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# Thomas Rogers Putman of Caldwell County Texas

Thomas Rogers Putman was a son of Thomas Putman and Mary Barton of Hall County, Georgia. Thomas Senior was a son of Barnet and Sarah Putman of South Carolina. Thomas was born in 1817 in Warren County, Kentucky before the family moved to Georgia. He moved with his parents to Arkansas.

He married Mary Adeline Fleming in Montgomery County, Arkansas on February 27, 1845. Mary was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1827 and was a daughter of John McWhorter Fleming and Abigail Jeffrey.

Thomas and Mary had one son in Arkansas in 1846 and then moved to Texas in 1847 and settled in McMahan, Caldwell County, Texas and remained there all their lives.

He was a rancher. Thomas died January 11, 1870 and Mary died May 17, 1870. Both are buried in the Jeffrey Cemetery in McMahan, Texas.

Their children were:

## **John M. Putnam**

John was born in January of 1847 in Montgomery County, Arkansas. He married Fannie Allen born December 1853 in Texas.

I do not find them in the 1880 census, but in 1900 they are in Hubbard, Hill County, Texas. In the 1910 census, Fannie is a widow and is living with her daughter Fanny Barrington also in Hubbard. They had the following children:

**EMERSON B. PUTNAM** born January 1874. He was at home in 1900 and in Harris County in 1910. In 1910 he has a wife named Irene 12 years younger than he and no children. In 1920, he is in Walker County, Texas and has a new wife Ida 20 years younger than he. He is in San Antonio in 1930 divorced and by himself. In 1920, they had:

**Ida M. Putnam** born in 1915.

**JOSEPH B. PUTNAM** born February 1884. I don't find him in 1910 or 1920.

**FANNY PUTNAM** born February 1886. She married Phillip Barrington.

**LIZZIE PUTNAM** born August 1887.

## **Thomas Rogers Putnam Jr.**

Thomas junior was born in Texas in 1848. He disappears after 1860 and I believe he was killed in the Civil War.

## **Elizabeth Jane Putnam**

Elizabeth was born in 1852 and she married Robert D. Montgomery in Caldwell County on January 6, 1875.

They had the following children:

**DR. GEORGE MONTGOMERY**

**DR. HAZEL MONTGOMERY**

**W. O. MONTGOMERY**

**MODENA MONTGOMERY**

## **Mary Putnam**

Mary was born in Caldwell County in 1854. She married V. H. Sims and they moved to California.

They had one daughter:

**DONNIE SIMS**

## **Joseph Barnett Putnam**

Joseph Barnett Putman was born in June of 1856. He married Julia Caroline McGinnis on March 3, 1876. She was born in Caldwell County in November of 1856 and was a daughter of Vedra McBee McGinnis and Louisa Shotwell. In Texas he ran a general store and then became a Methodist preacher and circuit rider. They first lived in Caldwell County, Texas and then in 1902 moved to Throckmorton County.

Julia died in Throckmorton, Texas on February 14, 1907. In 1911, he married Virginia Smith. Jennie, as she was called, was born July 17, 1869. Joseph died in Throckmorton on August 19, 1924 and Jennie died in Lockheart, Texas on December 30, 1958.

Their children were:

**EVA REBECCA PUTNAM** born April 9, 1878 married Dr. T. B. Copewood in Caldwell County.

**WILLIAM PRICE PUTNAM** born September 24, 1879 and died in 1880.

**THOMAS ROGERS PUTNAM** born April 7, 1883 married Eunice Gertrude Smart. He

was a banker in Lueders, Texas. He died in a Dallas hospital on March 8, 1959. Gertrude died April 4, 1968. In 1920 and 1930, they are in Jones County, Texas. From his granddaughter, "He was the President of the bank in Lueders during the depression years. His bank was one of a handful in Texas that did not close its doors, nor did he foreclose on anyone's property or business during that era. I did not realize the significance of this or how well thought of he was until his funeral in 1959. People for all over Texas came to Lueders...the church was filled and hundreds of people lined the streets to pay their respects as we drove from the church. We never saw anything like it in the history of the town. He is still remembered." The children were:

**Julia Mauresse Putnam** born in 1917, died in 1998. She married Stanley Livingston Vinson in 1944. They had Stacey Louise (1946), Stephen Louis (1948), Susan Lisa (1950) and Samuel Livingston (1953).

**Mary Alice Putnam** born in 1924, and living in 2000. She married Robert Vanderverter in 1950. They had Theresa Ann (1952) and Sheri Lyn (1954).

**LELA MAE PUTNAM** born April 10, 1885. She was a Methodist missionary in Brazil for many years. She never married and later shared a house in Dallas with her sister Gustava. She died in Dallas in May 1975.

**JOSEPH CARROLL PUTNAM** born July 31, 1887. He was single in Andrews County in 1910, and in 1920 he was with his sister Eva Copewood in Caldwell County. He later married Margaret Elizabeth Sheers. He was a rancher in Throckmorton, Texas.

**JOHN MARVIN PUTNAM** born May 30, 1889 and died in 1892.

**ALICE VIOLA PUTNAM** born October 26, 1891 married Max M. Crunk. She was a teacher in Nixon, Texas.

**GUSTAVA PUTNAM** born November 16, 1894. She was a 4th grade teacher in Dallas. She never married. She died in Austin, Texas April 15, 1988.

**JAMES PLEDGER PUTNAM** born September 18, 1897. He married Lura Frances Wilkerson in Gerard, Texas on April 23, 1926. He was a rancher in Throckmorton. He died there on June 15, 1966. Their children were:

**James Pledger Putman 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Joan Putman**

**Joseph Barnet Putman**

**SIMEON SOMMERS PUTNAM** born January 19, 1902. A construction engineer.

## **William F. Putnam**

William was born in 1858 and died as a child.

## **Gerrie Price Putnam**

Gerrie was born May 18, 1865. He married Marianne Harrell, born in 1870, and moved to El

Paso where he became Superintendent of the school system. He was a graduate of Baylor University. In 1880, he was single and listed as Price Putnam in Bell County, Texas. He was living with his uncle and aunt, Berry and Catherine Shipp.

In 1900 he was in El Paso and had a 2 year old son Harrell Putman. In 1920, he is still in El Paso, but has a new wife Belle 22 years younger than he.

In 1930, he is farming in Cottonwood, Eddy County, New Mexico. He is alone, but states he is married. He is also listed in El Paso with Belle and is listed a farmer then too.

He will die September 20, 1938 of injuries when he was hit by a car while walking to Church down the street.

Their children were:

**HARRELL FLEMMING PUTNAM** born in July 1897. He was a musician and married Elise Collins.

**MARIAN PUTNAM** born in 1901 and died in 1932. She married Oscar Morton.