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# Samuel R. Putman

## of Limestone & Madison Counties Alabama

He is a son of Bazell Putman. Sam was born October 6, 1832 in Tennessee. He married Mary Ann Call in Lawrence County Tennessee on June 21, 1852. Mary Ann was born October 6, 1833 in Tennessee. He was in Giles County Tennessee in 1870 along with his father and brother. I do not find them in either Tennessee or Alabama in 1880. In 1900 he was in Limestone County Alabama.

In 1910, Samuel is 77 years old and living in Madison County with his eldest son Emmet Putman and that family. Samuel died in Madison County (possibly Limestone County) on September 6, 1914. His wife Mary Putman age 76 in Madison County in 1910 is living with her daughter Nancy and her husband G. John Erwin. Mary Ann died May 6, 1913 in Madison County Alabama. They are buried in the Pettusville Cemetery.

Based on the 1870 and 1900 census data and a few guesses, the children included:

**EMMETT MILES PUTMAN** born in 1854 in Tennessee. In 1880 he is in Giles County Tennessee with his wife Mary Jane Gardner and five children. In 1910 they are in Madison County Alabama. In 1920 he is widowed and living with his son Jack (John) in Madison County. He is with his married daughter Sallie in Limestone County in 1930 at age 84. Based on these census reports, I guess the children to be:

**Lewis F. Putman** born in Tennessee August 20, 1870. He died in Limestone County on January 30, 1893. I do not believe he married.

**Jane Putman** born in Tennessee in 1873.

**John Putman** born in Tennessee in 1874. In 1920 he is in Madison County with a wife named Milly born in 1900 in Texas. She is obviously a second wife as at the time he had:

**Larkin Putman** born in 1900 in Alabama.

**Ruby Putman** born in 1903 in Alabama.

**James Thomas Putman** born in Tennessee March 8, 1877. He married Lee Alexander in Limestone County on April 20, 1898. They must have divorced shortly thereafter or split, as he was single and boarding in Limestone County near his grandfather Sam. He then married Viola M. Brown in about 1906, and they moved to Texas. She was born in Morgan County Alabama about 1880 and died there April 12, 1954. They are in Hunt County Texas in 1910. In 1920 and 1930 he is back in Limestone County with Viola and then in 1940 he, Viola and three sons are over the line in Bolivar County Mississippi. Then .... In 1940 the son Lifford is listed with his dad in Bolivar County and also as a 'stepson' of Letha White a few miles away in Bolivar County. So she is most likely Letha or Lee Alexander Jim's first wife but not the mommy of Lifford whose mom Viola was his dad's second wife. Based on census records, they had these children:

**Emma Putman** born in 1908.

**Carrie R. Putman** born in Alabama in 1909.

**Lester Noah Putman** born in Texas March 24, 1910. In 1930 he has a wife Emma Lee Burns and a daughter Helen. They are in Elkmont, Limestone County. They

are in Sunflower County Mississippi in 1940 and also have a son Harris by then. He died in Midland, Texas in December 1984.

**James Thomas Putman Jr.** born in Alabama in 1913.

**Lifford Lee Putman** born in Alabama June 5, 1918. He died in West Carroll County Louisiana August 30, 2004. He married Emma Louise Myers in West Carroll County March 24, 1945.

**Yate Wallace Putman** a son born in 1920, and died in West Carroll County Louisiana June 17, 1998.

**Edward Putman** born in 1924.

**Lillie Putman** born in Tennessee March 13, 1878. She married Eugene White in Limestone County on April 24, 1898.

**Andrew Jackson Putman** born in Tennessee May 15, 1873. He married Ella Mae White on April 3, 1898. They had three children. She must have died around 1904, and Andrew was at home in 1910. The children listed as grandchildren here in 1910 and 1920. Andrew has remarried in 1920, but the two youngest kids are still with Emmett, and Boss or Boaz is married. The children were:

**Boss or Boaz Putman** Boaz is a railroad term for boss. Anyway, he was born in 1899. In 1920 he is in Madison County with a wife named Lessie and a daughter named Hazel.

**Melvin Putman** born December 18, 1902. He married Georgia Mae Eaves on July 6, 1924. They are in Elkmont in 1930 and 1940. He died in Wayne County Michigan April 7, 1988. I think he will marry Annie Lou McWhirter August 17, 1944. She was born in Morgan County Alabama March 6, 1912 and will die in Grand Rapids, Michigan December 9, 1979.

