

# PETER PUTMAN

## of Hampshire County Virginia

In addition to several English Putnams and Putmans and the Dutch family just cited above, there was a German line that began in this country with two brothers, Andrew and Philip Jacob Buttman. The name was quickly anglicized to the Putman spelling.

Peter Putman of Hampshire County, Virginia was part of this family descending from the one brother, Philip Jacob, whose life was sketchy at the very best.

However, in a *History of Tarrant & Parker Counties, Texas* (1895), John Jacob Putman (a son of John Jacob Putman senior and Magdalena Fleek) stated, "The paternal grandfather, Peter Putman, was a descendant of the Putmans from Frankfort, Germany."

Also Peter is mentioned in the 1792 will of his father, Philip Jacob Putman, in Frederick County. I have a copy of that document.

Peter Putman was born in Virginia on January 12, 1740. He married Mary Good, a daughter of Jacob Good (Goode). Mary was born in Virginia on May 14, 1745.

The first records we find on Peter Putman are in the early 1770s when he appears in Hampshire County, Virginia with a large family. According to one researcher, Peter was in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland prior to coming to Hampshire County. This man, Charles Doll, went on to state that Peter was a banker there. Even if he was or wasn't a banker, he did lend out money and take back mortgages.

The first written reference to Peter Putman is a land record recorded in Hampshire County on November 14, 1775.

In 1779, Peter Putman received a land grant in Hampshire County. He is listed on the 1782 tax rolls for the county. And, in the 1790 census he is shown with a family of twelve total. Several of these were probably the families of his two sons, as I think he only had eight children that I am aware of.

He was a wealthy man who lived near Romney, West Virginia. In 1784, Joseph Hanks, the grandfather of Nancy Hanks Lincoln (Honest Abe's mother), mortgaged his farm, where Nancy was born, to Peter Putman for twenty-one and some odd pounds. Hanks forfeited this property to Peter Putman when he took his family and moved to Kentucky.

Peter Putman died on August 11, 1795. His estate was settled in 1797. Mary lived on and died in Hampshire County on November 16, 1815. She was living with her son Jacob in 1810 on the old homestead. I have rough information on his nine children.

**Jacob Putman**

Jacob seems to be the eldest child. He was born in Hampshire County on January 12, 1759.

I have information from several descendants that he married Rachel Adams on February 8, 1811 in Hampshire County. If this is the case, then he had an earlier wife, as in 1810 he had a wife and a daughter under the age of sixteen.

Rachel was born on May 8, 1776. She was a daughter of John and Catherine Adams of Frederick County, Maryland. The family moved to Hampshire County, Virginia in the late 1780s. It was here she met and married Jacob Putman.

He is the only one to remain in Hampshire County when the rest of the family moved out to Ohio. He took over his father's farm and had his mother living with him in the 1810 census.

The 1810 Virginia census shows he and his wife between 26 and 45 and a daughter under 16. As this was prior to his marriage to Rachel, this must have been a first wife and Rachel was wife number two. Also in 1811, he would have been 52 and Rachel 34. This is old for both, and it would seem both had been married prior to their marriage in 1811. On the other hand, the 1811 date may not be correct. I really don't know what was the case.

By the 1820 census of Hampshire County, he was in the over 45 age group and there was another male with him in the same age group. His wife was in the 26 to 44 age group and there was another woman in the 26-44 age group. This may have been a brother or sister and their spouse.

In 1830 he was shown in his sixties and Rachel is shown in her forties with two sons. One of these sons is the Jacob Putman who appears in the 1850 census. I don't know who the other was.

Jacob wrote his will on August 26, 1833 and it was proved on August 24, 1835 and fully settled on October 26, 1835. Rachel was still alive at the time the will was written. When his will was made in 1833, he referred to his devoted wife Rachel and son Jacob.

On September 7, 1835 Thomas Daniels, a cousin, was appointed guardian of young Jacob Putman. I don't know why this happened as Rachel was still alive. She then married Charles Cresap who was born in Maryland. They appeared together in the 1850 Hampshire County census. Charles must have died in the early 1850s, because Rachel was in Iowa at age 78 in 1860 living with her son Jacob.

