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Other Putman Families in Arkansas

Several other kinfolk moved into Arkansas in the last half of the 1800s, some stayed, some moved on in a few years. But there are a couple I can't yet place with another family.

YELL COUNTY FOLKS

JAMES C. PUTMAN appears in the 1860 census at age 27, born in Tennessee, with a wife named Elinor or Ellena also born in Tennessee and two children, James and Alice Putman. In 1870 he has died and his wife has remarried to Charles Lewis December 19, 1869. Their son James appears in the 1880 census living with his sister Alice who has married James Bates on August 20, 1879. I do not find the young James in Arkansas in 1900. I have no idea who he is or who his folks were. James was a Justice of the Peace in Yell County and appears in a bunch of records there. James was in tax records through 1868, but is gone in 1870. In the 1870 census of Yell County, the two children are living with Charles and Alina P. Lewis. Alina should be James's wife Eleanor. Now, there is a marriage record in Yell County of a W. F. Putman age 50 marrying Jeanette Lewis age 21 and is dated September 26, 1878. This Lewis connection must mean something. James would have been 45 in 1878. They may well be brothers. Now, if they are indeed brothers, they may be sons of the Elizabeth Putnam in Jefferson County, Tennessee. In 1850, that James was at home at age 20 and I don't find him again. William, the eldest son was married to Sarah Foland at age 26. In 1856 this William simply deserted his family, took off and was never heard of again. The ages are pretty darn close. Interesting. Bad news is, as you read back in the TENNESSEE Section, that I don't know who Elizabeth's husband was. The daughter, Alice Putman, was born February 2, 1862 and died August 27, 1889. She married James Filmore Bates in Yell County on August 20, 1879. There is a marriage of James Putman and Catherine Harrison in Yell County on August 8, 1867. In the 1880 census, her brother James W. Putman then age 14 was living with them. Alice died nine years later. I don't find James after the 1880 census.

Then in 1880 we find **Joseph** and **William Putman**. Joseph is 11 AR AR AR and living as an adopted child of John and Sarah (Braton) Lackey of Lower Lefarve township. William is 10 AR TN AR and living with his aunt and uncle, William and Rebecca 'Susie' Ray in Waveland. William is most probably a son of William J. Putman and Malinda Harrison and born right here. I listed him and his family earlier under William James Putman (Sr.), a son of William Putman and Alla Bridges of Washington County, Arkansas. They might or might not be brothers and connected to William James Putman of Washington County. I do not know the exact connection, but they are only young teenagers, obviously orphaned and living with relatives. In 1900 they are both still in the county and married.

I have run across a descendant of Joseph H. Putman, but while she can bring me forward, cannot help in the other direction. Based on census reports and the info from her, I can kinda piece out the line of Joseph Putman. Here is also a photo of Joseph, Missouri and some kids. Based on the ages in the census reports, this photo was taken in 1909 or 1910.



JOSEPH H. PUTMAN born in Arkansas in 1868, but not shown anywhere in the 1870 census. In 1880 he states his folks were born in Arkansas as well. He married Missouri Edens in Yell County on September 14, 1890. They will be in Yell County through the 1920 census. A descendant believes his middle name is Henry, another feels it is Hoyt. It seems a grandson was named Charles Hoyt Putman. Not really certain here. Mary Leek (mleek@arkwest.com) is on this line.

Based on these reports, their children were:

Franklin Montgomery Putman born August 22, 1891 in Rover Yell County and died February 24, 1973 in Danville Yell County. He married Josie Evelyn Underwood March 22, 1913. She was born May 10, 1891 and died May 25, 1970. Their children were:

Todd Putman born December 10, 1914 and died in about 1960. He married Laura Billingsly in 1930.

Lorea (Jackie) Putman born September 21, 1915. She married Ralph Jefferson Fowler October 28, 1933.

Hubert Putman born December 20, 1917.

Victor Debs Putman born in 1920. He married a girl named Lilly in Arkansas and they moved to California and lived there and also in Alabama where they were in 2005. They had these children:

Carolyn Putman married Roy Crow and live in Alabama.

Charles 'Chuck' Putman married a Dorothy and after they divorced about 1980 he married a Judy.

William Putman was married several times. First to Sheila, then another woman, then Shirley and then Ellen about 1984.

Larry James Putman born August 23, 1949. He married Terry Lynn Sparks March 14, 1969. They had one daughter, Lisa Noel Putman, who filled me in on this family. They lived in California and were divorced in 2000.

Sally Evalena Putman married John Downs and lives in Fresno California.

Ruth Ann Putman born in 1922.

Kewpie Love Putman born in 1924.

Tamer E. Putman born September 4, 1893 and died October 19, 1894.

James A. Putman born September 3, 1895 and died June 26, 1899.

John Vilette Putman born November 9, 1899. In 1920 he has a wife Vergie and son Carl 1. They are in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1930. At that time they had:

Carl Putman born in 1918 in Arkansas.

Dow W. Putman born in 1920 in Arkansas.

William H. Putman born in 1922 in Arkansas.

Richard Putman born in 1900.

Columbus Barnswell 'Barney' Putman born in 1902. He is married to Jewell Tedford, and they are in Montgomery County in 1930. Jewell was born July 18, 1914 and died October 1, 1935.

Robert V. Putman born in 1905. He is married to Edith and they are in Ions Creek, Yell County in 1930. They were married there in 1925.

Arthur Leavy Putman born in 1907. He is married to Susie A. Posey in 1930.

William H. Putman born in 1910.

Joseph Leon Putman born March 29, 1913, and died November 10, 1983. He married Ida Mae Johnson.

For other families, see the **ARKANSAS CENSUS REPORTS** section, as I have notes with each family, as best that I can.