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# **THE PUTMANS**

## **of NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Anson Putman was a son of John Putman and Lucy Covington of Rutherford County, North Carolina. He was born there in 1814. He traveled with his family to Morgan County, Alabama as a young child and was there before 1820.

He married Hester Royer in Morgan County on December 27, 1832. Hester was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee December 17, 1815. She was a daughter of Charles Royer and Darcus Daniel.

Anson was a Methodist Clergyman. Sometime in the early 1860s he left Lawrence County, Alabama for Maury County, Tennessee. He died in Maury County on March 25, 1865. Hester was listed as a widow in the 1870 Maury County, Tennessee census.

Hester, and several sons moved west to settle in Texas about 1873. Hester and the kids were in Texas by 1874.

In the 1880 census we find Hester at age 65 living with her son John Putman who was 39 but widowed. Also there are her sons Wesley Putman and Anderson Putman and their families. Anderson is Charles Anderson. He is listed as Charles in Alabama and also Charles A. in 1900.

Hester died in Navarro County, Texas on April 23, 1895 and is buried in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

The following are the Children of Anson and Hester Putman:

### **George Putman**

George was born in Morgan County, Alabama August 29, 1834. He was with his folks in 1850 in Lawrence County, Alabama at age 18. He died there October 29, 1854 at age 20.

### **James M. Putman**

James was born November 25, 1836 and died in Morgan County, Alabama September 15, 1849.

### **Louisa Jane Putman**

Louisa Jane was born in Morgan County November 10, 1838. She married Thomas David McCulloch in Lawrence County, Alabama on October 7, 1856. He was a son of Samuel McCulloch and Martha C. Clark. He was born in Lawrence County, Alabama April 30, 1836.

Thomas died in the Civil War in Richmond, Virginia on February 26, 1864 and is buried there. Louisa then married William N. Oden. Louisa died October 17, 1906 in Stamford, Jones County, Texas.

Her children were:

**JAMES HENRY McCULLOCH** born August 15, 1859 and died in Navarro County September 15, 1937. He married Millie Jane Roper August 12, 1877. She died January 20, 1921. He later married Martha Stone July 9, 1924. She died April 10, 1951.

**WILLIAM THOMAS McCULLOCH** born September 9, 1861 in Lawrence County, Alabama and died December 4, 1930 in Stamford, Jones County, Texas. He married Armay Nellie Johnson in Jones County on August 25, 1891. She was born in Murray County, Georgia April 6, 1868 and died in Jones County, Texas August 19, 1963.

## John Royer Putman

John was born March 12, 1841. He fought for the Union Side in the Civil War.

He married Rachel R. James in Maury County, Tennessee on February 3, 1867. Rachel was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee April 25, 1850. Rachel died June 8, 1877 in Texas. John was a widower in 1880, but had a new wife, Mary Ann Eliza Warden, in 1900. He had married Mary Ann in Navarro County on June 20, 1880. Mary Ann was born June 29, 1861 in Tennessee.

John died at age 69 on May 14, 1911. Mary Ann died December 24, 1935. Both are buried in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

The children of John and Rachel were:

**JOHN ANDERSON PUTMAN** born December 18, 1867 in Maury County, Tennessee. He married Fannie Jane McCulloch in Texas on January 25, 1891. Fannie was born in Morgan County, Alabama on April 16, 1874. She was a daughter of William Harve McCulloch and Margaret Lou Linton. He died June 7, 1947 and Fannie died on March 26, 1939. Their children were:

**John Harvie Putman** born March 17, 1892 and died May 13, 1914. He married Lillian Totten, born February 13, 1893 and died November 12, 1941. They were married December 24, 1911. They had one son:

**Audie Chester Putman** born September 23, 1912. He died in Navarro County August 20, 1956.

**Edgar Lee Putman** born January 17, 1894 and died April 16, 1962. He married Eva Clark on December 22, 1915. She was born November 3, 1897 and died August 2, 1980. Their children were:

**Oleta Putman** born August 31, 1916. She married B. C. Onstott. She will later marry a cousin, Otis Lee Putman.

**Imogene Putman** born August 27, 1918. She married N. J. Goodman.

**Clark Newland Putman** born March 25, 1920.

**Wendell Wayne Putman** born April 26, 1922.

**Margaret Putman** born July 25, 1924.

**Artie Newton Putman** born September 27, 1895 and died March 2, 1982. He married

Hattie Lou Oden on July 15, 1917. She was born December 13, 1897 and died December 13, 1989. Their children were:

**Chester Doyle Putman** born June 10, 1918 and died in Corsicana, Texas September 3, 2008. His wife Catherine was born January 4, 1920 and died in Corsicana on June 9, 2004.