The only two children I think I can name are:

**CATHERINE PUTMAN** born in the late 1790s. She married Samuel Cox in neighboring Berkeley County, Virginia on January 16, 1816.

**JACOB G. PUTMAN** was born on April 4, 1822. He married Mary Ellen Edmundson in Allegany County, Maryland June 22, 1842. Ellen was a daughter of Thomas Edmundson and Anastatia Slagle, and was born March 16, 1822. The family moved to Washington County, Iowa in about 1854. They lived in Marion Township, about seven miles from Washington, Iowa. They had nine children. Jacob died in July of 1894 and Mary Ellen died in March of 1883. More can be found on this family in the section on IOWA PUTMANS. Their children were:

**Rachel Putman** born September 11, 1843 and died November 11, 1914. She married William G. Gamon on November 20, 1867. They had six children: **Sarah Virginia** who

married William Saville, **Elizabeth** who married A. J. Corbin, Eva who married James Moothart, **Hannah** who died single at age nineteen, **Winnie Ellen** who married John Caldwell and **William Rowland Gamon** who married Nora Wagner.

**Stacy Ann Putman** born July 13, 1845, and died April 6, 1863. She never married. She was named for her grandmother, Anastatia.

**Jacob Putman 3rd** born May 23, 1847. He married Ellen Reeves in about 1874. In the 1880 census of Washington County, Iowa his wife was wife Ellen born in Iowa in 1856, and they had these children: **Stacy** 5 and **Indiana** 2, both daughters. That seems to be all the children. Stacy married Peter Powellson and latter married Alfred Hillhouse. Indiana married Frank Brinton.

**Thomas Putman** born March 28, 1849. He married Laura Essley In the 1880 Washington County, Iowa census his wife was Louisa (probably Laura) born in Iowa in 1858 and they had Rachel 3 years old. The children were: **Rachel** who married Frank Earl, **Jennie** who married Harry Lauderman and **Clevie** who married John Thompson.

**Charles Putman** born in about 1852 and died June 30, 1915. His first wife was named Ellen. He later married Ada Bower and they had a son **Charles** Junior who married Mina Belville.

**John Putman** born April 27, 1854 and died in 1934. He married Rosetta Whitsel on November 20, 1881. They had **Mollie** who married Arthur Therion, **Stacy** who married Charles Long, **Hulda** who married Melvin Spencer, **John** Junior who married Mary Chalupa, **Jacob** who married Augusta Marshall, **William** who married Gladys Nickerson and **Clara** who married Clayton Nickerson.

**Hannah Putman** born September 10, 1853 and died March 12, 1939. She married James L. Shrader on December 1, 1873. Their children were: **Luella** who married Charles McMullen, **Jacob** who married Hattie Hillhouse, **Philip** who married Edna Turner, **Thomas** who married Goldie Greene, **Ida** who married Harry Miller and **Sadie** who married William McAvoy. There may also have been another daughter, **Martha**.

**Ellen Putman** born May 11, 1859. She married John Kuhn. Their children were: **Hattie** who married Al Wagner, **Rachel** who married Wesley George, **Mary Ellen** who married Lee Dusenberry and **Sadie** who died as an infant.

**Sarah Virginia Putman** born December 19, 1862 and died August 22, 1871 at the age of eight.

## Susannah Putman

Susannah was born in 1767 in Hampshire County, Virginia. She married Philip Noel in about 1788 in Hampshire County. Philip was born in 1765 in Pennsylvania. He was a son of Johannes and Margaret Noel.

They moved to Ohio in 1798 and settled in Adams County. Later they moved their family to Clay township of Scioto County, Ohio. Philip was a weaver and a farmer and then was a hotel

keeper for some 34 years in Clay township in Ohio.

Philip died April 12, 1849 and Susannah died October 11, 1851, both in Scioto County.

