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# John Calhoun Putman

## South Carolina to Blount County Alabama

John was a son of William Putman and Dulcybella Watkins. He was born in Laurens County, South Carolina about 1808.

He married Nancy Ellen Garrett about 1837, and they were in the 1840 census of Laurens County. In 1850 they are in Blount County, Alabama where he is 41, Nancy 37 and they had their first five children.

By 1860 things went a tad downhill for John. Instead of listing himself as a farmer, he listed as a day laborer and his two oldest sons, Reuben and Henry, were working on a neighbor's farm. But, he had two more children by then.

In 1870 he is still in Blount County, Alabama with a farm again and one more daughter. In 1880 he is still in the county at age 66 and Nancy is 60.

I assume they died by 1900, as they were not in that census. Their children were:

**HENRY PUTMAN** born in 1838 in South Carolina. He joined the 29 Alabama Infantry in September of 1862 and died June 3, 1864. He is buried in Cold Water the Virginia National Cemetery.

**SUSAN PUTMAN** born in 1842 in South Carolina. She married James W. Abbott August 3, 1876 in Blount County. She may have married twice as there is also a marriage record in Blount County for a Susan Putman and Reuben W. Stearns on December 24, 1882.

**REUBEN IRA PUTMAN** born February 17, 1844 in the Laurens District of South Carolina. He served in the 29<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry along with his older brother Henry. He married Mary Lou Kelly from Georgia on April 20, 1865. They were in Blount County through the 1900 census. He died September 7, 1908. In 1910, Mary Lou was living with her son James Louis Putman. Mary Lou was still with James Louis in 1920. Reuben's birth and death dates come from his tombstone in Mount Taber Cemetery in Blount County. But, I have another source that states he was born December 14, 1840. Mary Lou is buried in the same cemetery and her stone reads that she was born November 21, 1843 and died February 16, 1921. A relative believes that Mary Lou was part Indian (her mother full blooded Cherokee). Reuben served in the Confederate Army in Alabama from November 1861 until 1865 when the War ended. Based on the various census returns and other info, their children were:

**Henry Andrew Putman** born in January 1869. He married Martha Ballew (Ballou) in Blount County on November 14, 1886. I do not find them after 1900. In 1900 they had:

**William Wesley Putman** born May 4, 1888. He was in Blount County in 1917 to register for the draft, but I do not find him or the folks in any census after 1900.

**Margaret L. Putman** born in 1870.

**Nancy Ann Putman** born in 1873.

**John Calhoun Putman** born in April 1876. In 1900 his wife is Leanna Gill and they are in Blount County. In 1910 and 1920 they are in Cullman County, Alabama and she calls herself Susan Leanna. He is in Birmingham in the 1930 census with his two youngest, but no Susan. Children through 1930 were:

**Athea L. Putman** born in 1901.

**Inez H. Putman** born in 1903.

**Willie May Putman** born in 1905.

**Luina M. Putman** born in 1907.

**Kyle Lane Putman** born April 27, 1911 and died in Louisville, Kentucky March 31, 1986. He married Jewell Elise Door and they were in Louisville, Kentucky in 1940.

**Martin Stuart Putman** born November 27, 1915 and died February 10, 1916.

**Mary Eileen Putman** born in 1917.

**William Ira Putman** born March 14, 1879. He was in Etowah County in 1900 through 1930. He married Margaret (Maggie) Riley in Etowah County on September 6, 1903. He died August 13, 1963. The children through 1930 were:

**James H. Putman** born in 1907.

**Frederick Putman** born in 1909. He has a wife Hazel in Gadsden, Etowah County in 1940 and will die in Laurens County Georgia July 31, 1989.

**Mabel Putman** born in 1913.

**James Louis Putman** born July 24, 1881, and died July 21, 1959. His wife was Bessie Moore was born September 15, 1889 and died July 16, 1979. They were in Blount County in 1910 through the 1930. Children till then were:

**Cecil E. Putman** born July 2, 1908 and died in March 1981. He is still home in 1930.

**Oltra Putman** a daughter born in 1914.

**Basil V. Putman** born March 8, 1917 and died in January 1974. He is married to Dorothy 8 years younger than him in 1940 they are in Pascagoula, Mississippi and he works in a shipyard there.

