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SOLOMON PUTMAN

South Carolina to Tennessee

He would have been born about 1775 or thereabouts. He had a son in his early 20s in 1820 so would have been married about 1795. We do not know the name of his first wife. Solomon was the Executor of John's estate in 1820, as he was the eldest still in the area. He was married with five children, a son and four daughters, in the 1820 Union County census. His first wife then died and he married Harriet Woodson in 1827, most likely in Tennessee.

He was not in the 1830 South Carolina Census, and was in Tennessee, but I do not find a listing for him there in 1830. I do not know where he was at that time. However, in 1840 his widow Harriett Putman shows up in the census for Carroll County, Tennessee with two sons and four daughters.

In 1850, we find out the names of Solomon's children that were listed in the 1840 census. Harriett was 50 born in North Carolina, so she would have been born about 1800. I do not find her in 1860 anywhere and assume she died in the 1850s, probably in Tennessee. Solomon's last child was born in 1833. He wrote his will August 18, 1834 in Carroll County, and it was filed March 7, 1835. So he died sometime in between those dates, probably in early 1835.

The following is what I know about Solomon's children:

Nancy Putman

She was mentioned as "Daughter Nancy Glass" in Solomon's will, so she was married to a Glass guy by 1834.

Another Daughter

There were two older daughters listed in the 1820 census of Union County, South Carolina. Nancy was one, and this was another. His will mentions Nancy and "my five other daughters." So, this one was unmarried in 1834 when the will was written.

Mary Putman

Mary was born about 1815. She married Eldridge Haynes on September 8, 1842.

There are two more marriage records for a Mary Putman in Carroll County. These may be for her or may be someone else. They are: Mary and Gabriel Chandler August 9, 1854 and Mary M. and Jesse McCollum on July 5, 1860. Not certain here, but she was married and gone by 1850.

John Thomas Putman

John was born about 1820 in South Carolina. John married Mary Little in Carroll County, Tennessee on July 21, 1842.

He died before 1850 as in the Carroll County 1850 census, Mary is shown as a widow. She is living with her folks right next door to Harriett. She had three children. She and the children are still there in 1860. I do not find her in 1870, but one of her sons, William, is still there.

This is what I know of the children of John and Mary Putman:

THOMAS PUTMAN born in 1843 in Carroll County. He is at home in 1860 at age sixteen, but gone in 1870. I would assume he was a Civil War casualty.

WILLIAM NEWTON PUTMAN born in 1846. He was home in 1860 and married in the 1870 census of Carroll County. William married Lucy Bledsoe in Gibson County (more likely Carroll County), Tennessee on March 19, 1868. They were in Carroll County in 1870 and in Gibson County in 1880. He farmed and had a sawmill near Trenton, Tennessee. Lucy is home in Gibson County in 1900 with the kids. William is in the State Prison for murdering a neighbor John Bell Cooper in 1898. I don't find Lucy after that, I assume she remarried. William is out of prison and back in Gibson County in 1910. He had been married just 1 year to Sally Ann May. It was a second for her too, as she was married to a Smith before. William died in 1914. Their children were:

Mary Ellen Putman born in Carroll County in 1869. She married J. L. Perkins in Gibson County, Tennessee on January 2, 1888.

Allie Mae Putman born in Gibson County March 11, 1876. She married A. Wade Jacobs in Gibson County on December 23, 1892. She married him because her mother 'married her off' to a rich widower. Allie became pregnant, and left him and went back home. She later divorced him and married David Howell who was a Railroad engineer. She only had the one child, William Thomas Jacobs, by Wade Jacobs. William later changed his name to William Thomas Howell after he was 'adopted.'

Ellen Putman born in 1776.

Vernon Taylor Putman born September 22, 1885. He was still at home in 1900 at age fourteen. According to the WWI draft registration, his wife was Bertha Walsmith. They are in Gibson County in 1910 and have been married a couple of years. In 1920 they are in Madison County. He is in the Western State Hospital in Bolivar, Hardeman County in 1930 and on. He will die in Bolivar Tennessee March 12, 1955. I don't find Bertha after 1920. She died in the late 1920s. Based on Census Reports they had:

Carmack Putman born in 1907. In 1930 he has a wife Ailene. They are in DeKalb County and were married in 1928.

Walker D. Putman born in 1910 and died by 1920.

Clint Thomas Putman born in 1911.

John Putman born in 1914.

Vernon Putman Jr. born in 1918. When his father was placed in the Institution, Young Vernon changed his name to James Putman. On the other hand he may have been born James and just simply called Junior. His son Thomas isn't sure which. He is the one who has given all the details on this family.

JOHN M. PUTMAN born in 1849. He married Frances (Fanny) Goodridge in Gibson County, Tennessee on December 10, 1873. He died March 2, 1879 and Fanny appears as a widow in 1880. They had two children:

Linnie Putman born in 1875.

John Putman born in 1877.

Sarah Putman

Sarah was born in Union County, South Carolina in 1823. She married Thomas Howard in Carroll County, Tennessee on October 10, 1859.

Harriett Putman

Harriett was born about 1824. She married Jiles Bryant on February 23, 1847 in Carroll County, Tennessee. She died in Shady Grove, Carroll County in 1865. They had:

NANCY DRYANT born in 1854.

CELESTIA ANN BRYANT born in 1857.

JOHN BRYANT born in 1859 and died in Tennessee May 23, 1900. He married Sarah Blankenship in about 1897. Sarah was born in 1876 and died in 1914. They had one child.

Harriet Gladys Bryant born August 27, 1898 and died in Nashville, Tennessee December 18, 1964. She married Howard Green Taylor.

William Howard Putman

William was born about 1826 in South Carolina. He married Martha Overton in Carroll County, Tennessee November 1, 1852. Martha was born in Virginia in 1829.

They moved to Arkansas in the middle 1850s and were in the 1860 census of White County, Arkansas. I do not find them in 1870. He may well have been a casualty in the Civil War.

Based on the 1860 census, there was just one child:

ANN PUTMAN born in Tennessee in 1852.

Eliza Jane Putman

Eliza was born in 1833, the last child. She was born in Carroll County, Tennessee. I have a note that she married J. C. Burroughs in November 1852. However, the IGI indicates a F. M. Putman married J. C. Burrow there on November 30, 1854. I am therefore not too sure on this marriage.