Philip and Susannah Putman Noel's children were:

**PETER NOEL**

**JOHN NOEL** born about 1789. His wife was named Ann.

**ELIZABETH NOEL**

**MARGARET NOEL**

**JACOB P. NOEL** was born December 20, 1791 and he died March 27, 1872. He married Anna Glover on September 1, 1815.

**PHILIP NOEL II** was born in 1793. He married a Permilia in Scioto County in 1812. He was a farmer and served in the War of 1812. Their children were:

**Benjamin Bartholomew Noel** born January 7, 1813 and died in Davis County, Iowa on October 12, 1876. He first married Mary Wood on January 31, 1837 and then Maria Conner on June 25, 1846 a year after Mary died. I have more on this family.

**Daughter Noel** born in 1814.

**Peter J. Noel** born October 3, 1816 and died in Davis County, Iowa on August 4, 1898. He married Rachel Downing on January 15, 1842. I have more on this family.

**Daughter Noel** born in 1818.

**Gabriel Noel** born July 2, 1820. He married Elizabeth Zarley on October 15, 1847.

**Mercy Noel** born in 1825. She married James Oliver on December 5, 1851.

**Obadiah (Oberson) Noel** born in 1826

**Zebbin Noel** born in 1827 and died in Scioto County on March 20, 1872. He married Elizabeth Newman on October 24, 1856.

**Cornelia J. Noel** born in 1836 and married to William Vanderford on January 25, 1855.

**Henry C. Noel** born in 1838 and married Sarah Ann McCurley on July 18, 1863.

**MARY NOEL** married a Pollock in Scioto County.

**CATHERINE NOEL** married William Wright in Scioto County on May 21, 1807.

**SOLOMON (ABSOLOM) NOEL** was born in 1800. He married Mary Huston on April 10, 1823 in Scioto County. He died on September 30, 1857.

**ISAAC NOEL** married Mary Ann Orn on January 30, 1823.

**DAVID NOEL** whose wife was named Sarah.

**AARON NOEL** was born July 13, 1807. He married Catherine Ann Orme June 3, 1832. They eloped because Catherine's mother objected and they were married at the home of her brother, Nathan Orme. Catherine was born in 1814 and died on February 24, 1864. Aaron died on April 14, 1894. They had eleven children:

**Nathan Milton Noel**

**Josiah Noel**

**Ann Eliza Noel** married Henry Briggs.

**John Philip Noel**

**Elizabeth S. Noel**

**Aaron T. Noel**

**Mary Noel** married Charles Slavens.

**Jacob S. Noel**

**Oscar (Ascor) B. Noel**

**Margaret Jane Noel**

**Sarah M. Noel**

**MICHAEL J. NOEL**

**ELIJAH NOEL**

## **Peter Putman Jr.**

Peter Jr. was born about 1770 and married a woman named Suffiah or Sophia. In the 1810 Virginia census he is shown as between 26 and 45 years old as was his wife. They had three children; a son under 10 and another son between 10 and 16 and a daughter between 10 and 16.

In the 1820 Hampshire County Census, Sophia is shown as a widow over the age of 45. One son in his 20s is still at home.

I do not know who the children were. I do not find this family again in either West Virginia or Ohio. I will, however guess that the daughter was Mary Ann who was married about 1811 or 1812. Based on the fact Peter had a daughter in 1810 and none in 1820. Then based on an obituary of Mary Ann, I get her life and then near her tombstone in Wisconsin was another marked "*Jno. J. Putnam died June 5, 1856, aged 54 years 11 mo 2 days, born Hampshire County, Virginia.*" I guess these could be the two children of Peter and Sophia Putman. HOWEVER, I have from another source that Jacob was a son of Philip Putman Senior with the exact same birthdate, so I am *tentatively* listing him there.