**Gordon Roy Putman** born in September 1918.

**Catherine Putman** born in 1924.

**Wessie J. Putman**, a daughter, born August 3, 1883 and died October 30, 1929.

Actually her full name was Wessie Josie Jane Fanny Elizabeth Putman. A relative remembers that she had all these names as she was the last child, and they still had a lot of names selected for more kids if they had them. She married Warner A. Harper. Their children were:

**Thelma Mildred Harper** born December 1, 1899 and died in 1992. She married a Mayo.

**Otis Harper** born March 3, 1902.

**Rodney William Harper** born May 15, 1904.

**Flora Vilma Harper** born July 17, 1908 and died in 1980. She married Sherman K. Dial.

**Reuben Hobson Harper** born March 17, 1910 and died in 1976. His wife was named Dixie.

**George Wilbon Harper** born March 2, 1912 and died in 1967. He married Clint Moore.

**Howard Underwood Harper** born October 31, 1913 and died in 1986.

**Lewis Henry Harper** born April 28, 1915 and died in 2000.

**Mirta Mae Harper** born and died June 8, 1917.

**Mary Grace Harper** born November 19, 1921 and alive in 2001. She married Oves Barto Newman.

**DULCEBEL PUTMAN** born in Alabama April 5, 1847. Dulcy married Isom H. Chamblee January 10, 1883. Isom was born March 6, 1853 and died March 12, 1904 in Blount County. Dulcy died there August 4, 1921. They had one child:

**William Yancey Chamblee** born October 5, 1885 and died February 3, 1925. He married Kitty Viola Webb about 1900 in Blount County.

**JOHN WESLEY PUTMAN** born in January 1848 in Alabama. He married Milly Angeline Holly January 19, 1871. They remained in Blount County, Alabama through the 1900 census report. In 1900, his wife is listed as Mary Jane age 45. In 1910 and 1920 she is listed as Milde A. so must all be the same gal. In 1920 he was listed as 70 and she at 65. He died October 15, 1921. Children, based on the census data were:

**Richard Lander Putman** born October 18, 1870, and died January 5, 1944. In 1900, he had a wife named Charlotte Harris and two young daughters. She was born in May 1871 and died November 24, 1925. Both are buried in Mt. Taber Cemetery, the info comes from their stones. They were here through the 1920 census. In 1930, he is in Marshall County with a new wife Ida E. who was married to a Harmon before and had a 10 year old daughter with her. Looks like he just deserted all his kids as in 1930 they are all still in Blount County. The children were:

**Irene Putman** born in 1896.

**Dinna 'Dixie' Putman** born in 1900.

**Bonnie Putman** born November 7, 1905 and died November 10, 1982.

**Cecil Braxton Putman** born July 7, 1908, and died in Birmingham March 10, 1996. He has a wife Estelle in 1930, and they have been married for 2 years. They had a son Braxton H. born February 4, 1931 and died in Birmingham February 8, 1999.

**Woodrow L. Putman** born in 1913.

**Vernon James Putman** born June 1, 1916, and died April 24, 1942 in WW II.

**Louella Putman** born in July 1884. She is home in 1920.

**Arthur J. Putman** born in September 1890. I don't find him after 1900.

**Matilda Putman** born in 1892. She was at home in 1910 and then off and married I guess.

**JAMES E. PUTMAN** born in Alabama in 1851. He married Eliza Alice Rutherford on November 8, 1877. They remained in Blount County through 1920 when he was 68 and Eliza 59. Eliza is widowed here in 1930 and 1940. The children were:

**Viola Lee Putman** born in August 1879.

**Edna L. Putman** born in December 1883.

**Lula J. Putman** born in November 1885.

**Bertie Mae Putman** born in August 1887. She married John D. Abercrombie January 16, 1904.

**Percy Lee Grant Putman** born May 10, 1892 in Blount County, and died in May 1979 in Hanceville, Cullman County Alabama. His wife was Mary Ethel Alldredge. She was born February 10, 1894 and died in Hanceville in January 1980.

**Carter E. Putman** born July 4, 1913 and died June 1984.

**James D. Putman** born in 1916. He is married to Era Lucille in Garden City, Cullman County in 1940. He died in Cullman County August 3, 1950.

**Wyatt Heflin Putman** born September 28, 1916 and died July 26, 1993 in Hanceville, Cullman County. He married Gwendolyn Webb. She was a daughter of Arthur Webb and Lena Nuss. She died January 20, 2012 at age 89.

**Edith Christine Putman** born January 25, 1918. She died in Cullman County September 14, 1951. She first married Floyd Johnston and later Maurice Webb. Christine is the woman who filed a paternity suit against the Governor of Alabama, Big Jim Folsom. You can read about it on the internet or a book called *A New Life to Live* by William Bradford Huey. Her son with Big Jim was young Jimmy. Christine died of post-partial complications and Juimmy was raised by her folks Percy and Mary Ethel.

