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MITCHELL PUTMAN

of GONZALES COUNTY TEXAS

Mitchell Putman was a son of William Putman and Mary Mitchell of Union County, South Carolina. Mitchell was born in Union County on February 18, 1794. He was married several times. Prior to his first marriage, he fought in the War of 1812 in Captain James Woods' South Carolina Militia, and his pension papers are on file in Washington.

He first married Sarah Elizabeth Dollar in Laurens County, South Carolina on November 13, 1815 and they soon moved to Bedford County, Tennessee where their first child, William, was born in 1817.

Elizabeth died in Tennessee and Mitchell and his brother Reuben who had come with him, moved to St. Clair County, Alabama. Mitchell fought in the Indian Creek War in Alabama in the early 1820s.

There in St. Clair County, he married his second wife, Rebecca Hall, on October 29, 1826.

The family returned briefly to South Carolina to visit family and while there in 1828 his second child, Mary Jane, was born. They were back in Benton County, Alabama where James was born in 1830 and Sarah Elizabeth in 1832.

In 1833, the family headed west into Texas and were there by 1834 when Rhoda was born. They, like most early settlers in Texas settled in the southern Brazos area between Houston and the Gulf. By 1835 he had settled in Austin's Colony, founded by Stephen Austin.

Mitchell fought in the Texas War of Independence from February 29, 1836 until June 1, 1836. As a result he was given several bounty land grants totaling some 650 acres. In 1851 he received another 1200 acres in Gonzales County based on his service in the Battle of San Jacinto where he served under General Sam Houston, who verified his pension request on November 15, 1870. It was from that document that I get his date of birth. He was wounded in the arm in the San Jacinto fighting.

He moved his family to Gonzales County in 1838 and remained there all his life.

Rebecca, his second wife, died in Gonzales County on June 10, 1846 at the age of 44. He married (I think) to Susannah Adkins in Comal County, Texas on September 26, 1847. She too died and he married Mrs. Elizabeth Lloyd or Floyd on September 30, 1848. She died in February 1859, and Mitchell then married, for the last time, Mrs. Lena 'Laney' Caraway Carpenter, widow of Wiley Carpenter, on May 31, 1860.

Mitchell Putman died on March 11, 1887 at the age of 93.

The following are the children of Mitchell Putman. William's mother was Elizabeth Dollar Putman and the rest were children of Rebecca Hall Putman.

One researcher has mentioned that there were four children who were taken by the Indians. If

this is the case, there must have been more children that I do not have a record of. I believe that James, Rhoda, Lucy and Sarah were taken in a raid by Comanche Indians on December 9, 1838.

In another article, we get this story. *“After the Texas Revolution and during the period of the Republic, 1836 to 1835... Gonzales County found it's military requirement increased as the Indian threat became more intense.*

On December 9, 1838 while Mitchell Putman was residing two miles below Gonzales on the Guadalupe River, a band of Comanche Indians carried off four of his children: Rhoda, age seventeen; James, ten; Elizabeth, six; and Juda, two. At the same time the Indian group carried off Matilda Lockhart, age thirteen, daughter of Andrew Lockhart, a neighbor, and killed the four year old daughter of another neighbor. The children had been in the woods gathering pecans when the Indians appeared. James and Juda Putman were restored to their parents within a few months. Elizabeth was kept for two years when her father had to trade a gray mule for her. Rhoda eventually married an Indian and became a member of the tribe, but twenty-seven years later returned to her parents.”

Mostly the same except the daughters. Not really sure which version is correct.

The children were:

William Putman

William Putman was born in Bedford County, Tennessee in 1817. He was married twice. He appears in the 1850 Census with a wife, Elizabeth born in 1827 in Tennessee. There is a record where he married Adeline Dulcena Gipson/Gibson in DeWitt County, Texas on July 1, 1847 (must be 1857). Adeline was born in Indiana in 1830 and appears with Bill in 1860. There was a gap in the children from 1853 to 1858 so Elizabeth must have died around 1853-1855.

