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Howard Mercer Putman

of Calhoun County Alabama

Howard Mercer Putman was born in Monroe County, Kentucky in 1826. He is another son of Hiram and Loamy Putman.

He was first married to Mary Elizabeth Varner, but no one knows when or where or when she died or whatever. His son George Varner Putman was obviously named for her and her family.

He then married Sally Burch, who was the widow of his brother Silas Putman. Sally was a daughter of Reuben Burch and Sarah Pinson. They were both widowed with a couple of kids

In 1850, they are in Benton County (now Calhoun County), Alabama. I next find the family still in Calhoun County in 1860, but in 1870 it appears that both Howard and Sally have just died as the children appear together in Cleburne County, Alabama and the family is headed by the son Silas who is then 21 years old. I understand that he eventually died in Tennessee.

Based on the 1850, 1860 and 1870 census, their children were:

JEAN PUTMAN born in 1840.

JAMES MONROE PUTMAN was born in Alabama March 21, 1842 and died in Bledsoe County, Tennessee on September 4, 1898. He walked from his home in Alabama to Nashville to join the 3rd Tennessee Infantry. He was injured in the battle of Chattanooga. He married Sarah Elizabeth Poe in Bledsoe County on September 25, 1867. They were in Pine Bluff, Arkansas County, Arkansas in 1870, and they returned to Tennessee in 1877 and were there in the 1880. Sarah was widowed there in 1900 - 1920. Kids hung around through the 1920. Sarah was living with her son John in 1920. Based on the census reports, their children were:

John H. (Howard) Putman born in Tennessee in 1869. His wife was Vinnie Mae Blalock. He was an attorney and later a County Judge.

Mary Hester Putman born in Arkansas in 1871. She married Andrew Payne in 1891, and was widowed with her mother in 1900. She later married Elijah Patton.

James Hasten Putman born in Arkansas February 23, 1873. He died in 1896.

Elizabeth Joan Putman born in Arkansas April 25, 1874 and died in 1879.

Gertrude Rhama Putman born in Tennessee September 17, 1879, and died in 1891.

Roscoe George Putman born March 21, 1882. His wife was Sallie E. Humphries. He was a storekeeper and funeral home director. He died in 1951. By 1920, they had:

Mildred W. Putman born in 1907.

Hazel C. Putman born in 1909.

Jack H. Putman born in 1912.

Marvin S. Putman born in 1916. He is not in the 1930 census.

Winnie Samuel Putman born January 9, 1885. His wife was Gertrude L. Patton. He died in 1973. In 1920 and 1930 they had:

Minnie Edith Putman born in 1919.

William Putman born in 1922.

Myrtle Corinna Putman born October 4, 1887 and died in 1984. She married Martin Farmer November 8, 1911.

THOMAS MERCER PUTMAN born in 1843. In 1880 he is in St. Francis County, Missouri and in 1900 he is in St. Louis County, Missouri, and in Chicago in 1920. His wife, born in Missouri, is Serena Cummins. Serena was born March 11, 1855 in Washington County Missouri, a daughter of William Cummins and Susan Long. She died in St. Louis August 18, 1928 at age 73. She was widowed at the time so Thomas had died probably in the early 1920s up in Chicago. Based on these two reports, the children were:

Eva Putman born in about 1876 in Missouri. She was gone by 1900.

Eugene V. Putman born in about 1877 in Missouri. He was at home in 1900. In 1920, he is in Denver, Colorado with a wife named Anna, born in Illinois, and a son:

Eugene Putman, Jr. born in Illinois in 1907.

GEORGE VARNER PUTMAN born in February 1845. He never married and remained in Bledsoe County, Tennessee all his life. In 1880 George and his sister Mary are both there living together. In 1880 George is 35 and Mary 33 both born in Alabama. In 1900 George is 55 and living with his now married and widowed sister Mary Childers 53 AL. In 1920, he is living with his 'niece' Liddy Childers White and her husband Lem White still in Bledsoe County, Tennessee.

MARY PUTMAN was born August 18, 1846 in Calhoun County, Alabama. She died January 1, 1918 in Sequatchie County, Tennessee. She had one child 'out of wedlock, father unknown,' Franklin in 1866. She later married James Childress, and had two daughters. She was widowed by 1900 and was then living with her brother George. Then it gets interesting. Mary's death certificate says her folks were John and Elizabeth Varner. So, maybe she was kinda illegitimate herself with Howard's wife have a little affair, or maybe she was adopted. Just don't know, but she never appears with Howard's family in any census report. Her children were:

Franklin Varner Putman born June 17, 1865. He married Arminta Elvira Childers in 1866. In 1900 he is in Bledsoe County and in 1910 in Sequatchie County, Tennessee and in 1920 and 1930 in Marion County, Tennessee. He died in Marion County June 5, 1945. Minta was a daughter of Andrew Jackson Childers and Sarah Brock. She was born July 21, 1873 and died in Chattanooga January 17, 1956. They had these children:

Eula A. Putman born December 9, 1888 and died March 4, 1929. She married Howell G. Killmore on September 19, 1907. They lived in Marion County.

Dilla May Putman born February 24, 1892 and died June 6, 1969 in Sequatchie County. She married James William Powell October 19, 1911 in Sequatchie County where they lived the rest of their lives.