**Cordena Putman** she married a Woods.

**Glendon Douglas Putman** born October 7, 1924 and died August 26, 2004. He married Hazel Marie Griffin on October 20, 1944. She was born September 16, 1927 and died May 12, 1994. Both are buried in Younger Cemetery in Silver City, Navarro County. They had a son Douglas Neil Putman born September 28, 1945 and died 4 days later on October 2, 1945. There may have been more, but he is the only one buried here.

**Artie Putman Junior**

**William Ralph Putman**

**Betty Jo Putman**

**Donald Lee Putman** born July 22, 1936.

**Doris Jean Putman**

**Claude Guy Putman** born July 8, 1897 and died March 18, 1958. He married Jewell May Lewis on December 23, 1920. She was born May 21, 1902 and died January 15, 1942. He then married Louise Wommach on June 27, 1943. There were no children in either marriage.

**James Rufus Putman** born December 21, 1899 and died January 31, 1982. He married Mary Jewell Lewis (a cousin of the above mentioned Jewell May Lewis) on December 21, 1921. She was born May 20, 1902 and died August 2, 1973. After she died he married Mary Lee Trantam. The children were two sons:

**Y. M. Putman**

**John Cleatus Putman**

**Freddie H. Putman** born January 8, 1902 and died April 27, 1902.

**Floyd U. Putman** a twin born January 8, 1902 and died May 1, 1902.

**Alvis Putman** born February 15, 1903 and died April 17, 1971. He married Eula Leona Moseley on March 11, 1949. They had one son:

**Ronald Putman**

**A Baby Putman** born and died April 10, 1905.

**Clarence Daffin 'Tuck' Putman** born July 4, 1906. He married Eunice Compton on September 22, 1928 and they had a daughter **Daffin** and a son who died stillborn.

Eunice died April 29, 1935. Clarence then married Loretta Bennett on June 7, 1941.

There were no more children. Clarence died in Navarro County on March 22, 1980.

Loretta was a schoolteacher and was born January 12, 1914 and died in Navarro County August 27, 2005.

**Lois Eva Putman** born December 13, 1908 and died November 23, 1967. She married William Alexander Key on December 22, 1935. There were no children.

**Cecil Putman** born June 21, 1911. He married Virgie Rene Raley on December 22, 1934 and they had two daughters, Patsy and Peggy Putman. Virgie was born September 23, 1919, and died on January 24, 1976. Cecil married Celestine Prendergrass Lanier on November 6, 1976. She was born November 5, 1910 and died in October 1996. He died January 12, 1994. The daughter Peggy Jane Putman Cannon, is the one who supplied the information on this section. Thanks, Peggy. The children were:

**Patsy Putman** born May 20, 1940. She married Eddie Mahone.

**Peggy Jane Putman** born January 15, 1945. She married J. R. Cannon.

**MALINDA H. PUTMAN** born Tennessee April 5, 1870 and died December 14, 1889. She married James David McCulloch October 14, 1888. He was a son of William Harve

McCulloch and Marguerite Lou Linton. They had one daughter:

**R. Mae McCulloch** born December 14, 1889.

**WILLIAM ANSON PUTMAN** born in Tennessee on June 4, 1872. He was home in 1910 and off somewhere by 1920. I don't think he married. He died in Dawson, Navarro County October 28, 1929.