They lived in Gonzales County through the 1870 census and then moved to Kendall County, Texas where they remained the rest of their lives.

Adeline died on January 20, 1886 and is buried in the Jones Cemetery near Curry's Creek, Kendall County. William died in 1921 at the age of 104 years. Family members confirm this rather respectable age.

Their children were:

WILLIAM PUTMAN born in 1847 in Tennessee and died in the mid to late 1850s.

SARAH ELIZABETH PUTMAN born 1849 and married to Edward F. Wilson on June 24, 1871.

MARY JANE PUTMAN born 1850 and married to Francis Kaiser.

SAMUEL H. PUTMAN born December 23, 1850. He married Mary Elizabeth 'Minnie' Chew. They were in Llano County in the 1920 census. Minnie is widowed in Llano in 1930. He had two sons:

George Leslie Putman born in 1880. Still at home in Llano County in 1920 and 1930. In 1930 he is listed as being widowed.

William Brady Putman born July 17, 1886. Still at home and married to a Mary in 1920 and 1930. His widowed mother and brother George are with him. He died in Llano, Texas November 5, 1964.

ELIZA REBECCA PUTMAN born in August 1852 and died June 26, 1914. She married a Texas Ranger, Gerry Jones. He was born May 24, 1852 and died in 1937. They had:

William Kenner Jones born October 24, 1889 and died October 20, 1953.

Mabel Gerry Jones born July 31, 1891 and died in San Antonio August 10, 1880. She married Perle Alexander Gilmore. He was born in Garden City, Minnesota in 1896 and died in Gollad, Texas August 11, 1937. They had:

James Rusaw Gilmore born February 21, 1921 and died in Guadalupe County Texas March 6, 1996.

ANGELINE FRANCES PUTMAN born August 31, 1855. Married Henry Clinton Williams on November 22, 1882. Henry was born in Scott County, Mississippi on May 4, 1851, and died in Thelma, Bexar County Texas October 9, 1930. Angeline died in Bexar County Texas January 4, 1940. He was a trail driver and a rancher. Their children, all born in Thelma, Bexar County Texas, were:

Clara Rebecca Williams born September 6, 1883 and died April 13, 1975. She married Gustav Adolph Seiler January 13, 1906. They lived in San Antonio.

Mary Frances Williams born March 10, 1886 and died February 8, 1965. She married Kaywood Ingersoll Sudduth. They lived in San Antonio. She was a teacher at Trinity University.

Elizabeth Adeline Williams born April 6, 1899 and died March 20, 1920. She married Henry Martin Curry in 1915. They lived in Thelma, Bexar County, Texas all their lives.

Nellie Williams born in 1892 and died in infancy.

Waymon Putnam Williams born February 26, 1893 and died September 29, 1959 in Cibolo, Bexar County, Texas. He married Jennie Marie Collins on October 7, 1917 in San Antonio. He later married Mollie Smith.

Scott Mitchell Williams born September 13, 1895 and died July 23, 1968 in Castroville, Texas. He married Dollie Irene (Rena) McCann October 18, 1925.

Henrietta May Williams born November 9, 1898 and died March 2, 1983. She married John Rainey.

ALICE PUTMAN born April 6, 1857. A nurse and never married. She is in Blanco County in 1900 and in San Antonio, Bexar County in 1910 and 1920. She died October 27, 1940.

JAMES MITCHELL PUTMAN born May 12, 1859. He never married. He was a Texas Ranger. There is a story of the longhorn steer branded *MURDER*. At a roundup two men disagreed over the ownership of an unbranded steer. A shooting occurred resulting in one death. The cowboys branded Murder on one side of the steer and the date on the other. The Rangers were called in and Ranger James Putman dispatched the murderer with his Winchester. The steer ran wild for years but was finally taken to market at the request of the murdered mans' son. As he got older, he moved in with his brother in law, Henry Williams near San Antonio. His health failed and he committed suicide by shooting himself on December 19, 1923.