**Mary Eleanor Putman** born February 24, 1924 and died January 5, 2002. She married Billy D. Pichelmayer.

**Joseph Alldredge Putman** born September 23, 1927 and died in December 1986. He married Ruth Anna Eichorn. She was a German who he met while stationed there in WWII. He was a funeral director and his wife is still alive in 2015. They had two children:

**Michael Lee Putman** born in 1951 and a physician in Decatur.

**Jo Anne Putman** born in 1955. She is a nurse practitioner and the one who gave me all this info on Joe's family.

**James Rufus Putman** born December 15, 1895, and died July 17, 1970 in Blountsville, Blount County. He was home in 1920 and married by 1924 to Eva E. She was born August 9, 1903 and died in January 1978 in Blountsville. They were in Gum Springs, Blount County in 1930 and 1940. Children as of 1940 were:

**James Ray Putman** born July 8, 1925 and died in Blountsville April 27, 1997.

**Betty Jean Putman** born September 27, 1929 and died April 14, 1974. She married Ray Posey.

**William Bruce Putman** born December 2, 1933 and died in Blountsville December 13, 2003.

**Jeanette Putman** born July 3, 1936 and died January 3, 2004.

**Robert Frank Putman** born December 12, 1897. Home in 1910 and gone in 1920. He registered for the WWI Draft in Birmingham and said he was married to Lois McMurray and they lived there. He was working for the railroad at the time. He must have died as his son Wayne is living with his grandparents Michael and Unice McMurray in Baldwin County Alabama. He is with another McMurray family in Escambia County Florida in 1935 and then married to Olene or Ilene Holcombe in Lewis County Missouri in 1940.

**Clitus F. Putman** born in December 1899. Not listed in 1910.

**Marie Putman** born in 1904. Home in 1920 and 1930. By 1940 she was married to Joe Ballard in Gum Springs and her mother, then 79, was with them.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTMAN** born in Alabama in 1853. He married Dicy Jane Sandlin in Blount County January 15, 1874. They had one daughter in 1880. I do not find them in 1900, but their son George Junior is in Texas living with his maternal grandfather. I would assume that both he and Dicy had died by 1900. The two children with Dicy were:

**Dellah Putman** born in 1876. She married J. W. Woods in Somervell County, Texas on September 22, 1897.

**George Putman** born November 4, 1881. In 1900 he is in Somervell County, Texas

living with his grandfather, Joseph Sandlin. In 1910 he is in Bosque County, Texas and in 1920 in Johnson County, Texas. He has a wife named Margie, born in Texas in 1883 and one son:

**Roy B. Putman** born in Oklahoma in 1903-1904.

**SARAH ANN PUTMAN** born August 14, 1857 in Alabama. She married William Chamblee in 1878 in Blount County. He was born in Alabama about 1849-1850. I don't know when he died, but Sarah Ann died in Blount County January 1, 1930. They had:

**Flora Chamblee** born about 1878.

**Jason Horace Chamblee** born in Alabama August 10, 1881 and died in Gadsden, Etowah County Alabama December 16, 1954. He married Susie Mae Broughton January 19, 1911 in Walker County. She was born in Alabama October 6, 1895 and died in Gadsden July 31, 1965. They had six children. See the family group sheet on Ancestry.com <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/45113562> for the kids.

**Cossey B. Chamblee** a son born in July 1883. He was in Starr County Texas still single in 1920. He was a soldier in the U. S. Army at Fort Ringgold then.

**Claude Chamblee** born about 1885.

**Arthur E. Chamblee** born October 25, 1890 and died in Alabama in May 1963. His wife was Dora P. and they had a son Arthur born in 1913.

**Herman T. Chamblee** born in December 1892. He was home in 1910 and probably went to WWI.

**Peresy Chamblee** a daughter born in April 1895.

**Graden Cecil Chamblee** born February 11, 1898.

**JOSEPHINE PUTMAN** born in Alabama September 9, 1861. She married William M. Rutherford in Blount County on June 16, 1881. He was born December 24, 1859 in Blount County Alabama and died there November 10, 1910. Josie died in Cullman, Blount County August 9, 1954. They had 7 kids:

**Samuel Rutherford** born in May 1884.

**John Frederick Rutherford** born July 10, 1887 and died February 22, 1962 in Montgomery, Alabama. He married Martha Travis.

**Henry Clint Rutherford** born November 22, 1887.

**Claude Rutherford** born in February 1893.

**Grace E. Rutherford** born in July 1895.

**Elmer Nathan Rutherford** born February 5, 1899 and died in Birmingham, Alabama February 16, 1965. His wife was Lilly.

**Thomas Ellis Rutherford** born July 9, 1908 and die in Blount County March 7, 1979. He married Naomi Ratliff July 4, 1926. She was born July 19, 1910 in Missouri and died November 16, 1992. They had two children.