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HENDERSON GRIGGS PUTMAN

of Dyer County Tennessee

Henderson was a son of William Putman and Susan Stephens, grandson of Griggs and Sarah Putman from North Carolina.

He was born in Lawrence County, Alabama on November 25, 1843 and moved with his family to neighboring Morgan County, Alabama and was there for the 1850 census. Then in the mid 1850s, the family moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi and were there for the 1860 census. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the CSA Army at Iuka, Mississippi on September 19, 1861. He was captured at Fort Donelson in February of 1862 and sent to Camp Douglas in Illinois. He was sent back in a prisoner exchange on September 3, 1862 and returned to Vicksburg. He was finally discharged at Okolona, Mississippi in May 1865 when the War ended. He went to Dyer County, Tennessee in the later 1860s and was elected Constable in Dyer County on August 4, 1870.

On January 25, 1871, he married Flora Alice Lovelace. Flora was a daughter of John T. Lovelace and Mary Williamson. She was born in Tennessee February 20, 1857.

Henderson was known simply as H. G. He was elected Justice of the Peace and sworn in March 3, 1883. He served as Chairman of the County Court from 1891 to 1893. He helped found Dyer College and taught there for a brief period.

Henderson died in Bonicord, Dyer County May 21, 1909, Flora died there May 2, 1901.

Their children were:

MARY SUE PUTMAN born September 16, 1872 and died the same day.

IDA PUTMAN a twin born January 10, 1874 and died December 12, 1912 in Dyer County. She married E. Melt Gentry December 25, 1889. He was born January 18, 1862 and died July 4, 1932. Their children were:

Carlos Gentry born November 8, 1890 and died July 7, 1950. He married Allie May Kee.

Eunice Gentry who married Slim Hipps.

Infant Son Gentry born September 3, 1899 and died 12 days later.

Orine Gentry who married Limmie Gooch.

Infant Gentry born February 25, 1910 and died the same day.

Virginia Gentry born February 2, 1912 and died four days later.

IRENE PUTMAN the other twin born January 10, 1874 and died January 21, 1927 in Friendship, Dyer County. She married David A. Hassell October 1, 1891. Dave was born in 1868 and died January 10, 1929. Their children were:

Belle Hassell who married Egbert 'Buddy' Robertson.

Horace Hassell who married Gladys Carter.

Flora Hassell who never married.

KATE PUTMAN born January 13, 1877 and died January 5, 1958. She married Mortimer G. Price on January 13, 1903. Their children were:

P. G. Price born October 12, 1903 and died July 26, 1905.

Charles Price who married a Margaret.

John Henry Price married Victoria Taylor.

Harold Price married a Gertrude.

BENJAMIN S. PUTMAN born May 20, 1880 and died of Typhoid Fever on September 20, 1907. He never married.

JAMES HENDERSON PUTMAN born March 30, 1882 and died October 19, 1963. He married Minnie Belle Smith December 25, 1910. Minnie was born April 18, 1890 and she died December 30, 1973. She was a daughter of William Jessie Smith and Betty Norvill. Their children were:

James Smith Putman born August 23, 1916. He married Sarah Elizabeth Pirtle and after her death married Myrtle Hall Nichols. He was President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau. Their only son, James Lewis Putman, married Janie Lou Fisher and she is the one who supplied all this family info.

Pauline Belle Putman born September 17, 1918 and married James C. Mount on November 24, 1935.

Mary Charlotte Putman born March 24, 1922 and married Charlie Edward Sweatt, Jr.

HUBERT L. PUTMAN was born January 2, 1884 and died December 3, 1946 in Milburn, Kentucky. He married Ruth Pride on November 6, 1906. Ruth was born April 4, 1880 and died November 8, 1972. They were in Fulton County, Kentucky in the 1920 and 1930 census. They had two children:

James Coy Putman born June 22, 1909. He married Ruth Naomi Smith November 3, 1933. He died in High Point, Guilford County North Carolina September 10, 1988. They had at least:

James C. Putman Jr. born in Fulton County August 12, 1934.

Floyd Putman born in 1911. He married Myrtle Rice.

NINA CARLIE PUTMAN born January 29, 1886 and died November 8, 1958 in Dyersburg. She married William Preston Tweedy. He was born April 20, 1889 and died January 15, 1971. After Nina died, he married J. A. Williamson. Their children were:

Infant Daughter Tweedy born December 12, 1911 and died shortly thereafter.

Robert Wilson Tweedy who married Beulah Smith.

Samuel Henderson Tweedy born October 29, 1914. He married Ruby Irene Buntin. He died June 6, 1963.

Paul Edwin Tweedy born October 27, 1916 and married Ruby Tinkle. After her death, he married Virginia Wooley Harness. He died July 18, 1979.

William Putman Tweedy born January 28, 1921 and died February 1, 1923.

Harry Leroy Tweedy born May 11, 1922 and died January 30, 1923 two days before his brother. Must have been a bad winter for the flu.

Mary Kathryn Tweedy born October 7, 1928. She married Samuel Presley Pipkin.

WILLIAM L. PUTMAN born March 22, 1888 and died in Dyer County August 5, 1952. He married Callie Kee September 12, 1909. She was born October 10, 1888 and died March 9, 1941. They had two children:

Mary Estelle Putman born June 22, 1921 and died July 9, 1979. She was a nurse and never married.

William Thomas Putman born May 23, 1921. He married Betty Sue Canada.

JOHN C. PUTMAN born in 1890 and died in 1958. He married Mary O. Walker March 14, 1911. She was born August 26, 1891 and died September 26, 1918. He then married Minnie Williamson in Crocket County, Tennessee on May 12, 1924. He later married Mildred Dodson August 3, 1947. He and Mary had two daughters. There were no other children:

Mary Frances Putman born April 12, 1916 and died September 25, 1917.

Virginia Putman born in 1912. She married Jewell W. Summerlin.

OMA RUTH PUTMAN born March 24, 1895 and died November 27, 1979. She married Charlie E. Golden January 21, 1912. He was born February 5, 1891 and died September 19, 1980. There were no children.