WILLIAM HENRY PUTMAN born August 23, 1862 in Bexar County Texas. I have one note saying he was single and a druggist in Kendall County, but I never find any census listings for that county. He is the William in Presidio County in 1910 and in Dickens County in 1920. He died there April 6, 1926. His wife was Dora 'Dolly' Melvina Fox born in Texas

November 9, 1871 and died in Wichita Falls November 13, 1951. They had these children:

Lelia Ann Putman born August 12, 1888 in Seymour, Baylor County Texas and died June 4, 1953 in El Paso. She married Clarence L. Simmons about 1915 and they had:

Clarence Simmons born about 1916.

Roland Kenneth Simmons born February 14, 1918 and died in El Paso October 4, 1993. He married Marie Allen. She was born in Oklahoma December 20, 1919 and died in El Paso June 21, 2007.

Austin John Putman born July 31, 1899 and died in Vernon, Wilbarger County Texas October 28, 1967. His wife was Mary and they had:

John Mac Putman born July 17, 1924 and died in Texas October 29, 1952.

William Putman born in 1892.

Claudia or Clemmie Putman born in 1894.

Velma Putman born in 1896.

Lloyd Sedrick Putman born January 6, 1905 and died in Vernon, Texas November 12, 1985.

Lowell Nathan Putman born February 11, 1907 and died in Vernon, Wilbarger County April 20, 1964.

Kelley Putman a son born in 1910.

TEMPERANCE ROSALEE PUTMAN born January 8, 1864. She married James Scott Gourley January 1, 1884 in Kendall, Texas. Jim was born October 27, 1860 in Grayson County and died in Kendall County August 2, 1897. They had:

Katherine 'Katie' Gourley born about 1885. She married a Moseley. She is widowed in San Antonio in 1930 and her widowed mother was with her then. She has two children:

Lonnie Mosely born in 1912.

Lorena Mosely born in 1920.

RUFUS PUTMAN born in March 1867. He married Cora Johnson, born September 1870 in Texas. In 1900 they were in DeWitt County, Texas and in 1910 in Schleicher County with these children. Cora was widowed in Bexar County in 1920 and back in Schleicher County in 1930.

Clarence Morton Putman born August 27, 1896 and died in San Angelo, Tom Green County Texas in July 1972.

Lois Putman born in 1901.

Annise Putman born in 1909.

ABNER EARL PUTMAN born in November 1871 and died in San Antonio November 21, 1946. He married Martha Louisa Hickson January 10, 1896. She was born May 18, 1873 and died in San Pedro, California October 7, 1962. They were divorced about 1908. He later married Theda Hussey. In 1900, he and Martha are in Custer County, Montana with the following two children. They are divorced in Custer County in 1910. Then in 1920 he is in Prairie County, Montana with Theda. This was a second marriage for both, as Theda had these children with her: Effie Kenney born in 1900 and married a McCracken who died, William E. Kenney born in 1905 and Ernest Kenney born in 1911. Martha was remarried to Charles Egle in Custer County and has the kids with her. Most moved on to Pasadena California. The Putman children were:

Pinkney Allen Putman born July 23, 1897. In 1920 he is still in Custer County and is

boarding. He will change his name to Percy G. Putman and will marry Edith Folsom and in the 1920s move to Coleville, Washington. He will later go to Pasadena, California by 1930, and die in San Bernardino March 27, 1971. They had in the censuses:

Maynard B. Putman born in 1923.

Lanelda Putman born in 1924.

Lawrence Earl Putman born November 23, 1897. He was in Pasadena California in 1920 and 1930. He married Ruth Evangeline Hunt. She was a daughter of Harold Hunt and Dorcas Carville and was born in Maine November 29, 1892. He died in Los Angeles September 7, 1953. Ruth died in Pasadena December 16, 1965. They had:

Virginia Elenora Putman born in Pasadena May 17, 1920 and died in Fort Jones, California in 2002. She married Edward Close April 7, 1939. They were divorced and she later married an Ester fellow December 25, 1950.