**JOSIAH HENNIS PUTMAN** born June 4, 1873 in Tennessee. He was listed as Joe H. in 1900 and his wife was Martha Lou Raines, born in Alabama in May 1873 He died May 14 they had:

**Charles Anderson Putman** born October 10, 1896. He is married to Una Grandville English in Haskell County in 1930. She was born March 6, 1901 and died in Lubbock August 11, 1987. Charles died there October 12, 1982. They had through 1930:

**Edwin C. Putman** born in 1921.

**Charles Anderson Putman Jr.** born in 1924.

**John Hennis Putman** born February 26, 1925.

**Eva W. Putman** born in 1927.

**Laura J. Putman** born in 1929

**Daisy R. Putman** born in January 1900.

**Ora Lillian Putman** born in 1904.

The following children are from the marriage with Mary Ann:

**FRANCES ANN PUTMAN** born August 19, 1882. She married James Wade Shaw July 17, 1898. He died in Dallas June 28, 1907. Frances was back with her folks in 1910 and she was there as well in 1920. Frances died in Navarro County May 3, 1959. The children were:

**Mary Lou Shaw** born September 15, 1899. She married Harvey Wilson.

**John Frank Shaw** born January 16, 1901. He married Grace Lee Smith.

**Birdie Mae Shaw** born July 8, 1903. She married Albert Anderson Sykes.

**Hugh Lee Shaw** born February 21, 1906. He married Inez Hagle.

**MARTIN WESLEY PUTMAN** born January 18, 1884 and died three days later.

**IDA MAE PUTMAN** born September 18, 1886 and died in the 1980s. She married William Oliver Nesmith in 1901.

**TINA LUE PUTMAN** born May 28, 1890. She married Edmund Sykes. They had these children:

**Edward Sykes**

**Juanita Sykes**

**Betty Sue Sykes**

**R. C. Sykes**

**Elby Ray Sykes**

**GEORGE W. PUTMAN** born February 23, 1892 and died February 10, 1984. He married Izora French on December 16, 1917. Izora was born July 23, 1898 and she died April 13, 1984. They had:

**Buel Lee Putman** born October 10, 1920. He married Virginia Juanita Hollifield.

**Roberta Putman**

**Margaleene Putman**

**PEARLIE PARLEE PUTMAN** born December 8, 1894. She married Davis David Phillips. They had:

**Robert Oneal Phillips**  
**Billy Joe Phillips**  
**Joy Phillips**

**ULYSSIS E. PUTMAN** born June 9, 1897 and died December 31, 1973. He married Virginia Marie Chunn. Virgie was born July 13, 1903 and died January 30, 1962. Both are buried in the Dawson Cemetery. They had:

**Laverne Putman**

**BETTY JANE PUTMAN** born August 7, 1901, and died December 13, 1901.

**GENILA PUTMAN** born February 27, 1904. She married Floyd Sykes. And lived in Corsicana, Texas. He died in 1956, and she never remarried. She died in 1989. They had two daughters:

**Mary Frances Sykes**  
**Martha Jayne Sykes**

## **Sarah Ann Putman**

Sarah was born in 1843. She married Edmund S. Cooper in Maury County, Tennessee on March 24, 1867.

I have nothing more on her.

## **Charles Anderson Putman**

Anderson was born in Morgan County, Alabama February 17, 1846. He fought on the Confederate side in the Civil War, while others in his family fought for the Union.

He married Susan Elizabeth James in Maury County, Tennessee on December 19, 1866 with a Justice of the Peace and again on December 20th in a Methodist Church. Susan was born September 8, 1847. Anderson's brother John had married Susan's sister, Rachel James. There is a story that both girls were sisters of the famous Jesse James. Not sure though.

The carpetbaggers that came South after the Civil War made life unpleasant for the Southerners, so the family headed off to Texas to homestead. In Texas they first settled near Hubbard and then in 1897 they moved to Dawson where Anderson built and operated a cotton gin.

Anderson died in Dawson on June 5, 1912 and Susan died there on March 12, 1938.