**Marie Putman** born in 1904.

Andrew was with his dad in 1910 and then married Millie Mae Downs and was in Madison County in 1920 and Morgan County in 1930 and 1940. A sheet shows he was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee May 15, 1893 and will die in Natchez, Mississippi October 15, 1959. Millie is a daughter of David Downs and was born in May 1891 and will die in Natchez January 1, 1956. They had these kids from her prior marriage:

**Larkin Putman** born in 1900 in Texas

**Ruby Putman** born in 1903 in Alabama.

**Henry Putman** born in Alabama in 1886. He is home in 1910 and gone in 1920.

**George Putman** born in Tennessee August 5, 1886 and died in Huntsville, Alabama February 11, 1935. He is home with his dad in 1910 in Madison County. In 1920 and 1930 they are in Athens, Limestone County. His wife was Mary Spurlock who was born in Tennessee in 1892 and died in Huntsville June 18, 1860. They had these children:

**Ernest Putman** born in 1908. In 1930 he is married to Laura M. and they have James and Marvin.

**Flossie Putman** born in 1910. Her boyfriend murdered her in 1937 at age 27. Don't have his name though.

**Lucille Putman** born in 1916.

**Dorkus Putman** a daughter born in 1917.

**Willie D. Putman** born in 1920.

**Alvis L. Putman** a son born in 1921.

**Sherman Putman** born in 1923.

**E. P. Putman** a son born in 1924.

**George E. Putman** born in 1926.

**Bessie Louise Putman** born January 26, 1928 in Tennessee and died in Decatur, Morgan County Alabama May 25, 1978. She married William Henry Mason in Athens, Alabama June 16, 1947. He was born May 15, 1926 in Athens and died in Decatur, Alabama August 31, 1978.

**Mary Ellen Putman** born in 1929.

**Sallie Putman** born in 1891. She married Arthur Fish when she was 15 years old and they lived in Sand Springs, Limestone County. Her widowed dad was with them in 1930. At that time they had:

**Arthur Fish** born in 1914.

**Woodrow Fish** born in 1916.

**RICHARD P. PUTMAN** born August 15, 1856 and died April 2, 1947. He married Palmira Pluten in Giles County Tennessee on December 24, 1887. She was born October 6, 1859 and died January 14, 1931. In 1900 she is listed as Mira so not certain which name is right. In fact her tombstone reads Myrie, but in 1930 she used Palmira. In 1940 Dick was married to a Frances born in Alabama in 1967. In 1900 and 1910 he was in Limestone County Alabama near his folks and had these children:

**Lulu Putman** born in Tennessee in September 1888.

**Samuel Putman** born in Alabama October 1, 1890 and died June 2, 1979. His wife Evelyn Davy was born March 14, 1889 and died November 6, 1974. They lived in Elkmont, Limestone County. Children through 1940 were:

**Lessie Putman** born in 1913.

**Ollie Putman** a son born in 1916. Missing in 1930.

**Virginia Putman** born in 1917. Not shown in 1920, may be the Ollie shown in 1930?

**Jewel Putman** born in 1918.

**Pauline Putman** born in 1922.

**Cora A. Putman** born in 1926.

**Samuel Putman Jr.** born in 1928.

**George Putman** born in 1930.

**WILLIAM GEORGE PUTMAN** born, according to his tombstone, August 30, 1866 and died in Athens on November 11, 1929. He was killed in a dynamite explosion while working on a highway construction project. He is in Limestone County in 1910 and in Madison County in 1920. He married Mary Lee 'Lizzie' Hill in Limestone County on August 7, 1890. Lizzie was born in Tennessee in 1873. She is widowed in Limestone County in 1930. Based on census reports and info from a descendent, their children were:

**Estel Putman** born in Tennessee in 1891. She married Arzie Slayton.

**Pleasant William Emmett Putman** born in Tennessee April 7, 1892. In 1920 he is in Madison County with a wife named Laura Ellen Hollingsworth. She was born February 24, 1900. Both died in Toledo, Ohio, Emmett on December 5, 1961 and Laura on May 5, 1956. In 1920 they had two children, the others are from a descendent:

**Aradia M. Putman** born May 17, 1916 and died February 15, 1988. She married Charles Thomas Holt. He was born in Alabama May 10, 1914 and died in Toledo, Ohio August 4, 1982.