June Eloise Putman born August 22, 1924 and died in Pembroke Pines, Florida in 2005. She married Loren DeWayne Voigt February 22, 1942, then Morrow Simeon Cottelle September 5, 1944 and later to a Morton in Florida September 2, 1972.

Phyllis Putman born about 1926.

Mae E. Putman born April 19, 1901 in Montana, and died in Oceanside, California January 23, 1994. She married John Thomas Anderson in 1919, then Luther Paul Lederer in 1932 and finally Edward Meyer June 19, 1977. She had:

James E. Anderson born March 15, 1920 in Alabama and died in Florida in December 2003.

Raymond D. Anderson born in Limestone County Alabama June 24, 1923 and died in Athens, Limestone County August 10, 2006.

Lorene Anderson born February 12, 1928 and died December 20, 2003 in Athens, Limestone County Alabama. She married Doyle Noorman.

Warren C. Putman born June 28, 1906. He was with his mother in 1920 and with his brother Frank in Pasadena, California in 1930. He died in Los Angeles March 20, 1963.

Franklin Joseph Putman born February 28, 1910 Montana. He is in Pasadena like everyone else in 1930. He died in San Francisco March 24, 1987.

Margaret Jane Putman

Margaret was born in Laurens County South Carolina on August 2, 1828 while the family was back home visiting. She was the eldest child, and was not taken by the Indians. She kept house for her father until she married.

She married George Harrison Grosvenor May in Gonzales County on May 17, 1847. He was born in Arkansas February 4, 1824. They took land next to her father's farm, and lived there all their lives. He died there June 24, 1896, and she died there January 21, 1912.

They had these children:

ABNER LITTREL MAY born February 19, 1848 in Gonzales County and died there December 14, 1902. He married Mary Carpenter June 24, 1869. She was born in Mississippi in 1849 and died in Gonzales County in 1927. They had:

Henry Abner May born in May 1870 and died in 1912. His wife was Nelly and they had 6 daughters and a son.

Sarah Elizabeth May born in October 1871 and died in 1912. She married Milton G. Tubb. He was born in Alabama in 1870.

William Grosvenor May born in 1875. His wife was Martha and they had four sons and a daughter.

John May born October 11, 1879 and died October 17, 1899 all in Gonzales County.

Mary Georgia May born August 14, 1881 in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County and died April 15, 1959 in Waco, McLennan County. She married Lee Cooper.

Bessie May born in May 1893 and died at age 19 August 7, 1912.

ELIZA ELIZABETH MAY born January 15, 1850 in Gonzales County and died May 7, 1929 in San Angelo, Tom Green County. She married James Franklin Byrd in Gonzales November 2, 1865. He was born in Fulton County Kentucky December 18, 1844 and died January 9, 1915 in Robert Lee, Coke County Texas. They had two sons:

James Alfred Byrd born and died in 1868 in Gonzales County.

Wiley Grosvenor Byrd born November 29, 1870 and died in Silverton, Briscoe County Texas September 19, 1954. His wife was Eva born in Oregon in September 1874 and died in Tulia, Swisher County Texas in 1970. They were married about 1891. They had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

HENRY ALLEN MAY born in Texas, Gonzales County October 21, 1851 and died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County in January 1870 at age 18.

MARTHA JANE MAY born October 30, 1854 in Gonzales County and died there June 27, 1939. She married John William Caraway about 1870. He was born in Holy Springs, Mississippi February 27, 1844 and died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County January 12, 1883. She then married Abraham 'Doc' Kleghorn in 1887. The daughter Jennie is theirs. She had:

Robert Allen Caraway born December 27, 1871 in Wrightsboro and died in Crosby County Texas in 1910. He married his wife Addie about 1890, and they had 8 children.

