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BENNETT PUTMAN

Fulton County Illinois to Washington County Arkansas

Bennett Putman was a son of Reding Putman Senior. He was born in Fulton County Illinois on December 16, 1825. Like the other children, he went to Arkansas with his parents, but he was gone by the 1850 census in Arkansas.

It seems he returned to Canton in Fulton County Illinois in the 1840s, as he does appear in the 1850 Illinois Census along with his wife, Susannah M. Effner, who he married in Fulton County on March 10, 1846, and a young son, Reding, six months old. His occupation was listed as being a Physician. I also understand he was a minister or deacon of the Baptist Church.

He must have returned to Illinois in the mid 1840s. It was here in Fulton County that he married Susan. Young Reding was born in Illinois in 1849.

Bennett's wife Susan died sometime in the early 1850s and he remarried to Martha Ann 'Mattie' Burckhalter. They were married in Jasper County Iowa on September 29, 1857. Mattie was a daughter of Cason and Jane Burckhalter, and was born in Indiana in 1837.

His son Douglas was born in Illinois in 1852. He was living in Iowa at least by 1857, as his third child, Fanny Ann was born in Iowa in that year.

He seems to then have moved back to Arkansas, as there was a Bennett Putman in Washington County Arkansas in the Springdale area in the late 1860s. A Bennett F. Putman and the Reverend John Holcomb opened a general store in 1869. Later this Bennett Putman was the first postmaster in Springdale (1876-1879).

The Springdale Baptist Church was founded in 1870 and a B. Putman was listed as an Elder and then a Reverend. There was a Fanny A. Putman listed in the original congregation. Bennett Putman must have then returned to Washington County sometime in the mid 1860s.

The 1850 Illinois Census lists Bennett and a wife Susan with a 6 month old son Redding. There was a Reding Putman who married Dortha F. White in Washington County on July 13, 1871. If this is the same Reding, his age of 21 would be about right for marriage.

The 1860 Iowa census shows Bennett (listed as a physician) and his family living in Elk Creek township of Jasper County. He is 34, his wife Martha Ann, 23 and born in Indiana. Reding was 10, Douglas 8 and Fanny A. was 3 years old. In this census both Douglas and Fanny are shown as being born in Iowa, but other records indicate Douglas was born in Illinois. I do not know for certain.

The 1870 Census of Clearwater Township, Washington County Arkansas shows Bennett Putman, 44, born in Illinois, his wife, M.A. (Martha Ann), 34, born in Indiana, F.A. (Fanny Ann), 13, born in Iowa and Horace, 9 and born in Iowa as well.

Living next door to Bennett Putman is Douglas Putman age 18 and born in Illinois. His wife, M.J., was 23 and born in Arkansas. There is a marriage record of Douglas Putman marrying

Martha Milinix in 1869 in Washington County.

Also living next door in Clearwater is our old friend John Holcomb, age 72 from North Carolina and next to him, his son Joseph Holcomb, age 45. I next find him in the 1880 census of Rice County Kansas with Martha and Horace, Effa and Alice at home. His son Douglas is in neighboring Marion County Kansas with his family.

Based on census and other bits and pieces, his children seem to be:

REDING PUTMAN was born in Fulton County Illinois in December 1848. He married Dorthea White in Washington County Arkansas July 13, 1871. They were in Rice County Kansas in 1880 with these four children. Reding then seems to have moved back to Arkansas and settled in Crawford County. There he married his second wife Charlotte T. Clark on June 11, 1893. Charlotte was born in Ohio in January 1843. They were in Lamar County Texas in the 1900 Census, but some of his children were still in Arkansas in that 1900 census. In 1910 they are in Runnels County Texas. In 1920 he and Charlotte are in Madison County Arkansas at ages 70 and 76 living with their daughter Maggie White. There is a headstone in Forum, Madison County Giving his 'stats as born December 23, 1853 (1848) and died March or May 1929 and she born January 26, 1846 (1843) and died January 24, 1924. Very hard to read. The children I can figure out are:

