois in the 1840 census. She is Jane Ellison and she married Laban Putman junior in Gallatin County on April 14, 1836. Something must have happened to young Laban, as he is not around in 1840.

His son Barnet Putman is in adjacent Hamilton County in 1840 with his new family. The 1850 Illinois Census lists a Laban Putman, 14 years old in Cane Creek Township, Gallatin County living with the family of Joseph Pearce. He would be Laban 3rd. Gallatin and Hamilton Counties lie next to White County.

It would appear that Laban moved to Gallatin County in 1830 or 1831 and died there in the mid 1830s.

In 1830 Laban had 3 sons and 3 daughters. Here is the best I can now do about the children of Laban and Betsy Putman.

Catherine Putman

All I have is that she married George W. Gurley in Gallatin County on August 17, 1829.

Barnet Putman

He was born about 1805. He married Sarah Barker in Gallatin County on June 11, 1831. He was in Hamilton County in 1840 listed as Bennett Putman. He died March 17, 1846. In 1850, Sarah was widowed in Hamilton County with the family. I don't find any of the family in the 1860 census, and there was no index for 1870. However, in 1880 Sarah and her son William are in Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois and another son, Thomas, is in Gallatin County, Illinois. Based on the various census records, their children were:

JAMES PUTMAN born in 1831. He was at home in 1850, but I don't find him anywhere in the entire mid west in 1860. He apparently married Pliny Presley on May 30, 1858 in Hamilton County. They remained there till the 1870s and then moved to Perry County.

MARY JANE PUTMAN born in 1833. She married William Foster December 25, 1849 so was not in the 1850 census with Sarah.

WILLIAM PUTMAN born September 5, 1835, and died July 26, 1903. He married Julia Ann Foster on December 27, 1854. In 1880 they are in Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois. In 1900, William and Julia are in Shawnee, Gallatin County as is their son Thomas and his family. Their children were:

Thomas Putman born April 29, 1852. He married three times. First to Nancy White August 25, 1875, then to Lavinia Sensibaugh September 22, 1889, and finally to Effie Clayton who was with him in the 1900 and 1920 census. In 1880, he and Nancy were in Equality, Gallatin County. Thomas died April 25, 1921. Effie was born November 18, 1873 and died December 27, 1921. This family began to use the Putnam spelling. Their kids were:

William Putnam born in April of 1878. He married Flora Susan Kee. He married Susie on March 13, 1901 and in 1920 was in Craighead County, Arkansas. Susie is widowed by 1930 and is in Truman, Poinsett County, Arkansas. Children were:

Harliss R. Putman born January 2, 1903. He was with his mother in 1930 and was widowed at the time. No idea who he married.

Dora Lillian Putman born July 21, 1904.

Wilma Putman born in 1906.

Georgia Putman born in Arkansas in 1913.

Mary Putman born in Arkansas in 1917. She was with her mom in 1930.

Uwanda Putman born in 1921, and was with her widowed mom in 1930.

Benjamin Putnam born in November of 1880. He married Margaret (Childers) McKensie. Think the full name is Thomas Benjamin Putnam. He and Peggy are in Cook County in 1930.

Walter A. Putnam born April 16, 1881 and died October 29, 1963. He married

Susan Ledbetter and she was with him in 1910. She died and he married Nannie J. Lester on October 24, 1922. They had three children:

Marjorie Sarah Putman born June 11, 1924. She married George T. Midgett.

Walter Evans Putman born December 15, 1926. He married three times, to Catherine Duncan in 1947, then Ethel E. Johnson and then Maxine Edith Garrish.

Paul Putman born November 8, 1930. He married Janice Rae Franklin on February 8, 1951. Janice is the one who filled me in on this family.

Lucinda Putnam born in November 1884 and died 5 months later.

James Putnam born February 1886 and died May 9, 1903.

Jesse Putnam born December 16, 1889. He married first, Lucy Rodgers. After her death, he married Rosie Lin Lester on October 2, 1924. He died May 16, 1963.

Rosie was born April 11, 1902 and died July 24, 1997. Children, all with Rosie, were:

Maxine Putman born January 26, 1938.