James Edward Caraway born in Gonzales County October 11, 1873 and died in Uvalde County July 3, 1945. He married Emma Henry November 6, 1895 and they had 3 children. Emma was born in Gonzales September 21, 1876 and died in Uvalde March 20, 1968.

Martha Emma Caraway born in Gonzales May 10, 1878 and died February 24, 1981 in Devine, Medina County Texas. She married Benjamin Albert Crawford October 12, 1904. He was born September 28, 1861 in Gonzales County and died in Comal County November 28, 1933. They had 4 children.

Lucy Caraway born August 31, 1880 in Gonzales County and died there May 23, 1962. She married William Spafford Beeson August 27, 1902. He was born in Warwick, Indiana March 9, 1879 and died in Gonzales July 11, 1921. They had 6 children.

John Burham Caraway born October 13, 1882 in Wrightsboro and died in Gonzales August 8, 1959. He married Della Rockett. She was born in Wrightsboro September 12, 1885 and died there November 14, 1976.

Jennie B. Kleghorn born in October 1891.

WILLIAM GROSVENOR MAY born January 27, 1856 and died December 26, 1933 all in Gonzales County. He married Mary Emily Gleghorn in 1877. She was born in Hempstead, Arkansas in March 1860 and died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County March 19, 1944. They had these children:

Martha Della May born October 5, 1879 and died May 2, 1883.

Stephen Ishum May born November 13, 1881 and died October 19, 1948 all in Gonzales County. He married Estella Myrtle Bennett about 1902-03. She was born in Indiana May 7, 1881 and died in Gonzales County June 9, 1940. They had four sons.

Lucy Elizabeth May born in Gonzales County July 18, 1883 and died in Austin, Travis County Texas December 29, 1963. She married Luke D. Callaway in 1900. He was born in Arkansas in about 1878 and died in Smiley, Gonzales County February 17, 1956. They had 2 children.

Wylie Franklin May born June 26, 1885 and died in Gonzales County April 23, 1973. He married Indiana Belle Bennett in 1904. She was born in Indiana in 1885 and died in Gonzales County in 1948. They had five children.

Alvis Floyd May born in September 1887 and died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County January 12, 1961.

Jennie Begiuml May born in 1892.

MARGARET MAY born in Gonzales County February 18, 1858 and died in DeWitt County Texas February 11, 1947. She married James Bowen October 2, 1876. He was born in Cook County Mississippi July 3, 1852 and died in Harwood, Gonzales County May 15, 1926. They had these children:

William Reese Bowen born in Wrightsboro November 2, 1877 and died July 2, 1957 in Cuero, DeWitt County. He married Cordelia Young Dawson on April 17, 1901. She was born in Weakley County Tennessee January 8, 1878 and died in Victoria County Texas August 18, 1962. They had 5 children.

Eliza Jane Bowen born March 4, 1879 and died in San Antonio September 11, 1980. She married Julius Frisbie August 31, 1895. He was born in Gonzales County April 8, 1875 and died in DeWitt County July 19, 1939. They had six children including twins born in 1911.

Eva May Bowen born April 5, 1883 in Gonzales County and died in Hidalgo County January 19, 1968. She married James Morse Gleghorn November 20, 1901. He was born March 28, 1879 and died in Edinburg, Hidalgo County November 15, 1946. They had a son and 3 daughters.

Franklin Cleveland Bowen born January 24, 1885 and died in DeWitt County February 20, 1974. He married a girl named Ada.

Katherine 'Katie' Lula Bowen born July 3, 1887 and died in Gonzales County February 24, 1984. She married Oscar Columbus DuBose about 1910. He was born June 15, 1885 and died October 6, 1954 in Gonzales County. They had 4 children.

Pearl Bowen born June 3, 1889 and died in Gonzales County October 27, 1991 at age 102.

Claude Bowen born April 10, 1891 and died in Gonzales County November 8, 1971. His wife was named Sina.