**MARY ANN PUTMAN** born March 31, 1795. She married very young to John Jesse Dawson and had two children. John was killed in fighting in the War of 1812 in 1815 at Norfolk, Virginia. In April of 1817, she married a widower with seven children, Adam Fleek also of Hampshire County. They then had another eleven children together making a grand total of twenty children. In September 1836, they moved to Newark, Licking County, Ohio and in the fall of 1846 moved to Green County, Wisconsin. They settled in Brodhead and remained there all their lives. Adam died there in 1845 and Mary Ann died there November 19, 1882 at age 87. The children as best I can determine were:

**Elmira Ann Dawson** born April 17, 1813 and died March 15, 1899.

**John Jesse Dawson, jr.** born September 15, 1814 and died September 12, 1895.

**Edmund T. Fleek**

**Benjamin H. Fleek**

**Reuben G. B. Fleek**

**Jerome B. Fleek**

**Mrs. J. I. Brown** this and the other married names are from the 1882 obituary.

**Mrs. G. Gardner**

**Mrs. Samuel Northcraft**

**Mrs. Snyder**

**Melvina Fleek**

**JOHN JACOB PUTMAN** as explained, I currently have him a son of Philip, but the fact he went to Wisconsin with Mary Ann, could place him here. At any rate he was either a brother or a cousin.

## Philip Putman

Philip was born about 1773 and married Catherine Singer about 1795 while living in Hampshire County. Catherine was born July 16, 1769. They moved to Ross County, Ohio about 1809. This would account for the family not being in the 1810 Virginia Census.

They settled on Paint Creek in Concord Township, Ross County. In the 1820 census he is shown over 45 as is Catherine. They had two sons and six daughters at home and sons Peter and John were nearby with their own families.

In 1830 I cannot find him, but his son Peter is listed in Ross County, and John seems to have moved south to Adams County.

Philip died on May 31, 1836. In 1840 Catherine is in her 60s with two daughters at home, one in her 30s and one in her 40s. In 1850 at age 80, she heads a household of her two daughters Mary 50 and Sophia 45. Also there is Debora Carter age 38 with two sons. Debora is another daughter.

Catherine died on December 28, 1852.

Their children were:

**MARY PUTMAN** was born in 1793 and she was single at home in 1850.

**ELIZABETH PUTMAN** Betsy was born October 1, 1794. She married Robert Hoddy.

**CATHERINE PUTMAN** born March 1, 1793. She married John Clawson.

**PETER PUTMAN** born in 1795. He married Kisiah Hoddy. He raised a large and well documented family. More can be found on him and his family in the OHIO PUTMANS section of this history.

**SOPHIA PUTMAN** was born January 11, 1796. She was never married.

**ISABEL PUTMAN** was born June 27, 1799. She married William Cochran.

**SARAH PUTMAN** was born in about 1806. She married Joseph Hewitt.

**HARRIET PUTMAN** born about 1810. She married Charles Galliher.

**JOHN JACOB PUTMAN** born May 3, 1801. He married Magdalene Fleek on March 24, 1824. In the Moore Cemetery in Decatur, Green County, Wisconsin is a large tombstone. It reads: " John J. Putnam, died June 5, 1856, aged 54 years, 11 months, 2 days, born Hampshire County, Virginia. Mary Magdalene died January 31, 1871 ages 68 years, 6 months and 21 days." They moved to Ohio in about 1825, right after they were married. His son Hiram was born in Ohio in 1825 and his son John Junior was born there in about 1835. They moved to Green County, Wisconsin in the early 1850s. John died there as stated in 1856. According to a History of Tarrant County, Texas (about their son John Junior), they had these children:

**Hiram D. Putman** born in Ohio in about 1825. In the 1860 census of Green County, he is 34 OH, Sarah 24 OH, Cora 2 WI and Charles 1 WI. He died in 1892.

**Ann E. Putman** born in about 1826. She married W. Atherton of Albany, Wisconsin.

**Henry Clay Putman** born about 1827. He was an active citizen of Brodhead. He donated the building that was then used as City Hall, Library and Fire Hall. He was mayor of Brodhead, Wisconsin (Green County) from 1904 to 1908, a state senator, president of the Green County Bank from 1896 to 1909, owner of a lumber yard, and other such info from a Centennial Book of the Brodhead Historical Society.

