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REUBEN PUTMAN

of Washington County Texas

Reuben was a child of William Putman and Mary Mitchell. He was born in about 1793 in Union County, South Carolina. He married a cousin, Mary Putman, in Laurens County, South Carolina in 1825. Mary was a daughter of William Putman and Dulcybella Watkins and a granddaughter of Daniel and Sarah Putman from Culpeper County, Virginia.

Reuben and his family remained in Laurens County, South Carolina until 1831 when he moved them to St. Clair County, Alabama along with his brother Mitchell and that family. In 1837 they moved to Gonzales County and lived near his brother Mitchell Putman and his family. He remained there for two years until his death in about 1839 or 1840.

Even though Texas had fought for and won its Independence, Mexico sent troops North in 1842 and more fighting erupted and lasted for two years. In 1842, Mary Putman moved her family north into Washington County to avoid the conflict. They remained there for over 20 years.

Sanford, a son, moved to Gonzales County after the Mexican War ended, but Mary and others remained in Washington County. Mary died in about 1860 or 1861 in Gonzales County while visiting her son Sanford.

The children of Reuben and Mary Putman were:

Permelia Putman

Permelia was born March 2, 1826 in Laurens County, South Carolina. She married Redick P. Odom in Washington County, Texas on August 4, 1842. They lived in Montague County, Texas. Redick died there, and Permilia died in Oklahoma. Their children were:

LAVINIA ODOM was born August 14, 1846. She married Thomas Jefferson Tyson January 14, 1861 in Guadeloupe County Texas. She died December 21, 1927, and he on January 18, 1898.

MARY ELIZABETH ODOM born in 1855.

SARAH JANE ODOM born in 1859. She married James W. Jones on February 24, 1878 in Montague County Texas.

William Putman

William was born about 1827 in Laurens County. It appears he never married. He was single in 1860 in Washington County and again in 1880 in Shackleford County, Texas along with his brother John and that family.

Sanford Vandever Putman

Sanford Putman was born in 1828 in Laurens County. He ran away from home in 1850 and went

to Gonzales County. He married Martha Ann Mitchell in Gonzales County, Texas on November 4, 1852. Martha was a daughter of Moses Mitchell and Elizabeth Switchler. She was born in May of 1836 in Texas.

He then remained in Gonzales County for the rest of his life living on a farm of over 1500 acres and raised cattle.

In the 1900 census he was still in Gonzales County at age 75 and Martha at age 64. They did not have any children that I can determine as none ever appeared in any census data.

Sanford died in 1901 and Martha Ann remarried to a Lay. She died in 1911.

John Putman

John Putman was born in Laurens County in 1831 or 1832. He married Nancy Ann Petty in Gonzales County on May 25, 1861. She died sometime in the 1860s. I do not find the family in the 1870 census.

He then married Sarah Jane McCausland in Gonzales County on December 28, 1871.

In the 1880 census he is in Shakelford County along with his brother William. John then was 48 and Sarah was shown as being 32 and born in Arkansas in December 1848.

John died in Gonzales County on February 11, 1891. I find Sarah Jane as a widow in 1900 back in Gonzales County living next to John's brother Sanford Vandever Putman. Sarah died November 11, 1907

In 1900, Sarah stated she had nine children, but only five were alive in 1900. The children were:

JENNIE PUTMAN born in 1873.

ANDREW PUTMAN born December 1874. In 1900 he is in Knox County with a wife Joany age 24 born December 1875 in Texas. I don't find them in 1910 or 1920.

LEROY PUTMAN born in 1878. He should be the Lee Putman in 1900 in Taylor County, Texas with a wife named Ada Malone. In 1910 and 1930 he is in Dallas with a new wife Bertha. He will be there till he dies June 20, 1951. Bertha was born January 11, 1891 and will die here in Dallas in April 1968.

MANSEL J. PUTMAN born in Texas in August 1882. He was still single in 1910. He married Willie Frances Parsley. They had one child:

Cecil Putman

LULA B. PUTMAN born in December 1886.

Elizabeth Putman

Elizabeth was born in 1837 in Laurens County. She married M. F. Hayes on June 3, 1856 in Washington County, Texas.