James Manning Bowen born August 26, 1893 and died in DeWitt County July 5, 1968.

Winston D. Bowen born January 6, 1895 and died in WWI in France on November 9, 1918. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Susan 'Susie' Bowen born December 10, 1896 and died June 26, 1900.

Jessie Bowen born January 15, 1899 and died July 14, 1984 in Gonzales. She married Willard Fullilove December 12, 1920. Strange name. He was born January 12, 1898 and died in Harwood, Gonzales County August 23, 1976. They had 5 children.

MARY ELLEN MAY born July 16, 1860 in Gonzales County and died in Fisher County Texas in 1958. She married Litton Augustus Vickers October 5, 1876. He was born in Louisiana October 7, 1855 and died in Gonzales County May 5, 1888. She then married

Isaac Riley Trent in Nolan, Texas on December 22, 1888. Isaac was born in Georgetown, Texas in March 1857 and died in Fisher, Texas August 21, 1912. I don't have any children listed.

LUCY REBECCA MAY born in Wrightsboro June 25, 1866 and died there February 11, 1958. She married William Williams Vickers August 20, 1885. He was born July 14, 1859 in Emmet, Hempstead County Arkansas and died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County September 8, 1892. I don't think she remarried. They had:

Oscar Orville Vickers born in Fisher County October 30, 1886 and died in Hidalgo County May 31, 1950.

Elmo Elton Vickers born in Fischer County April 18, 1889 and died in Hidalgo County July 10, 1937.

Wren Vickers born January 31, 1891 and died January 16, 1895.

REBECCA DAY MAY born February 13, 1869 and died August 2, 1872.

MELISSA DELLA MAY born June 20, 1871 and died in Goose Creek, Harris County Texas May 4, 1933. She married John Franklin Parsley November 16, 1889. He was born in September 1872. They were divorced in about 1905-6. In 1930 she was with her son Lee Lawrence They had:

Willie Frances Parsley born September 1, 1891 and died in Houston, Texas October 16, 1974. She married a Massie.

Charles Grosvenor Parsley born August 12, 1894 and died in Baytown, Texas February 24, 1972.

Clarence Frank Parsley born October 24, 1897. His wife was named Della.

Lee Lawrence Parsley born January 5, 1900 and died November 5, 1991. His wife was named Johny or Joany.

Henry Clayton Parsley born July 5, 1903 and died in Harris County Texas April 17, 1934. His wife was named Lona. They had a son Hayden in the 1930.

James Henry Putman

He was born in St. Clair County Alabama in 1830. He was at home at age 20 in the 1850 census and was in Guadalupe County for the 1860 census. At that time his wife was a widow Maria E. Nash born in Tennessee. In 1870, he is married a second time with a wife named Eliza E. born in 1846. He seems to have only one child, a daughter Sarah by the first marriage. I do not find him in 1880.

He married Maria Nichols, widow of Michael Nash on May 3, 1852. Maria was born in Tennessee in 1829, and came with her parents George Washington Nichols and Mary Ann Walker to Texas in 1835. She married James Nash October 2, 1845 in Gonzales.

James married a second time on April 13, 1868 to Elizabeth E. McGenty in Gonzales County and there were no children in that marriage.

He was one of the children taken by Comanche Indians in 1838. He learned their language and spoke fluently. He escaped and was home by the 1850 census.

He had one child:

SARAH E. PUTMAN born in 1854. She married A. J. Harrison on August 18, 1871.

Sarah Elizabeth Putman

Sarah was born in Benton County, Alabama on May 25, 1832. She married George Daniel Mitchell in Gonzales County on December 7, 1848. By the 1880 census, she is widowed and back living with her folks. At that time she had William and a Catherine living with her. Catherine may have been William's wife.

She was another of the children taken by Indians, but was returned to her home in 1840 after a year of captivity.

Sarah died in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County on December 8, 1919.

