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GRIGGS PUTMAN

of Morgan & Lawrence Counties

Griggs was born in the late 1770s, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Putman from North Carolina. He was in North Carolina until about 1815 when he headed to Morgan County, Alabama. He was in the first state census in 1830 with his wife Sally and ten kids not counting Francis, his son, who had married Sadie Couch and was living next door to his folks. As of 1830 there were five sons and six daughters.

Griggs Putman's life and family was covered back in the section on NORTH CAROLINA. This section will cover his children that grew up in Morgan County, Alabama. I do not have complete information on all his children, but here is what I now know.

Francis Putman

Francis, possibly Francis Marion, was probably born about 1805, a child born by Griggs' first wife. He married Sadie Caroline Couch in Tusculum, Alabama January 14, 1823. In 1830 he is shown in his 20s with an older couple in their 40s. I am not certain who they are, maybe Sadie's folks. By 1840 the older folks are gone. Might even have been an error in recording.

In 1840 they have a son and six daughters. Francis died in Lawrence County, Alabama July 3, 1850 and in 1850 Sadie is a widow with all sorts of kids. In 1860, Sadie is living with her daughter Nancy and her husband John Stout in Franklin County. In 1870 Sadie, at age 73, is living with her son Jeremiah in McNairy County, Tennessee. She died in McNairy County on September 28, 1873.

The following is the listing of the children in the 1850 Census, and some other information from a relative. There were several sets of twins with a few unfortunate results:

WILLIAM A. PUTMAN was born in about 1823 in Alabama. In the 1850 census of Lawrence County, Alabama he was listed as being 26 and his wife Eliza was 24. In 1860 he is still there at age 37, and his wife Jane is 35. I assume she is the same gal, just named Eliza Jane. He was a blacksmith by trade. I was not certain if he were an older son of Francis or a younger son of Griggs, but in 1860 he listed Jeremiah Michael Putman as his brother, so he fits Francis' family. I do not find him in 1870. It turns out that he was asked to make rifles for the Confederate Army, and he refused. One night a mob came and beat him to death. In 1860 the children were:

Mary Jane Putman born in 1848.

Rebecca Putman born in 1850. There was an R. A. Putman who married A. C. Daniels in Lawrence County on October 12, 1871.

Margaret P. Putman born in 1855. There was a Margaret Putman who married George R. Owen in Lawrence County on December 8, 1875.

Francis M. Putman born in 1857. There was a Francis M. Putman who married Ann Eliza McDaniels in Morgan County on November 26, 1882.

JOHN G. PUTMAN born about 1827 or 1828. He is single in 1850. In 1860 he is in Lawrence County, married to a woman named Adelia 3 years younger than he. In 1870, they are in Lawrence County, Alabama and his sister Elizabeth is with them. In 1880, the children are all living with his sister Elizabeth, and it appears both John and Adelia had died. Based on the 1860, 1870 and 1880 census reports they had:

Mary Eleanor Putman born in about 1853-54.

Sarah Frances Putman born in about 1856-58.

Emmey Mary Putman born in 1858-60.

Martha Putman born about 1862.

James H. Putman born about 1864. In 1900 to 1930 he is in Morgan County, Alabama with a wife named Minnie and two sons:

Prince G. Putman born in 1889.

Theodore Eldred Putman born June 23, 1898. In 1920 he is in Birmingham with a wife named Donna or Dora W. and no children yet. He is back in Morgan County in 1930 and has a son Theodore Jr. born in 1927. He works at his father's general store. He will die in Decatur Alabama in July 1979.

John Putman born in 1870.

DRACINA PUTMAN born in 1830. She married a man named Jagers.

LOUCINDA PUTMAN born in 1830, and listed as deaf and dumb. In 1860 she is living with her sister Rebecca Elizabeth and her husband Isaac Barr.

NANCY MARTHA PUTMAN born in 1832. She married John Stout. In 1860, she was 28 and her mother, Fady, was there at age 48 as well as her sisters Sarah and Elizabeth.

REBECCA ELIZABETH PUTMAN born in 1836-37. She had married Isaac Barr by 1860 and was living there in Lauderdale County in 1860. No here's something to mull over. Her middle name may be Elizabeth and she may be the Elizabeth who was living with John and Adelia in 1870. Perhaps Isaac died in the Civil War and as there were no children, she reverted to her maiden name and took over John's children in 1880. She is the only logical one.

CELIA PUTMAN born in 1837. I don't find her after 1850.

