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JOHN COVINGTON PUTMAN

Maury & Coffee Counties, Tennessee

John is a son of John Putman and Lucy Covington from Rutherford County North Carolina who moved to Morgan County Alabama.

According to his son William's death certificate, John was born in Morgan County Alabama in April 1826. He married Elizabeth T. Graham in Warren County Tennessee on February 1, 1855 and they appeared in the 1860 census of that county. Elizabeth died before the 1880 census and John will remain a widower through the 1910 census of Coffee County Tennessee.

John was a Methodist minister. I do not find the family in 1870, but in 1880 he was in Maury County Tennessee. In 1900 and 1910, he is in Coffee County Tennessee. He died before the 1920 census.

Based on census returns, his children included:

MARY LOU PUTMAN born in March 1856. She never married and was with her brother William in 1920 and 1930.

MACK PUTMAN born in 1857 and not in the 1880 census.

JOHN GRAHAM PUTMAN born in February 1860 and not in the 1880 census for some reason. He appears in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama by 1900 with his wife Annette Godfrey. They were there through the 1930 census. Based on the census reports, their children were:

John Graham Putman, Jr. born in Alabama November 14, 1886. He married Helen Calloway in Sumter County Alabama on December 24, 1912. In 1920 they were in Birmingham and in 1930 in Homewood, Jefferson County. He died in September 1973. As of 1930 they had:

John Graham Putman 3rd born in 1914 and died in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama August 26, 1951.

Margaret Callaway Putman born in 1925.

Ferdinand Putman born July 22, 1889 and died in Pleasant Grove, Jefferson County Alabama in June 1879.

Virginia Putman born in September 1895

Leon Godfrey Putman born October 12, 1898. He married Ruth Valentine Alexander in Birmingham. He died in Birmingham in April 1981.

SAMUEL ANDERSON PUTMAN born July 11, 1862 and home in 1880. He never married and was a lawyer. In 1910 he was a lawyer in Washington DC. He went to a hospital in Ashville, North Carolina and died there of tuberculosis September 4, 1919.

WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD PUTMAN born January 14, 1865 and died unmarried

September 19, 1942 in Coffee County. In 1900, he was living with his brother John in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1920 and 1930 he was in Coffee County and had his sisters Mary and Virginia with him.

FERDINAND F. PUTMAN born in October 1867 and home in 1880. I next find him married to Clara Ross and they are in Birmingham Alabama in 1910 and York, Sumpter County Alabama in 1920. Then in 1930 they are in St. Petersburg, Florida. He died there in 1932. Clara had married a Barnes guy from Ohio before so he had a couple of stepsons. The children were:

William L. Barnes the stepson born in 1900 in AL.

George R. Barnes born in 1902 in AL

Elizabeth Putman born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1907.

Martha Putman born in Alabama in 1910.

Ferdinand N. Putman born in Alabama October 7, 1912 and died in Arlington, Virginia January 14, 1987.

VIRGINIA PUTMAN born in September 1871. She was a music teacher and lived with her dad and then brother William, and died unmarried in Tullahoma, Coffee County Tennessee on January 23, 1940.