Their children were:

**WILLIAM HENNIS PUTMAN** born in Tennessee May 16, 1868 and died in Lynn County Texas May 15, 1949. He married Lou Ellen McCullough. She was born April 5, 1877 and died February 7, 1969. They were in Navarro County through 1930, but are buried along with some of their children in O'Donnell, Lynn County Texas. They had:

**Susan A. L. Putman** born July 14, 1894 and died August 20, 1895.

**Charles Anderson Putman** born June 17, 1896. He is still in Navarro County in 1930 and married to an Ollie Mae Garland. She was a daughter of Lewis Garland and Modena Parker. He died in January 1980 in Harris County. They had:

**Margaret Putman** born February 15, 1923. She married Thomas Johnson. She died in February 2007.

**Charles Anderson Putman Jr.** married Angeline Walkoviak. He died in a car accident in 1979. Angeline died of cancer in 2000.

**Nellie Putman** married Elmer Letney. She died in the 1980s.

**Dorothy Putman** born November 3, 1935. She married James Alexander. She died November 18, 2007.

**William Clary Putman** born May 27, 1898 and died May 15, 1949. His wife Janie was born April 3, 1902 and died November 19, 1989.

**Susan Effie Elizabeth Putman** born in 1901.

**Jesse Dean Putman** born May 1, 1903 and died January 6, 1983 in Dawson County, Texas. He married Rosie Morgan. She was born February 5, 1908.

**Otis Lee Putman** born in 1905. He married a cousin Oleta Putman, born in August 1916 and died in 1992.

**Audie Taft Putman** born March 14, 1909 and died January 1983 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County.

**MARY M. (MOLLY) PUTMAN** born November 2, 1870 and died May 26, 1955. She married W. L. French, born January 10, 1852 and died December 8, 1934.

**HESTER JANE PUTMAN** born 1872.

**MARTHA ANN (Mattie) PUTMAN** born February 17, 1876. She married Jule Scales Slater. She died in Navarro County December 5, 1962. Their children were:

**Harvey Slater**

**Joe Jack Slater** married Elizabeth Fort

**Kirksey Slater**

**Jewell Slater Junior**

**Zena Slater**

**Hester Slater** born October 9, 1895 and died September 12, 1983. She married Floyd Raley about 1911.

**Minnie Slater**

**William Slater** who married Arabelle Moody.

**RACHEL PUTMAN** born April 7, 1879. She married James Walter Sykes on October 25, 1896 in Dawson. He died there May 21, 1935, and she on October 28, 1961. Children were:

**Albert Anderson Sykes**

**Dee Sykes**

**Jack Sykes**

**Hill Sykes**

**Blossom Sykes**

**Wendell Sykes**

**Minnie Sykes**

**JESSE S. D. PUTMAN** born December 31, 1882 and died October 6, 1900.

**EFFIE D. PUTMAN** born June 17, 1886. She married Alfred R. Slater.

## **Malinda E. Putman**

Malinda was born August 8, 1848 in Morgan County, Alabama. She died in Lynn County, Texas July 23, 1939.

She married George Griffin. This comes from her brother, Josiah's obituary. She had first married William Spencer who died. On October 16, 1881, she married Wiley Tadlock, also recently widowed. He too died in 1893, and she married, for the last time George Washington Griffin on April 9, 1896.

## **Wesley B. Putman**

Wes Putman was born in Lawrence County, Alabama July 6, 1851. He married Minerva C. Hardin in Maury County, Tennessee on July 29, 1869. Minerva was a daughter of William H. Hardin and Elizabeth Counce. The Hardin family was originally in Lawrence County, Tennessee, but went to Mississippi by 1845. Minerva was born there in 1849. After William Hardin died in the late 1850s, the family returned to Tennessee where Minerva married Wesley.

In 1880, Minerva C. was listed as 30 from Mississippi, and they had a daughter Ella. In 1900 his wife was Sarah Ann born January 1848 in Tennessee, and they had two sons. They were in Navarro County through 1930 living with their son William then. He was 78 and she was 82.

In 1884 there was an Estate suit or case back in Maury County, Tennessee. It was filed by all the Hardin children against their mother's (Elizabeth) estate. In that suit, there was listed Ella Putman, heir of Minerva Hardin Putman, one of the Hardin kids. Of the first five children, only Ella survived. She died September 18, 1882. Wesley then married Sarah Ann Chatman in Navarro County on February 1, 1884. In 1885, William Wesley was born and was a child of the second marriage.

