

ZACHARIAH PUTMAN I of VIRGINIA

Zachariah Putman was born in Gloucester County, Virginia some time around 1690 and appears to be the oldest son of Thomas Putnam (III).

He was married, probably in Gloucester or Essex County, but I have no information on his marriage at all. He had at least three children: Zachariah II, Thomas and Mary. There may have been others, but I am not certain at this time.

On July 15, 1717, a Zachariah Putnam of Kingston Parish purchased 140 acres in adjoining St. Anne's Parish in what is now Essex County, Virginia from Abraham Marchant also of Kingston Parish.

Zachariah Putman died in Essex County, Virginia in late 1748. His will dated November 20, 1748 was proved in January 1749, and listed as the only legatee, Mary Putman, a daughter I believe. A transcript of this will is to be found in the addendum of this history.

This Zachariah Putman was the elder of two Zachariah Putmans found in Virginia about the same time. I have noticed that it was generally the younger generations that moved westward. This Zachariah remained in Essex County near the coast and died there.

There was a son, Zachariah Putman II, who moved with Thomas Putman, who I feel was his brother, in the mid 1730s to Culpeper County in the middle of Virginia. I think that the Mary mentioned in the elder Zachariah's will was a sister of theirs who remained with her father and looked after him after her mother died.

Again, this is a certain amount of guesswork being used in order to try to fit the facts into some sort of order.

At any rate, we will now go on to the next generation. The following are the children of Zachariah Putman that I know about: Zachariah Putman II and Thomas Putman.

Zachariah Putman II

Zachariah Putman was born in Essex County, Virginia around 1715 and died in Culpeper County, Virginia in 1753. Zachariah remained in Virginia all his life. His four sons spread into Kentucky and South Carolina. His life is covered in the next section.

Thomas Putman

Thomas Putman was born in Virginia in about 1720 and moved to North Carolina. He died in South Carolina shortly after 1800. One of his sons remained in North Carolina, two went to South Carolina. His life is covered in the NORTH CAROLINA PUTMANS Section.

Mary Putman

Mary appears to be a spinster daughter that remained with her father after he lost his wife. After Zachariah, her father, died she moved to be with her two brothers in Culpeper County. She was living there and was mentioned in her brother Zachariah's will in 1753. I am not certain what happened to her after that. She most likely remained with Margaret to help raise the four children.

ZACHARIAH PUTMAN II

Zachariah II was born most likely in Essex County, Virginia where his father died. He probably was born about 1715 to 1717. He married to a Margaret, whose last name is unknown, probably in the late 1730s to 1740 time period.

He moved along with his brother, Thomas, to middle Virginia and settled in St. Mark's Parish in Culpeper County. He is listed as a tithable in Orange County in 1736. Culpeper County was formed from Orange, and he is mentioned as being there as early as 1738. Therefore, he could have been married before he left Essex County or shortly after he arrived in Culpeper County. I do not know.

The younger Zachariah Putman and Thomas Putman both appear in St. Mark's Parish in Culpeper County, Virginia at the same time. Zachariah was discharged from paying the Parish levy in 1738 and Thomas paid a levy of 600 pounds of tobacco in 1739. It is uncertain whether these two were brothers and sons of Zachariah I. It is my feeling that they were.

Culpeper County was formed from Orange County in 1748. Prior to then, our lands were in Orange County. Orange County records turn up all sorts of names that play important roles in the Putman family. We find John BARNETT who I feel was the father of the wife of Thomas Putman of North Carolina. We also find John SKILTONE (SKELTON) who was probably the father of William Skelton. William's daughter, Prudence, married Daniel Putman in South Carolina. We find John BOND whose family went with Thomas Putman's family to South Carolina and lived next to them. The same is true of Richard HALCOM (HOLCOMBE) who was the father of John Holcombe who also went to South Carolina. We find Ezekiah ROADDES (RHODES) who later married Elizabeth Putman in adjoining Fauquier County. Members of the HEAD and BURTON families of South Carolina were also there in the 1730s. The area just teems with Putmans and Putman related history. Anyway....

Zachariah Putman received a land grant in 1750 for lands in Goochland County, Virginia. It does not appear that he ever moved to that land as I can find no records there and when he died, he left his will where he was living in Culpeper County.

The younger Zachariah Putman, spelling now firmly Putman, died in Culpeper County, Virginia in 1753. In this will, Zachariah listed his wife Margaret and his four sons; John, Daniel, James and Henry. He also made minor bequests to Mary Putman and Thomas Putman and stipulated all his children do for themselves at age 16. This would indicate that these four children were all young or at least under the age of sixteen.

Most wills that I have seen from this time period state that the writer was old and weak. This will states he was very sick. It is my opinion that he was still a young man at the time, still in his late thirties. The Mary and Thomas mentioned in his will were, again in my opinion, probably his brother and sister. The Mary probably being the same one mentioned in the Will of the elder Zachariah and the Thomas being the Thomas who went to Culpeper with him.

Transcripts of the wills of both Zachariah Putmans are found in the addendum.

The children of Zachariah Putman II were Henry, Daniel, James and John Putman. There were also probably daughters, but no record of them remains that I have seen.