MARGARET PUTMAN born in 1840. There was a Margaret Putman who married Joseph L. Penrod of Decatur, Alabama on January 30, 1857. According to a descendent, this was her.

JEREMIAH MICHAEL PUTMAN, actually Jeremiah Michael David Manasco Putman, born April 24, 1843 in Tuscuimbia, Franklin County Alabama. He is with his brother William in 1860. When William was murdered, Jeremiah walked some 51 miles and joined up with General Grant. He served in the Union Army for three years as a private. I next find him in McNairy County Tennessee. He married America Jane Manses there in Purdy, McNairy County on December 28, 1871. She was a daughter of George Manses and Jenett Dawson, and was born March 15, 1846 in Tennessee. In 1880 they are in Lawrence County, Arkansas and in 1900 in Andrew County Missouri. Jeremiah died in Lawrence County, Kansas June 5, 1915, and is buried in Maple Grove. America Jane died March 22, 1919 in Calloway County Missouri. Based on these census returns, and other information, their children, all born in Arkansas were:

George Francis Putman born February 22, 1874. In 1900 he is in Graham, Nodaway County Missouri with a wife named Minnie Lydia Geyer, born in Missouri in 1876. They were married November 30, 1899. There were no children in 1900. He died in Eagle Point, Oregon May 4, 1962.

James Thomas Putman born November 23, 1875. I do not find him with the family in 1900. He married a Lillie, and died in St. Joseph, Missouri February 8, 1929.

Docia Lenora Putman born December 14, 1877. She was picking cotton and got too near a 'warming fire', and her long dress caught on fire. She died of burns on November 16, 1891.

June Augusta Putman born August 13, 1886 and at home in 1900. She married a man named Brown and died in Webster Grove, Missouri January 1, 1979.

SARAH JANE PUTMAN born in 1845. She too was listed deaf and dumb. There was a Sarah P. Putman who married A. A. Kid in Lawrence County on February 27, 1872.

MARY L. PUTMAN born in 1847, turned out okay I guess.

FADY L. PUTMAN born in 1848.

FRANCIS MARION PUTMAN born in 1849. He was home in 1860 and not around in 1870. I can only assume he died in the Civil War as did so many of our family.

William Putman

William was born August 20, 1808 in North Carolina and this is borne out in the 1850 census. He went with his family and uncles to northern Alabama. He married Susan Stephens in Morgan County, Alabama January 21, 1831.

In the 1850 census of Morgan County, Alabama they had nine children. I then find them in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in the 1860 census. This is the last I find of them. They are not in the 1870 nor 1880 census in any southern state.

All the sons were in the Civil War fighting with the CSA army. It is quite possible that their dad was in the fighting as well and was killed. All I know is that by 1870 he was gone.

One son, William, was in Lee County, Mississippi through the 1880 census and then moved to Texas. Three other sons, Charles, Francis and Henderson, returned to Tennessee by 1870 and remained there. The 1870 Tennessee census was not very accurate at all, and it is possible William went back there with some of the kids.

I have William dying February 2, 1900 in Pontotoc County Mississippi.

At any rate, their children were:

NANCY PUTMAN born in 1832.

MARY E. PUTMAN born in 1834.

JANE PUTMAN born in 1836.

WILLIAM MARTIN PUTMAN was born in Morgan County, Alabama on January 18, 1837. He married Alice A. Crow in Morgan County, Alabama on October 25, 1857. Alice was born in Lawrence or Morgan County, Alabama on October 22, 1840. Their first child, Sarah, was born in Alabama in 1858. They then moved along with his parents to Pontotoc County, Mississippi and were there by the 1860 census time. William and Alice remained in Mississippi and were in Lee County in the 1880 census with three sons. Their two daughters had married by then. In about 1890 or 1891, William and Alice and their three sons, John, James and Frank, moved to Copeville in Collin County, Texas. William and Alice were to remain there until they died. They were both with their son James in 1900 in Collin County. William Putman died in Copeville on August 22, 1905 and Alice was with her son James until she died there in May 1921. More on this family is found in the TEXAS PUTMANS section. Their children were:

Sarah Jane Putman was born in Morgan County, Alabama in 1857 or early 1858. She was married or at least gone from the family by 1880.

Susan Putman was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in 1859. She too was not around at census time in 1880. Again, I assume she married and moved out.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Putman born about 1860. I do not find her in any census, but as they were 20 years apart between 1860 and 1880, she could easily be born and married in that period. At any rate she was born in about 1860 and married John Franklin Knowles. They lived in Paris, Texas.