Maggie Lenora Putman born May 2, 1872 in Arkansas. She married James Monroe White February 26, 1888, and lived in Forum, Madison County Arkansas. James was born April 21, 1865 and died in Washington County June 23, 1963 Her father and stepmother were with them in 1920 in Madison County. She died there April 2, 1941. They had ten children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-67976760> has a family tree with several generations on it. The kids were:

Effie Lucinda White born January 29, 1889 and died in Springdale, Benton County Arkansas January 23, 1956. She married John Milton Hancock May 12, 1912. He was born February 28, 1891 in Springdale and died there January 23, 1952. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181292>

Bertha M. White born February 21, 1891 and died in Madison County January 25, 1974. She married Charles W. Moppin. He was born December 5, 1880. They had six children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181295>

Walter William White born April 29, 1893 and died in Forum March 17, 1975. He married Martha Parker about 1913. She was born in Arkansas in about 1895 and died in Huntsville, New Jersey March 13, 1974. They had seven children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181298>

Charles Jefferson White born June 2, 1895. He married Pearl and they had six children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181299>

Harlie Daniel White born September 10, 1897 and died in Huntsville, Madison County Arkansas January 18, 1990. He married Nancy Isabelle Ames in October 1914 in Madison County Arkansas. She was born March 29, 1891 in Carroll County Arkansas and died in Huntsville February 12, 1968. They had eight children through 1930 <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181300>

Alva Otto White born November 19, 1899 in Washington County and died in Huntsville, Madison County June 11, 1972. He married Nancy Louisa Moppin. She was born March 11, 1911 in Arkansas and died in Huntsville November 23, 1979. They had five children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547181301>

Dorothy E. White born February 17, 1902 and died in Wichita, Kansas November 12, 1998. She married Mark Benjamin Ham July 3, 1920 in Forum, Arkansas. He was born in El Dorado, Kansas May 6, 1890 and died in Wichita July 26, 1957.

They had two children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547187417>

Lectra Jane White born March 14, 1905 and died in Springdale, Benton County March 29, 1982. She married Morgan Enoch Hancock in Forum March 6, 1921. He was born in Springdale June 2, 1898 and died there July 18, 1979. They had five children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/547187420>

Carl B. White born July 22, 1908 and died in Wichita, Kansas January 19, 1967. He and his wife Hattie were in Madison County Arkansas in 1930 and had one daughter Willie F. White.

Joseph A. White born July 5, 1911 and died December 12, 1975.

Bennett Franklin Putman born November 5, 1873 in Arkansas. He married Cordellia Ezra in Crawford County Arkansas on July 7, 1895. She was born December 27, 1872 in Indiana and died July 20, 1962. Ben died in 1959 in Crawford County Arkansas. In 1900 through 1930, they are in Van Buren Township Crawford County with these children:

Kenneth Putman born May 29, 1897. In 1920 and 1930 he is married to Eliza Moses and they have:

Celia Bernice Putman born November 3, 1917 and died April 13, 1995. She married a Dempsey.

James Putman born in 1920.

Virgil Putman born in 1922.

Angus E. Putman born October 22, 1925 and died in Gulfport, Mississippi December 2, 2006. He married Jeanne C. Minzer.

Leroy S. Putman born July 31, 1928 and died in Van Buren February 14, 1996.

Grady Putman born December 19, 1900. He was home in 1920. Then got married to a Mae and they were divorced September 15, 1924. He then married Flora Bertha Jones in 1928. Flora was born May 2, 1905 and died in Van Buren in February 1985. He died in Van Buren Tuesday April 25, 1989. He owned the Putman IGA Grocery store for over 35 years. They had one son:

William Leonard Putman born October 18, 1930 and died in Crawford County July 29, 1949.