Janet Putman born July 3, 1940.

Donna Sue Putman born May 18, 1943.

Daniel Putnam born in November 1896. He is missing in the 1920 census, probably died as a child. I don't find him in 1920 anywhere.

Della Mae Putnam born December 17, 1898 and died July 30, 1981.

Rose Lee Putnam born in 1902. In the 1920 census, she is 17 and listed as a servant for Ernest Kleiner in Shawnee. She married Abner Bowman and had one son, Edward born in 1919. She later married John Muir and had two daughters. She died in 1935

Dorothy Putnam born in November 1912. She married Henry Chamberlain. As of January 1998, she was living in La Faira, Texas. They had two sons that died young.

Helen Putnam born June 12, 1916 and died January 4, 1991. She married John Patton and later Horliss Johnson. There were no children.

Pearl Lucille Putnam born December 16, 1917 and died before 1920.

Winnie Putman born in 1863. She married John Calvin Wright March 24, 1883. They had six children before she died in childbirth March 16, 1892. John died in Perry County, Illinois December 3, 1933. He remarried several times after Winnie died. The children were:

An Infant who was born and died June 1, 1884.

John Marion Wright born September 10, 1885 and died the following January.

William Carrel Wright born January 24, 1888. He married Clara Edge Hill, and then later Linda Webb, and one other person.

Harry Austin Wright born November 23, 1889 and died April 3, 1926. He married a Wright cousin and then Minnie Irene Rudloff in 1916.

Lydia Elizabeth Wright born March 16, 1892 and died April 20, 1984. She first married Robert Henry, and later Roy Webster Hill December 8, 1912. She then married Olin Cook December 31, 1950 and then William Miller June 2, 1956.

Amanda Putman born in 1863, a twin. She married William Perry.

James Putnam born August 10, 1865. He married Martha Matilda Bardmass, born August 27, 1864. In 1900 they are in Du Quoin with two children. I do not find him in 1920. Their children were:

Gramie A. Putman born August 28, 1887, died January 16, 1888.

William Silas Putman born December 10, 1888. He lived in Pottersville, California. In 1920 he has a wife named Fay and they are in Mississippi County Arkansas and in Dunklin County Missouri in 1930.

Colbert P. Putman born July 22, 1890 and died as a child.

James Charles Putnam born October 24, 1893, and died in October 1977. He married Vida Mae Woodside and had three children. Vida was a daughter of Robert Earl Woodside and Ellen Jones. She was born in Missouri August 10, 1899 and died in Pemiscot County Missouri February 6, 1935 at only 35 years of age.

Henry Emerton Putman born October 7, 1897 and died April 16, 1898.

Mary Putman who married Burl Williams.

Barnet Putman born in October 1864. He was home in 1880. In 1900, he was married in Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois. He married Della Hunt December 18, 1891. She was born in April 1875. The marriage record lists her as Mrs. Della Robertson, so she was married earlier. Barney was also married previously to May Brock in Perry County on November 8, 1889. He and Della are in Du Quoin again in 1910. In 1920, Barney has a new wife Louvonia Quillman and also her mom is with them. By 1920, Della has split with the kids. A divorce I guess. Barney got the house, Della got the kids. The children in 1910 were:

Otis Putman born in August 1892. He is married to Elizabeth and is in Torrance California in 1930.

Earl Putman born in December 1893. In 1930 he is married to Anna and they are in Los Angeles.

Amanda Putman born in 1867.

Sarah Putman born in 1873.

Richard Henry Putnam born in 1874. His wife was Annie Colbert born 1881. They were married January 6, 1899. In 1900 they are in Shawnee, Gallatin County. In 1910, Annie is alone in Gallatin County with 3 kids and is living with William Quigley, who is probably a relative. I don't find any of them in 1920. The children were:

Julia Putnam born in May 1900, she is listed as Ethel in 1910.