John Putman was the eldest son, born July 27, 1862. He married Ida Rosilie Wingo in Lee County, Mississippi in about 1882 or 1883. She was born in Mississippi in September 1867. John died in Copeville, Collin County, Texas in 1904 at age 41. I do not know when Ida died.

James B. Putman was born March 22, 1865 in Lee County, Mississippi. He married Corrie Ellen Phillips in Mississippi. She was born in Mississippi in December 1871. He died in Copeville, Collin County, Texas on April 21, 1949.

Thomas Franklin Putman was born in Lee County, Mississippi in January 9, 1872. He married Estella Jones. She was born in Tennessee in February 1879. They lived in Longview, Texas.

JOHN F. PUTMAN born in 1840. He married Nancy Jane Phillips in Pontotoc County, Mississippi on February 22, 1865. I do not find him in 1870 or later census reports. He may have been a casualty in the final year of the War.

JAMES M. PUTMAN born in 1841. He was at home in the 1850 census, but seems to have been the first to leave home and go back to Tennessee. I don't find him in 1860 or 1870, but in 1880 he is in Bledsoe County, Tennessee. He married Sarah Poe in neighboring Hamilton County, Tennessee on September 25, 1867. By 1900, Sarah was widowed and still at home with the kids. By 1920, she is 68 and living with her son John in Bledsoe County. Their children were:

John H. Putman born in 1869. He was still in Bledsoe County in 1920. His wife was Minnie.

Mary H. Putman born in 1871. She married a Payne man, as in 1900 she was at home and seemingly widowed. In 1910 she had remarried to Elijah Patton and they were living with her mother.

James H. Putman born in 1876. I do not find him (yet) in 1900.

Gertie R. Putman born in late 1879. In 1900, she seems to be listed as Myrtle (?) the same age bracket.

Roscoe George Putman born March 21, 1882. By 1920 he is still in Bledsoe County

with a wife named Sally E. Their children then were:

Mildred W. Putman born in 1907.

Hazel C. Putman born in 1908.

Jack H. Putman born in 1912.

Marvin S. Putman born in 1916.

Winnie Samuel Putman born January 9, 1885. In 1920 he is in Bledsoe County with a wife named Gertrude L. and a daughter:

Mamie E. Putman born in October 1919.

HENDERSON GRIGGS PUTMAN born in November 1843. He was with his parents in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in the 1860 census. By 1870, he returned to Tennessee with his brothers Francis and Charles. He married Flora Ann Lovelace in Dyer County, Tennessee on January 25, 1871. Flora was born in Tennessee in February 1857. They were not in the 1880 Soundex, but they were in Dyer County in 1900 with these children. He died there May 21, 1909. For more details, see the TENNESSEE Section. The children were:

Charles D. Putman born in May 1875. In 1900 he had a wife named Lillie and one daughter. I do not find them in 1910, but in 1920 they are in Nashville, Davidson County. The children through 1920 were:

Ethel Putman born in 1898. In 1920 she was married to Elvis Lane.

Bernice Putman born in 1905.

Kate Putman born in January 1877.

Benjamin Putman born in May 1880. In 1900 he is single, and I don't find him in 1920.

James Henderson Putman born in March 1882. In 1920, he is in Dyer County with a wife name Minnie B. and two children:

James Putman born in 1916.

Pauline Putman born in 1918.

Hubert L. Putman born in January 1884. He is in Obion County, Tennessee in 1910 with a wife named Ruth and a son. I do not find him in 1920. The son in 1910 was:

Coy Putman born in 1918.

Nina Putman born in January 1886.

William Lovelace Putman born March 22, 1888. In 1920 he is in Dyer County with a wife named Callie M. and a daughter:

Estelle M. Putman born in 1911.

John C. Putman born in May 1890. In 1920, he is in Crockett County, Tennessee living with a D. A. Walker who is his son in law, but it seems his wife has died by then. There was one daughter:

Virginia Putman born in 1912.

Ruth Putman born in March 1895.

SARAH ELIZA PUTMAN born in 1845.

FRANCIS MARION PUTMAN born in March 1848. He was married twice. First he married Mary Frances Estes in McNairy County on February 11, 1868 and then he married Matilda Catherine Patterson in McNairy County on November 18, 1875. Matilda was born in May 1855. They are in McNairy County in 1880 with these children, all males listed by initials only, and in Chester County, Tennessee in 1900 with only Jesse and Eula at home. The children were:

William L. Putman born in November 1869.

