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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 in 1820 in South Carolina. John married Mary Little in Carroll County Tennessee on July 21, 1842. She was a daughter of Adam Little and Susannah Blankenship and was born July 21, 1820 in South Carolina and died in 1870 in Carroll County Tennessee.

He died in May 1850 and 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 1848. 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. She died in 1908. William is out of prison and back in Gibson County in 1910. He had been married just one 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 tombstone in Gibson County reads W. N. Putman 1848-1914 and Lucy A. Bledsoe 1846-1908. 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 and died April 7, 1959. She married Andrew 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. She was born October 31, 1892. They are in Gibson County in 1910 and have been married July 20, 1907. In 1920 they are in Madison County. He is in the Western State Asylum/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, but she died of TB February 7, 1931. 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 B. Putman born in 1910 and died by 1920.

Clint Thomas Putman born in 1911. Thomas Putman added this: "Family stories had Tom (Clint) having moved to Elizabethtown KY, where he owned a restaurant. My dad wanted us to move there when I was little so that he and my mother could help out in the restaurant. I don't have any idea what the name of it was."

John Putman born February 28, 1914. Here is some tid-bits Thomas Putman has on his uncle: "My sister called my attention to a book called "the History of Carroll County Tennessee by Turner ISBN0-938021-01-X. Within its covers is some details on John Putman, son of Vernon Putman and Bertha Wallsmith. John was also my uncle. I read the info, and am trying to see if my local library can get a copy for me. The book also details the activities of his children. I have not yet had a chance to study it, but I do know that John apparently became a partner in the West TN Dairy supply company, eventually owning it outright. The book indicates that the business is now being run by John's 3 sons (at least as of the date of printing). It also states that John died 9-21-1979. "According to the book I mentioned, John moved to Mississippi at some time and married a woman named Esther. They had a son named Robert Lynn Putman, who was born in New Albany MS on 7-5-1938. There appears to be other children as well, although I haven't had a chance to study the screen shots I took of the pages of the book. I do know that somewhere in there it indicates that his three sons took over the dairy company after John died in 1979. The dairy company, by the way was called West Tennessee Dairy Supply and was located in McKensie, Tennessee."

Vernon Putman Jr. born September 13, 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. Here is some more from Thomas: "My dad (James) was sold into servitude when he was young, which may account for his not being counted. No doubt since slavery was against the law, his "owner" probably kept him tucked away when the census taker came around. He escaped when he was 17 and went to California there joining the U.S. Coast Guard. When the war broke out, he joined the army at Rosecrans Army base, serving for the duration in Africa, England, France, and Germany. He was awarded the usual decorations, Good Conduct, and Theater ribbons, as well as a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star."

JOHN H. 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 D. Putman born in May 1875. She married Noel A. House November 19, 1898 in Gibson County. Noel was born in Tennessee in 1874. They had these children:

Emmett J. House born July 2, 1901 and died in Memphis in January 1977.

Nettie Mae House born about 1904 and died by 1907.

Nellie House born in 1907.

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.