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THE PUTMANS

of Sebastian County Arkansas

Thomas Putman was a son of Barnet Putman. He was born in North Carolina, but when the rest of the family moved to Kentucky, he moved to Georgia. One of his sons, Berry Barton Putman, eventually moved to Sebastian County Arkansas. The Putmans of Sebastian County are descended from Berry Barton Putman.

However, keep in mind the first Putmans, Reding and William, settled in Washington County the late 1830s. Washington County is right above Crawford County. Both are on the Oklahoma border.

Then, the first of the New England Putnams in Arkansas settled first in Crawford County and then in Sebastian County which is directly below it on the Oklahoma border by 1850. These were descendants of Samuel Putnam from Massachusetts.

BERRY BARTON PUTMAN

Berry Barton Putman was born in Hall County, Georgia in 1820 and married Martha Frances Tate on November 28, 1843. Martha was a sister of William D. Tate who married Berry's sister Malena.

Berry sold his 250 acres on November 13, 1840 to his brother's (Jesse Mercer Putman) future father in law, Alexander Robertson.

Berry and his family went to Johnson County, Arkansas about 1850 and stayed there two years, then to Franklin County, Arkansas until about 1856.

He moved to Grayson County, Texas for a year and then returned to Sebastian County, Arkansas below Fort Smith where he remained for the rest of his life. He served about two years in the 2nd Arkansas Cavalry in the Union Army from October 7, 1863 till August 10, 1865, and also served in the Florida Seminole War.

They had eight children and an infant that died.

Martha died in 1864. After Martha's death, Berry remarried to Sallie Cardin in 1866 and they had one more daughter.

In 1870 Barry is still in Bates, Sebastian County. But it looks like they were divorced as Sallie, her Cardin kids and Millie Putman are all in Fayetteville Washington County in 1870 also.

Most of the family remained in northwestern Arkansas for their lives. The children were:

Thomas Adolphus Putman

Adolphus was born April 26, 1845 in Hall County. He moved with his family and settled in Sebastian County, Arkansas. As soon as he turned sixteen, he joined the 7th Arkansas Volunteer Infantry (CSA) and fought at Pea Ridge and other battles. He was discharged two years later in March 1863 at Port Hudson, Louisiana. He then joined the Union Army and served in it from September 17, 1863 till the War's end. He was discharged at Memphis on August 20, 1865.

After his mother died, he went to Illinois for a year and then returned to Arkansas. On January 20, 1869, he married Martha Ann Ward, daughter of Castleton and Mary Ward. She was born July 24, 1850.

They are in Sebastian County through the 1910. Thomas died November 21, 1918, and Martha is widowed there in 1920 and died there January 11, 1924.

Based on the 1880 and 1900 Census reports of Sebastian County, their children were:

VERONA V. PUTMAN born August 21, 1873. She was called Nona and never married. She died December 13, 1962.

LAROSA LEE PUTMAN born in November 1877 and died February 2, 1961. She was called Rosalie. She married James Lassiter in 1906. They had one son:

James Putman Lasiter born November 20, 1908, and died May 31, 1974. He married Thelma Louise Benson. They had three children, Sue Carolyn, Barbara and James Jr. born October 7, 1917 and died December 28, 1977

ANNIE MAY PUTMAN born in 1884. She married Aubrey Rhyne. They didn't have any children and she died June 29, 1962.

PEARL G. PUTMAN born September 9, 1886 and died February 17, 1972. She married Franklin Edward Fancher. They had two children:

Thomas Daniel Fancher born October 7, 1917 and died December 28, 1977. He married Vera Jon Riley in 1942 had three children: Diana (who filled in this information), Terry, and Michael Fancher.

Martha Lee Fancher born December 29, 1919 in Oklahoma. She married Sidney Ralph Stone in 1943. He was a doctor and was stationed at Camp Chaffee in Arkansas during the war. That's where they met. They had: M. Blake, Dana and Melanie Stone. She died January 26, 2007.

Mary Ann Putman

Mary Ann Putman was born February 22, 1849. She married James Preston Frye of Sebastian County in 1862. He was born in Tennessee in 1845 and died in Arkansas in 1900. Mary Ann died there August 23, 1911.

They had 8 children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-99540965>

George Putman

George was born in 1851. He was listed in the 1860 census. He is in Napa, California in 1870.

Nancy M. Putman

Nannie Putman was born in 1856 and she married Jehu Luck of Sebastian County. He was born in Virginia in August 1845 and died in Sebastian County in 1915. He was in the Civil War. Nannie died in Crawford County January 15, 1948.

They had 6 children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-99441820>

Elizabeth Jane Putman

Eliza Putman was born in May 1858 in Texas. She married James Alf Wilburn of Sebastian County. He was born in Sebastian County March 21, 1860 and died there December 16, 1939. Eliza died there December 7, 1941.

They had 4 children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-99422305>

Millie E. Putman

Millie Putman was the only child of the second marriage. She was born January 15, 1868 and she married Isaac Leon Carson of Sebastian County in 1884. He was born in Bradley County Tennessee January 1, 1862 and died in Fort Smith, Sebastian County March 4, 1938. Millie died January 1, 1910.

They had 6 children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-99389399>