W. H. Putman born in 1874.

J. R. Putman born in 1877.

Jesse T. Putman born in May 1880. In 1920 he is in Giles County, Tennessee with a wife named Dovie J. and these children:

James R. Putman born in 1911.

Margaret L. Putman born in 1913.

Eula C. Putman born in March 1885. She was home in 1910 in Chester County and in 1920 was with a John Kennedy in Henderson County, Tennessee.

CHARLES D. PUTMAN born in 1851. He married Rosetta Jane Hodges in McNairy County on November 7, 1870. In the 1880 census of McNairy County, they had two children. In 1900 the family is in Collin County, Texas. For more on this family see the Section on TEXAS PUTMANS. The children were:

William Henderson Putman born in 1871. His wife was Carrie.

Marcus Lafayette Putman born January 16, 1879. In 1900 he is married to Coranette Clementine Brinson, and living next to dad. Cora was born June 1, 1882 and died in Texas January 10, 1966. They were married December 21, 1898. Marcus died November 2, 1950.

Ophelia Elizabeth 'Bessie' Putman born in Tennessee in April 1883 and home in 1900.

Asa D. Putman born May 22, 1887 in Texas. He married Mary Ellen Powers and was in Oklahoma in 1920. He died in Norman, Oklahoma December 24, 1965.

Minnie Putman born in September 1891.

Drucina Putman

She was born about 1812 in North Carolina. She married James R. Martin in Morgan County on February 8, 1831.

Martin Putman

Martin would have been born about 1817 in North Carolina. He lists his birth as Alabama in 1850, but calls it North Carolina thereafter. North Carolina makes the most sense, but it could have been in Morgan County, Alabama as the family moved there about the time of his birth. He is married about 1839 to a woman named Juda. I have no idea as to her maiden name. He will spend his whole adult life in McNairy County, Tennessee.

He first appears in McNairy County, Tennessee being just married to his wife Juda and there are no children yet. In 1850 he is 32 and Juda is 28 and they have five children. In 1860 the same five children are at home and they have added another daughter. By 1870 he is a widower at age 50. I do not find him in 1880, but his kids are still hanging around.

Based on census returns, Martin and Juda's children were:

JOHN F. PUTMAN born in August 1841 in McNairy County, Tennessee. He married Martha E. Lain in McNairy County on December 23, 1866. They are in McNairy County through the 1900 census which is the latest that I have.

LETTITA or TELITHA PUTMAN born in 1843.

ALLEY PUTMAN born in 1845.

HARRIETT E. PUTMAN born in 1847. She married John M. Lawrence in McNairy County on January 27, 1867.

WILLIAM A. PUTMAN born in 1850.

NANCY E. PUTMAN born in 1851.

This family is covered more fully in the section on TENNESSEE PUTMANS.

Ludema Putman

She was 26 in the 1850 census, so she would have been born in Alabama in about 1823. She married John Masters in Lawrence County, Alabama on December 10, 1850.

Nancy Putman

Nancy was born in Morgan County, Alabama on October 15, 1816. She married Jonas Patterson there in the 1840s. She is the daughter listed in the Tennessee CSA Pension file of their son Thomas Martin Patterson. It was in this file that I was able to establish that Sally was Griggs second wife.

Jonas Patterson was born January 23, 1818 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina. He was a son of Wilson Patterson and Charity Walker.

The family moved to McNairy County, Tennessee where the children were born. They then moved to Sevier County, Arkansas, and then later to Sebastian County, Arkansas where both Jonas and Nancy died. Nancy died July 27, 1862 and Jonas died August 5, 1868.

Their children, all born in McNairy County, Tennessee, were:

THOMAS MARTIN PATTERSON born October 18, 1838. He married Winnie Araminta Tillman December 31, 1867. He died in Chester County, Tennessee on May 3, 1924.

ALEXANDER PATTERSON born in 1840. He married Martha Jane Floyd.

SARAH E. PATTERSON born in 1843. She married Lewis M. Fowler.

MARY PATTERSON born in 1845. She married David Thomas.

WILLIAM PATTERSON born in 1847. He married Lavonia Peeples.

JOSEPH PATTERSON born in 1847.

MALINDA PATTERSON born in 1849.

CHARLES PATTERSON born January 14, 1852. He married Cela Graves.

Elizabeth Putman

Elizabeth was 20 in the 1850 census, so she would have been born about 1829 in Morgan County.

She was gone by the 1860 census, but I cannot find a marriage record for her.

James Thomas Putman

According to the 1850 census he was born in about 1832. He doesn't appear in 1860 so may have moved on, or more likely died.