Wes and Minerva had the first five children, and the last three were by Sarah Ann. These children were:

**ELLA PUTMAN** born August 17, 1872 and died September 17, 1904.

**J. L. PUTMAN** a son born March 21, 1877 and died September 28, 1877.

**WALTER PUTMAN** born October 28, 1879 and died November 17, 1879.

**T. L. PUTMAN** born August 1, 1881 and died in October of the same year.

**EATHEY PUTMAN** born July 17, 1882 and died August 18, 1882.

**WILLIAM WESLEY PUTMAN** born June 17, 1885 and died in Hubbard, Texas June 15, 1970. He married Willie Belle Duke about 1908. Willie was born January 5, 1891 and died in Hubbard in January 1983. They are in Dawson through 1930 with these children:

**Annie Belle Putman** born in 1909.

**William Wesley Putman** born in 1911.

**Audry D. Putman** listed as a son born in 1913.

**Rose Putman** born in 1914.

**Tina Mae Putman** born in 1916.

**James D. Putman** born in 1919.

**Catherine M. Putman** born in 1923.

**Kirksey Melvin Putman** a son born April 8, 1924 in Dawson, Navarro County and died in Waco, McLennon County November 7, 2002. He was in WW II and received 6 medals. He married Willie Faye Murphy on August 9, 1947. She was still alive when he died.

**MYRTLE D. PUTMAN** born July 16, 1887 and died January 17, 1892.

**KIRKSLEY NEWTON PUTMAN** born April 20, 1890. He was still at home in 1910. In 1920 and 1920, he is in Smith County, Texas with a wife named Myrtle born in Missouri in 1895. There were no children as of 1930.

## William Anson Putman

William was born October 1854 in Lawrence County, Alabama. In 1880 he was single and living in Hill County, Texas and in 1900 we find him still there but married to Tyna Daffan born in Texas in November 1856 with two nieces living with them. The nieces were Roberta Putman born in New Mexico in March 1888 and Alline Oram born in Texas in February 1884. They are the daughters of his brother Josiah Green Putman who was recently widowed.

They were still living in Hubbard Hill County in 1930. There were no children. William died there in November 1935 and Tyna on April 2, 1938.

## Josiah Green Putman

Josiah was born May 10, 1857 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He attended Webbs School in Bellbuckle, Tennessee. He came to Texas in 1877 with his family and became a Methodist Circuit Rider covering most of northern Texas. He was licensed to preach at age 16. In 1880 he is in Wise county, Texas traveling around as a minister.

He married Martha Couets of Wetherford, Texas on December 24, 1883. He retired in 1915 and died October 6, 1934 at his daughter's home in Mexia, Texas and was buried in Weatherford, Texas. Martha died earlier in the 1890s, and is also buried in Weatherford, next to Josiah.

In 1920, Josiah is in Limestone County, Texas and living with his daughter Roberta and her husband John H. Sweatt. I have a copy of his obituary.

The only children were:

**ALLINE ORAM (CORA?) PUTMAN** born in Texas in February 1884. She had died by 1934 as she was not mentioned in Josiah's obituary.

**ROBERTA PUTMAN** born in Texas (stated New Mexico in 1900) in March of 1888. She was married to John H. Sweatt of Mexia, Limestone County, Texas. I have no info on

children, if any.

## **Mary Frances Putman**

Mary or Mollie as she was called was born in Lawrence County, Alabama on May 24, 1859. She was single age 23 in 1880 living with her mother and brother John Putman. She was married on December 29, 1881 to Joseph S. Renfro of Dawson, Texas as mentioned above in the obituary of her brother Josiah Putman.

Joseph Renfro was born December 2, 1858 and he died December 14, 1921. Mollie died March 30, 1935.

Their children were:

**PETER RENFRO**

**DEWEY RENFRO**

**SHELBY RENFRO**

**SAMUEL FRANKLIN RENFRO**

**ALICE RENFRO**

**MINNIE RENFRO**