Clovie Putman born September 3, 1903.

Lawrence Putman born October 11, 1905 and died May 18, 1993. He was in Detroit, Michigan working with General Motors most of his life, and returned to Arkansas after retiring. His wife was Mollie who died in Detroit in 1974.

Helen Marie Putman born September 9, 1909.

Ralph Putman born March 11, 1913 and died in September 1986. His wife Odeen was born October 31, 1919 and died in December 1984

James Carl Putman born in Arkansas January 23, 1878. He married Nannie J. Henderson in Crawford County Arkansas November 8, 1900. They were in Sequoyah County Oklahoma in 1910, in Okmulgee County Oklahoma in 1920, and in Eureka Springs, Carroll County Arkansas in 1930. I found his Death Certificate in Kansas City, Missouri where he died of heart disease November 18, 1955. At that time his wife was Villa Eliott and they lived at 8201 Independence Avenue. His body was taken back to Fayetteville, Arkansas. So I don't know when Nannie died or when Villa entered the picture. They had these children:

James Lawrence Putman born in 1903 in Oklahoma. He married Ruby Moore in 1929 and in 1930 they were living with her parents, George and Gertrude Moore in Eureka Springs, Carroll County Arkansas.

Marlow Putman born in 1905 in Oklahoma. He married Margaret MacDonald in Washington County on May 16, 1936. They had at least one kid:

John Putman born in Madrid County Missouri August 31, 1941 and died in Elkhart, Indiana March 30, 2011. He married Sherrie Merritt in Las Vegas December 27, 1996. He may have been married before.

Margaret Putnam a twin born in 1908 in Oklahoma.

Irene Putman born in 1911 in Oklahoma.

Willie Edgar Putman born in Kansas December 28, 1879 and died in Mounds, Creek County Oklahoma August 9, 1966. In 1900 he is living with his brother Bennett in Crawford County Arkansas. In 1920 and 1930, he is in Mounds, Creek County Oklahoma with a wife named Bessie Lee, born in Texas February 12, 1887 and died in Creek County Oklahoma June 1, 1932, and these children:

Hilda Putman born in 1908 in Arkansas.

Florence Putman born in 1910 in Arkansas.

Ruth Putman born in 1913 in Arkansas.

Helen Putman born in 1915 in Arkansas.

William 'Billie' Earl Putman born in 1926 and died in 1937.

Lloyd Putman born in 1927.

John Putman (?) born in March 1881. I am listing him here as in 1900, I find him as being born in Arkansas and living with a William Clark in Cloud County Kansas. It is *only* because of the Clark relationship that I put him here. Once again, he was born in that darn 'Black Hole' of 1880-1900.

Ralph Putman born in Coffeyville, Kansas November 28, 1882. In 1910 he is in Runnels County Texas with a wife named Gertrude and these children. He died in Fort Worth, Texas March 20, 1974.

Peter C. Putman born in 1901 in Arkansas.

Lola M. Putman born in 1904 in Arkansas.

Eldridge Putman born in 1909 in Arkansas.

Josie Putman born in Arkansas in January 1888.

Charles Putman born in Arkansas October 11, 1991. In 1920, he is in Van Buren, Crawford County Arkansas with a wife named Vera, born June 17, 1899 in Arkansas, and no children yet. I think Vera's last name is Brody. She was born in Van Buren a daughter of John and America Brody. No proof yet but it fits. Vera died in Crawford County December 14, 1950. He died there in May 1970.