William Henry Putman born March 29, 1902. According to Find A Grave, he died in 1978 in Butler County Missouri and is buried in Ripley County Missouri. His wife Ethel M. Tatman was born in 1905 and died in Butler County in 1997 and she too is buried in Ripley County. They were married in Neely, Missouri March 7, 1923. They are in Neeley, Butler County Missouri in 1930 with these kids and a couple I get from gravestones:

J. D. Putman a son born September 16, 1925 and alive as of 2007. His wife Perlle D. was born April 6, 1932 and died in Ripley County Missouri April 13, 2004.

Dorothy Putman born in 1926.

Leroy Putman born in 1928.

Ralph Putman born in 1930.

Richard Putman born September 1, 1932 and died in Ripley County April 25, 1998. His grave is shown as him being Sr., so he married and had a son named Richard.

Edith Putman born in 1905.

Lucinda Putman born in 1876, died in 1957. She married John G. Rider. Their children were:

Sherman Rider born 1904 and married Blanche Dillard.

Edna Rider

Agnes Rider

Beatrice Rider married Gene Griffin.

Bertha Virginia Rider married Joseph Goss.

Martha Matilda Putman born April 18, 1879 and died January 4, 1966. She married Walter William Kinsall December 30, 1897. They had:

Fred Kinsall born February 16, 1901, married Mary Lee Scamehorn.

Claude Kinsall born April 18, 1904 and died in 1927.

Harriet Kinsall born June 12, 1909 and died in infancy.

Carrie Ruth Kinsall born April 20, 1906, married Luther Carter.

Alvin Carrol Kinsall born August 8, 1918, married Gladys Brazel.

Margaret Eloise Kinsall born October 8, 1920, married Highfill Dempsey.

TABATHA ANN PUTMAN born in 1837. She married William C. Dial on January 12, 1854.

HENRY PUTMAN born in 1839. I don't find him after 1850.

THOMAS BARNET PUTMAN born in 1841. Again, I do not find him again (yet, still looking).

SARAH PUTMAN born in 1844.

Laban Putman Jr.

He would have been born about 1811 or 1812 in Warrick County, Indiana. In 1820 he was listed as being under ten years of age. He married Jane Ellison in Gallatin County on April 14, 1836. He seems to have died before the 1840 census as Jane is shown as the head of the household. There seems to only have been one child:

LABAN PUTMAN 3rd born in 1837. In the 1850 census, he is 14 years old and living with the family of Joseph Pearce in Cane Creek Township of Gallatin County. In 1860 he is listed as being 22 and is living with his grandparents Henry and Nancy Ellison. I do not find him again. He was the right age to be involved in the Civil War and most likely died in the war.

Martha 'Patsy' Putman

She was born September 25, 1813 while the family was still in Indiana. She married Solomon Luther in Gallatin County on January 1, 1835. Solomon was born November 9, 1812 in Randolph County, North Carolina. He died in Gallatin County August 15, 1853. They had nine children.

Martha moved to Missouri with some of the kids, and she died there in Dunklin County September 12, 1875.

Their children were:

ELIZABETH PUTMAN LUTHER She was born October 11, 1835 in Gallatin County, and died in Nez Perce County, Idaho in March 1900. She married Matthew Souder Williams on December 23, 1853 in Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois. They moved all over the place from Illinois to Kansas to New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington and then back to Oregon and then to Nez Perce County in Western Idaho.

WILLIAM L. LUTHER was born July 9, 1838 and died September 22, 1840.

GEORGE MICHAEL LUTHER was born September 23, 1840 in Gallatin County and

died December 20, 1917 in White Oak, Dunklin County Missouri. He married Sarah Jane Collins April 6, 1867 in Gallatin County Illinois and moved to Dunklin County Missouri in 1873.

CHARLES M. LUTHER was born January 3, 1843 and died January 22, 1844 (possibly 1843).

MARTIN LUTHER was born January 17, 1845.

ELIZA ANN LUTHER was born in 1846. She married James L. Glascock October 8, 1867.

MARY LUTHER was born in 1849. She married Alexander Duncan May 2, 1869 in Gallatin County.

BARBARA LUTHER was born about 1850.

SOLOMON G. LUTHER was born about 1852.

Elizabeth Putman

All I have on her is that she married Josiah Wheeler in Gallatin County on October 4, 1838.

Mary Putman

She married Elias Luther in Gallatin County on March 24, 1840.