**Ozell Eva Putman** born in 1918. She married Robert T. McGraw.

**Aretha Rebecca Putman** born in 1921. She married Luther T. Cochran.

**James Reuben Putnam** born January 4, 1924 and died in 1987. He married Mary Lee Thomas.

**William Thomas Putman** born in 1930 and died 1986. He married Reba Dean Davis.

**Gene Paul Putman** born October 27, 1932 and died February 7, 2000 in Giles County Tennessee. He married Luthene Bassham.

**Peggy Ann Putman** born in 1938. She married William E. Fizer.

**James Edward Putman** born July 28, 1898. In the WWI registration of 1917 he lists his wife as Lucy, but I do not find them in 1920. A relative states her name was Lucy Lee Powers. Their tombstones indicate she was Lucy Harmon born December 6, 1898 and died September 18, 1974. Ed died November 20, 1951.

**Luther Gilbert Putman** born April 11, 1901 and will die in Ashland City, Tennessee April 15, 1976. He married Lydia in Giles County Tennessee September 6, 1919. They were in Athens, Limestone County in 1930 and Nashville, Tennessee by 1935. Lydia was born in Alabama February 28, 1903 and will die there October 2, 1958.

they have:

**Mabel Putman** born in 1921.

**Stella Putman** born in 1924.

**Magdalene Putman** born in 1925.

**William Putman** born in 1927.

**Luther Putman** born in 1930.

**Marie Putman** born in 1932.

**Diane Putman** born in 1934.

**Ann Putman** born in 1936.

**Naomi Putman** born in 1903 and died in 1988. She married Adolph Ulrich.

**Grover C. Putman** born July 3, 1905 and died March 12, 1951 according to his tombstone. He married Flonnie West.

**William Woodward Putman** born in 1908. He married Ethella Lorraine Tilley. They are in Henry County Virginia in 1940.

**Fanny Putman** born in 1910. She first married Jesse Anglin and then Snooks Harrell.

**Emma Putman** born in 1913. She married Nolan Steele and then Olin Dudley.

**Clemmie Putman** a son born in 1913, twins I guess.

**John Lester Putman** born in 1916. He married Sara Jane Boyd. He is single in Henry County Virginia in 1940 living with his brother Willie.

**NANCY PUTMAN** born in 1865. She married G. John Ervin in 1885. In 1910, her widowed mother Mary Ann then 76 was living with her.

**MALINDA 'MILLY' PUTMAN** born in 1867-1868. She married Henry Pendergrass in Limestone County on April 11, 1889. It seems she died soon, as Henry married Janis Dugger on May 18, 1893.

**SAMUEL PUTMAN** born in 1869. He married Annie Daly on December 25, 1892 in Limestone County Alabama. They were there through the 1920 census, and in Dyersburg, Dyer County Tennessee in 1930 and 1940. Children to that point were:

**Mattie Putman** born in Alabama in June 1894. She married Jim Willard and in 1930 they were with her folks in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

**Richard Putman** born in Alabama May 1, 1897. His wife was Nina Florence Pilot. They were in Limestone County in 1930 and Dyersburg, Tennessee in 1940. He will die there in Dyersburg in January 1974. They had these kids.

**Minnie Putman** born in 1918.

**Annie M. Putman** born in 1921. She married Roy King. She died March 14, 2008 in Dyersburg.

**Mattie Putman** born in 1923. She married a Donaldson.

**George S. Putman** born in 1925.

**James Putman** born in Tennessee in 1926.

**Marvin Putman** born in 1930.

**Elias Putman** born in Tennessee August 25, 1900.

**Emma Putman** born in Alabama in 1901.

**Ethel Putman** born in Alabama in 1904.

**Earl Putman** born in 1905. In 1930 he is in Elkmont, and has a wife Bessie and these children:

**Lena M. Putman** born in 1924.

**Christine Putman** born in 1925.

**Earl Putman Jr.** born March 24, 1928. Based on an obituary for Earlie Jr. the family will soon move over the line into Tennessee and then young Earl will move to Michigan and spend the rest of his life there. He will die in Lansing October 2, 2011.

**George Putman** born in 1909.

**Julia Putman** born in 1912.

**Clarence Putman** born in 1914.

**Virginia Putman** born in 1917.

**ELIZABETH PUTMAN** born in 1881. She is still at home in 1900. She may or may not be a daughter, but was listed with the family in 1900. Not certain here.