DOUGLAS PUTMAN was born in about 1852 in Fulton County Illinois, or possibly in Iowa when the family was there for a short period. He married Martha J. Milinix in Washington County Arkansas December 26, 1869. In 1880, in Marion County Kansas, he had four (probably five including Edward) children. He then appears in Eureka Springs, Carroll County Arkansas where he married for the second time. He married Amanda Louisa Williamson on July 4, 1889. I can't locate the family in 1900, but they were in Oklahoma. In 1910 they are in Beaver County Oklahoma with the four children of his second marriage. According to a descendant he left home quite often to search for gold, and was quite disliked by his family. In fact, when he died they did not even have a funeral in 1914. Amanda was in Texas County with her son Horace in 1930. His children, the first four or likely five with Martha and the last four with Amanda, were:

Rosa Allie Putman born August 6, 1870 in Arkansas. She married Jefferson Rudd Coxsey in Carroll County on November 24, 1895. He was born in Carroll County Arkansas September 18, 1875 and died in Pittsburg County Oklahoma August 11, 1936. She later married J. Riley Davis there June 1, 1944. She died in Oklahoma August 30, 1951. She had nine children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-67806510>

Cora Putman born in 1872 in Arkansas.

Lena Putman born 1876 in Kansas.

Maud Putman born in Kansas in 1878. She married a Jasper, and moved to Texas.

Edward or Edwin Putman born in 1881 in Arkansas. He is listed in Beaver County Oklahoma in 1900. In 1910 his dad is here and was here in 1900 although not indexed in Beaver County. Ed was killed in about 1900 by a falling tree in a storm. He was living with his uncle Horace and Electa Putman in Beaver County Oklahoma

Horace Madison Putman born March 17, 1892 in Arkansas. He died of a heart attack in 1937 in Elkhart, Kansas. He never married.

Wilbur Putman born and died in 1893.

Roxie Elizabeth Putman born in 1894 in Arkansas. She married Frank Edwards. Their children were:

Dorothy Edwards born in 1914, and married John Kinchloe.

Velma Edwards born in 1916. She married a Grimes.

Ray Edwards born in 1918.

Wanda Edwards born about 1920.

Charles Edwards born in 1922. His wife was Marjorie.

Harold Edwards born in 1925. His wife was Leota.

Forest Edwards born in 1928.

Altha Matilda Putman born October 15, 1896 in Arkansas, and died January 21, 1989 in Wichita, Kansas. She married Bernard Austin Detwiler in Oklahoma on August 4, 1920. They lived in Pratt, Kansas. Their children were:

Virgil Wilbur Detwiler born September 7, 1921 in Follett, Texas. He married a Geneva about 1941, and they divorced in 1943. He then married Arra Belle Hyatt February 3, 1946 in Anthony, Harper County Kansas.

Nina Louise Detwiler born October 1, 1922 in Follett, Texas. She married Roscoe Curtis Robison on November 10, 1944 in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. He was a Baptist Minister.

Lowell Austin Detwiler born November 7, 1924, and died November 23, 1924 in Pratt, Kansas.

Ralph Edwin Detwiler born October 7, 1927 in Pratt, Kansas. He married Barbara Lee Dale June 15, 1949 in Hominy, Osage County Oklahoma. He worked for Sun Oil Company.

Nimrod Clifford Putman born February 19, 1899 in Oklahoma. He died of diabetes in 1920.

ROBERT F. PUTMAN was born in Iowa in 1854. In 1880 he was in Union Township, Rice County Kansas living next door to his sister Fanny and her family. He is also listed, still single, in the 1885 State census. I don't find him after that.

FRANCES A. (FANNY) PUTMAN was born in 1857 in Iowa. She married James W. Richard in the mid 1870s. In 1880, they were in Rice County Kansas with a son:

Bennett F. Richard born in 1878 in Kansas.

HORACE ELLSWORTH PUTMAN was born in Iowa in 1860. In 1900, he is in Beaver County Oklahoma. He has a wife named Electa F. In 1910, they are in Texas County Oklahoma. It appears there were never any children, as none were listed. I can't find them in 1920 but they are in Texas County in 1930. He was a Judge in Oklahoma.

ELLA PUTMAN born in Arkansas in 1871.

ALLICE PUTMAN born in Arkansas in 1871. Either twins or most likely the same girl.