The children of George and Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell were:

WILLIAM THOMAS MITCHELL born July 23, 1850 and died in Gonzales County October 5, 1931. His wife was Catherine born in Mississippi in 1842. He was widowed in the 1900 census and his widowed mother was still with him. They had:

James T. Mitchell born in 1874.

George G. Mitchell born in 1875.

William Mitchell born in 1878.

MALISSA ELIZABETH MITCHELL born 1854.

R. J. MITCHELL born 1856. He died young, I believe.

SARAH A. MITCHELL born 1859.

GEORGE DANIEL MITCHELL born 1862 and died after the 1930 census. He married Katherine Adeline Hobbs March 4, 1883 in Gonzales. He was a Baptist minister. They had:

James Mitchell born September 17, 1884 and died in Bowie, Texas in August 1966. His wife was Teddie L. and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

William B. Putman born September 7, 1885. His wife was Marnie D. and they had two children. They lived in Oakland, California in 1942 when he registered for the draft.

Elizabeth Elmira Mitchell born in January 1887.

Jesse F. Mitchell born in March 1892.

Henry T. Mitchell born in February 1894.

Joseph C. Mitchell born in November 1897.

Benjamin Mitchell born in March 1900.

Rhoda Putman

She was born in Texas in 1834 and was a child taken by Indians. When her brother James returned in the 1840s, he told that she had been killed or at least had died.

Juda Lucy Putman

Lucy was born in Texas in 1836 and was another child taken by Indians.

She was finally returned by a Judge some 27 years after being taken hostage. She was only two and a half years old when taken and almost thirty years old when she was reunited with her family.

She married Richard W. Gipson in Gonzales County on November 3, 1866. They had three sons and a daughter.

Here is some info sent me by a descendant in 2006. It fills in the 'gaps' nicely:

“However, I do know about Juda Lucy because I have met my cousin (only after my story was published in the Dallas Morning News in June 2000 by Kent Biffle). My cousin lived with Juda Lucy when he was little. Anyway, from an what-I-believe-to-be pretty accurate account of the children done by a relative and obtained from the Archives at the Alamo of the DRT, Juda Lucy was 21/2 when captured. She had yelled for help from Matilda Lockhart and the Indians picked up both of them. From a descendant of Margaret Jane I found she was up in a tree at the time. Matilda and the children's mothers were in the house for a sewing visit. Juda Lucy kept being traded north to different Comanche groups until she ended up in Missouri where an Indian trader, Captain John Chenault found her with the Comanches. He traded for her and took her to St. Louis and educated here. Following the Civil War in 1865, he had political differences in St. Louis and came to Gonzales, Texas where he had relatives. By a miracle, this was Lucy's home and by a birthmark and family resemblance, Mitchell Putman recognized her as his daughter. There was a lawsuit over her, but she was recognized as Mitchell's daughter. He gave to her and her husband Richard some of the land he received from the Texas army and they lived at Dripping Springs, Texas, where they are buried.”

“For your information, Matilda Lockhart was the only captive to be brought into the Council House Meeting at San Antonio in March 1840 – two years after her capture. Her nose had been burned off. She was awakened every morning to hot coals. She only lived about 2 more years. The Texans went up in arms when no other captives were brought in and killed about 30 Comanche, of which 12 were chiefs. The Comanches went on rampage and looted and burned - in particular Linville. About 1000 Comanche eventually met up with 500 Texans (men and boys) and the Texas wiped out all the Comanche. This was the Battle of Plum Creek. In the essay from the Alamo she author mentioned Mitchell was a hero of this Battle. In a book about the Comanche, it talks about the man who fired the first shot of the battle and killed a Comanche chief. I believe this was Mitchell Putman. Also at the battle were Archibald Gibson and James Gipson (brothers with the same problem with spelling the name as Putnam/Putman).”

Henry Putman

He was born in 1844. He was in the 1860 census at age 15, but I do not find him again. I assume he died, possibly in the Civil War.