**Oliver S. Putman** served in the Union army and died of complications in 1887.

**Olive Putman** wife of John F. Annis of Albany, Wisconsin.

**Virginia Putman** wife of B. J. Gardner.

**John Jacob Putman, Jr.** was born in Ohio in 1835. He married Julia D. Moore (born in Vermont) in 1871 in Wisconsin, and then moved to Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas in about 1875. They were in the 1880 census there. By 1900, he had died and Julia remained there through the 1920 census when she was shown as 74 years old born in Vermont. Based on the article and Texas census reports, the children were:

**John Jacob Putman 3rd** born in Wisconsin in August 1872. He was still single at home in 1910, and gone in 1920.

**Sophia A. Putman** born in Wisconsin in 1873.

**William C. Putman** born in Texas in August 1876. He was still at home in 1920.

**Worthy B. Putman** a daughter born in Texas in October 1882, and gone by 1910.

**A child** who died as an infant.

**JOSEPH PUTMAN** born in 1804.

**DEBORAH PUTMAN** was born about 1809. She married George Washington Carter.

**PHILIP PUTMAN JR.** was born February 28, 1813. He married Martha Clark. Again, I have a lot of information on him and his family and it is in the OHIO PUTMANS section.

## Margaret Putman

Margaret married John Hoddy. I have no other information.

## Maddeline Putman

Maddeline married Benjamin Thomas prior to 1794 when they bought land together in Hampshire County. They sold this in 1802 and moved to Ross County, Ohio and then to Scioto

County, Ohio.

Ben died in 1831 in Scioto County. The will mentioned his widow and these children: **John, Elizabeth, Deborah, Mary, Margaret, James, Jacob and Benjamin A. Thomas.**

Maddeline died when her house caught on fire. She escaped the fire, but returned to the burning house to get some silver and was then trapped inside.

## Catherine Putman

According to a DAR application, Catherine was born in 1769. Catherine married John Thomas in Ross County, Ohio on October 3, 1803. He was probably a brother of Ben who had married Maddeline Putman.

Catherine had six children before she died. She was crossing a stream in a carriage; it overturned and she drowned while trying to save her youngest child.

John later remarried to Elizabeth Emmeline Flax on April 3, 1817. They had six more children.

He died August 10, 1831 in Fayette County, Ohio. Elizabeth then went to Fulton County, Ohio with the children and she died there at the age of ninety-nine in 1885.

The children, six by each wife, were:

**NORRIS THOMAS** born in 1803. He married Marry (Polly) Barker July 6, 1825 and he died in Brown County, Illinois July 10, 1854.

**ELIZABETH THOMAS** born May 5, 1804. She married Hiram Barker May 5, 1825 and died in Brown County, Illinois September 17, 1846.

**BENJAMIN THOMAS** born March 20, 1808 and died May 12, 1902. He married Patience Thompson on July 11, 1833 and after she died he married Mary Eggers Willis. I have more on this family in my files.

**WILLIAM THOMAS** born January 9, 1809 and died July 19, 1894. He married Julia DeWitt on January 19, 1830.

**ABIGAIL THOMAS** born about 1810 and married to Jacob Marten.

**JOHN THOMAS** born about 1812. He married Mary Fisk on July 16, 1835.

**MALINDA THOMAS** born March 23, 1818 and died in Fulton County, Illinois March 21, 1910. She married August 14, 1835.

**SAMUEL THOMAS** born in February 1820 and died in Fulton County on January 21, 1874. He married Clarinda Stephens on September 4, 1843.

**MATILDA THOMAS** born in 1824 and died in Fulton County on July 14, 1888. She married Gideon Graham on June 7, 1839.



**THOMAS THOMAS** born in June 1826. He married Eliza Turner June 22, 1851.

**JESSIE THOMAS** who married Martha Landon June 22, 1851 and died in Fulton County, Illinois on April 29, 1912.

**AZARIAH THOMAS** married Charlotte Foutch on July 9, 1851 and then Matilda Ferris. He died March 30, 1907 in Havana, Fulton County, Illinois.

## **Sophia Putman**

Sophia married William Goldsbury. I have no other information.

## **Mary Putman**

Mary married Thomas Goldsbury, probably a brother of Bill.