Andrew Jackson Putman born February 7, 1893 and died in Mason County, Ohio September 30, 1948. He married Belle Hamilton November 2, 1916 in Marion County.

Floyd McKinley Putman born July 27, 1896 in Bledsoe County and died in February 1966 in Maury County. He married Cassie Reeves there. Cassie was born in Giles County in 1900 and died in Columbia, Maury County in 1971. He was a general farmer. They were in Giles County in 1930 with these kids:

Dimples Putman a daughter of course born in 1921.

Mahlon Putman a son born in 1924.

Paul Putman born in 1927. I believe he married Joanne Hill. She was

born May 9, 1927 and died in Maury County March 16, 1973.

James Kenneth Putman was born May 22, 1902 and died in Cincinnati, Ohio February 21, 1987. He first married Gertrude Lawrence and then Dorothy Daly.

Raymond Putman was born May 6, 1904 and died in 1930. He married Amanda McCurry November 26, 1919 in Marion County.

Blanche Putman was born April 2, 1905 and died September 17, 1998 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She married George Erwin in 1908.

Fanny Putman born in May 1870 and died young.

Hester Childress born April 30, 1882 and died August 25, 1911. She married Charles Fulton DeBord November 26, 1899.

Lydia Myrtle Childress born May 5, 1884 and died in Blount County March 5, 1950. She married Lemuel White. They later moved to Blount County, Tennessee.

SILAS MERCER PUTMAN born in 1848. He married Harriett Jane Alexander and they were also in Grayson County, Texas in 1880. His sister Sarah was with them. Children in 1880 were:

Emeline Putman born in 1868.

Thomas Mercer Putman born in 1878. He is in the Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma in 1900 and in Haskell County, Oklahoma in 1910 and 1920. His wife was Ida May Holbert or Colbert. They were married in Indian Territory March 31, 1899. They had these children:

May Putman born in 1900.

Minnie Lee Putman born January 15, 1901. She married Dee Arnold and later Homer David Osborn. Minnie died January 11, 1978.

Oliver James Putman born in 1903. He married Ruby Eulula Choat. He was hit by a car in 1944 and died of those injuries May 23, 1945.

Herman Putman born May 15, 1907. He married Lottie Frair in Oklahoma.

Lena Putman born in 1912.

TEXAS PUTMAN born in 1852. She married Daniel Berry.

SIMEON F. PUTMAN born in November 1852. He married Maria Alexander and they were in Grayson County, Texas in 1880. He was widowed in 1900 in Cooke County, Texas. In 1910 he has a wife named Fanny L., and in 1920 he is still in Cooke County but alone at age 67. Then she is back with him in 1930 when he is 77 and 'retired.' Children were:

Maggie Putman born in 1874.

Virgil A. Putman born June 11, 1880 and died in Shawnee, Oklahoma November 15, 1913. He was married to an Ada who was born in Texas January 31, 1879 and died in Shawnee May 28, 1975. She never married again and was widowed in Shawnee in the 1920 and 1930 censuses.

Almon Love Putnam born January 2, 1883 in Texas and died in Shawnee, Oklahoma September 21, 1964. He married Pearl Arnhart. Pearl was born October 30, 1892 and died in Shawnee on November 20, 1961. As of 1930 they had:

Jack Wiley Putnam born May 23, 1920 and died in Shawnee September 3, 2003. He married Jerenne Betts, a daughter of Edgar Earl Betts and Estelle French. She was born May 7, 1922 and died January 22, 2005. They were married in Shawnee, Oklahoma August 16, 1947.

Billie Putnam born in 1928.

Willie Putman a daughter born in January 1885.

HARVEY PUTMAN born in November 1855. He will be in Cooke County, Texas in 1880. In 1900, he is in the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma with a wife named Mattie (who was married to a Rush guy before) from Missouri. In 1910, he is married to Jane Reeves from Texas, and is in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma along with his brother Hawkins. There were no children then. Both brothers are gone somewhere by 1920.

JOHN PUTMAN born in 1857.

HAWKINS PUTMAN born in February 1859. In 1900, he is in the Chickasaw Nation Oklahoma with a wife named Maggie from Texas, and had these daughters at the time. The census says they were married 16 years, and Maggie had 8 kids and 3 were living. In 1910, he is alone and boarding in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma at age 51.

Allie Putman Graham her married name, born in Texas in 1878.

Bessie Putman born in Arkansas in 1886.

Altiera Putman born in Arkansas in 1889.

MARGARET PUTMAN born in 1861. She was in Grayson County, Texas in 1880.

SARAH PUTMAN born in 1864. She was in Texas in 1880.

EMIL BURCH PUTMAN born in 1869 in Alabama and died in Shawnee Oklahoma in 1952. He married Lillian King and they were in Oklahoma by the early 1900s. Lillian was born in Texas in 1878 and died in Shawnee in 1956. They were in Shawnee in 1910 and 1920 and in Oklahoma City in the 1930, the obviously back to Shawnee where they are buried. Based on Census info the kids were:

Mildred Putman born in 1899. She was home in 1910 and married or somewhere by 1920.

Gayle Edward Putman born in 1902. In 1930 he is married to Naomi and they are in Oklahoma City.

Ruth Ann Putman born in 1907. In 1930 she is married to Virgil Parrick and they are in Oklahoma City living with her folks.