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Forrester Putman

of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties Alabama

He is a son of Hiram Putman and Loamy Mercer. He was born in 1822 in Tennessee during the short stay between Kentucky and Alabama. He married Ayrie Burch on February 1, 1839 in Benton County, Alabama. Ayrie was born in South Carolina in 1823. Her sister Sally married Silas Putman and after his death, she married his cousin Howard Mercer Putman.

They lived in Calhoun County, Alabama. Calhoun County was the name of the new county that absorbed Benton County in the 1850s. They were there in the 1850 census with five children.

In 1860 he had two more children and is shown as a widower as Ayrie had died in the 1850s sometime after 1856.

Ayrie died in the mid 1850s and Forrester married Malissa J. Johnson on August 24, 1859. They were married in Benton/Calhoun County, Alabama.

In 1870 he is in Cleburne County and again is widowed. Only his daughter, Eliza Ann 25, is home with him. In 1870 Forrester is 59 years old. I do not find him in the 1880 census, so I assume he died in the 1870s.

Their children were:

MARGARET PUTMAN was born in 1839. She married James L. Miller in Benton County on December 28, 1856. She was shown at home with her folks without a husband in the 1860 census. I assume she was widowed by then.

WILLIAM J. PUTMAN was born in 1842. He was with the family in 1860 but I cannot find him in 1870. Perhaps he, like so many others, died in the Civil War.

ELIZA ANN PUTMAN was born in 1844. She was still single and living with her father in the 1870 census of Cleburne County.

JOSIAH TAYLOR PUTMAN born December 19, 1844. He married Margaret Jane Pruitt in Benton/Calhoun County, Alabama on December 20, 1866. She was born August 27, 1844 in Benton County. He and Margaret are in Calhoun County in the 1870 census and in Etowah County, Alabama in 1880. In 1900 on they are in Winston County. Joe died April 10, 1917. I don't know when Margaret died, but both were missing in 1920. There was a Margaret Putman the right age (78) in Erath County, Texas in the 1920 census. This may well be her. Perhaps a daughter had headed out that way. At any rate, their children were:

Anna A. Putman born in 1868. She married Pinkney Moore in about 1885. They were in Double Springs, Winston County in the 1900 census. They had four children.

Lucy Anna Putman born February 14, 1875. She married Aaron William Luther Vann in 1889, and had two children. Bud Vann died in 1900. She then later married J.W.T. Glenn on December 13, 1900 and was divorced soon afterwards. She married James B. Boteler in 1910 had one daughter and was divorced about 1915. She later married

William Findley. Lucy died in Colbert County, Alabama March 27, 1949.

Eula Lee Putman born in 1883 and died in 1974. She married John Hilton Smith and had five children.

Alberta 'Birdie' Putman born April 6, 1886 and died November 28, 1965 in Birmingham, Alabama. She married Willie R. Hilton in Winston County on August 28, 1904. They had three children.

FORRESTER M. PUTMAN was born in 1849. He married Elizabeth Massey in Calhoun County, Alabama on July 5, 1866.

SIMEON PUTMAN was born in 1850.

JOHN L. PUTMAN was born in 1854. In the 1880 census of Calhoun County, he is shown as being 28 and has a wife Sarah 26. She is Sarah Texanna McArry, they were married in Calhoun County on August 15, 1872. Her sister, Elizabeth McArry is with them and listed as a sister in law. In 1900, Sarah is widowed in the 1900 census of Calhoun County with Forester and Claudius at home. In 1910 and 1920 she is listed as Texanna again and is living with her son in law Jim Crow. The children were:

Lydia Margaret Putman born March 22, 1873. She married James Hiram Christopher.

Liza Putman born in 1876.

Forester Putman born in January 1878. In 1880 this child is listed as a male, in 1900 as a female. Jim Putnam of Atlanta has a record of her marrying Ellis M. Ford in Calhoun County on December 24, 1901, but he can't find the source now. Other relatives confirm she is a gal.

Sarah Putman born in 1879.

Claudius Samuel Putman born in November 1887. In 1910 he has a wife named Cora in Calhoun County. They had Claude Jessie Putman born February 19, 1920 and James E. Putman born February 5, 1922 and died in Alexandria November 4, 1992.