James Putman

James was born in 1743 in Culpeper County, Virginia. He married Joice, his wife, sometime around the early 1760s, and probably in North Carolina. He was in Granville County in 1753, probably coming with his Uncle Thomas. He and his family moved to South Carolina in the 1770s. He remained there and raised his family until his death in late December 1811.

The children of James and Joice Putman were:

WILLIAM PUTMAN born about 1768 and married Mary Mitchell.

JOSEPH PUTMAN born about 1769 and married Milly Wilson.

JESSE PUTMAN born about 1770.

JAMES PUTMAN born about 1775.

JABEL PUTMAN born about 1778, his wife was Nancy.

ABEL PUTMAN born about 1778 or 1779 and married to Millie Barnet.

AMOS PUTMAN born about 1780 or 1781 and married to Maryann Heaton.

DANIEL PUTMAN born about 1783.

ELIZABETH PUTMAN married Hezekiah Ray.

NANCY PUTMAN married John Lawson.

James Putman's life, and his children are in the SOUTH CAROLINA PUTMANS Section.

Henry Putman

Henry Putman was born about 1747 in Culpeper County, Virginia. Sometime in the early 1770s, he married Elizabeth Kendrick. She was a daughter of Jacob Kendrick from Caroline County, Virginia and then Culpeper County.

Henry served in the Revolution, and after the war, moved his family to Mason County in Kentucky. He died there in 1825.

His children were:

MARGARET PUTMAN born in about 1776 and married Richard Botts.

SARAH PUTMAN born in about 1778 and married Joseph Grover.

CATHERINE PUTMAN married Walter Davis.

MARY PUTMAN married Clark Sanders. She may also have married Charles Long in 1807.

ANNA PUTMAN married Reverend William Harper.

JAMES PUTMAN born about 1780 and married Elizabeth Kendrick.

WILLIAM PUTMAN born October 6, 1797 and married Elizabeth Bromley.

JOHN PUTMAN born about 1775 and married Mary Long.

THOMAS PUTMAN born about 1790 and married Nancy Grover.

DANIEL KENDRICK PUTMAN born in 1783 and married Anne Grover.

Henry Putman's life, and the lives of his children are contained in the KENTUCKY PUTMANS Section of this work.

Daniel Putman

Daniel Putman was born in Culpeper County, Virginia in 1745. After serving in the Culpeper Militia during the Revolution, he moved with his wife Sarah Kendrick, another daughter of Jacob Kendrick, and their family to the Abbeville section of South Carolina. He died there in 1822.

The children of Daniel and Sarah Putman were:

FRANCES PUTMAN born in 1766 and married John McDonald.

ELIZABETH PUTMAN born in 1768 and married James Hughes.

WILLIAM PUTMAN born in 1767 and married Dulcybella Watkins.

MARY PUTMAN born in 1772.

MILLY PUTMAN born in 1774 and married George Spruil.

ZACHARIAH PUTMAN born in 1775 and married Winifred Collins.

MARGARET PUTMAN born in 1780 and married Presley Owens.

JAMES PUTMAN born in 1782 and married Elizabeth Johnson.

JOHN PUTMAN born 1783 and married Mary Garrett.

SARAH PUTMAN born in 1786 and married William Cross.

NANCY PUTMAN born in 1788 and married Aaron Moore.

LUCY PUTMAN born in 1791 and married Jonathan Jones.

Daniel Putman's life and his family's lives are covered in the SOUTH CAROLINA PUTMANS Section of this work.

John Putman

John Putman was the eldest son of Zachariah. He was born about 1738 or 1740 in Virginia. He was born just as the family arrived in Culpeper County, or possibly in Middlesex County just before they left for middle Virginia. I have no clue as to which.

John Putman is the one son that I am not too certain about. Thomas Russell Putman felt that John went with his brother to Kentucky.

There is no mention of a John Putman in Culpeper County, Virginia after a 1762 listing in the Parish Register of Saint Marks Parish covering Orange and Culpeper Counties. Culpeper was formed out of Orange in 1748. It would appear that he either left or died.

There is a John Putman in the Hillsboro District of Randolph County, North Carolina that is first shown as being in the area in 1788. I think this is Zachariah's son John. If he was the youngest son, he would have been born about 1750 or so. This John appears again in the 1790 Census of Randolph County with his wife and a son under 16 and a daughter. He then drops out of sight.

It is felt that John returned to Culpeper County in the early 1790s and went with his brother Henry to Kentucky.

There is more on this John Putman contained in the KENTUCKY PUTMANS section of this family history. That section lists the only three children that I am fairly certain about:

FRANCES PUTMAN born about 1773 and married Henry Collins.

JAMES PUTMAN born about 1775 and married a Mary. He moved to Kentucky and then to Indiana.

JOHN PUTMAN JR. born about 1782. He moved, I think, to Kentucky and then onto St. Louis County, Missouri.

Then I find a **BENJAMIN PUTMAN** who pops up in Hamilton County, Ohio (just over the border from Kentucky) in the 1798 tax records, but *not* in the 1800 census. Then, in 1820 I find a **REUBEN PUTMAN** who may be his son who is in Hamilton County, Ohio in the 1820 census and in the 1840 census of Fountain County, Indiana along with his son, **REUBEN PUTMAN, JR.** I have no idea if they are connected to John Putman. They may be New Englanders.