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MADISON DEKALB PUTMAN Jr. Alabama to Texas to California

Madison Junior was a son of Madison DeKalb Putman and Catherine Olivia Davidson. Madison Senior was a son of Simeon Putman and Peggy Mercer originally from South Carolina.

Madison was born in Alabama on December 15, 1841. He enlisted in the Texas Confederate Army during the Civil War on February 20, 1862. He served for three years at Camp San Saba. He was in the Texas Frontier Cavalry which was a sort of *Home Guard* remaining in Texas. This was part of the Confederate Army but was not in combat with the Union. Many Hill Country people were not fully supportive of the Confederacy, and this unit allowed them to fill their obligations without fighting the northern troops.

He married Louisa Jane Casner in Llano County in 1866. Their first child was born in Llano County in 1867 and was named California or *Callie*.

Soon afterward, he led a wagon train/cattle drive to California and settled in Spencer Valley in the hill country just above San Diego in Julian, San Diego County. They left had Texas in 1867 or early 1868 with some 2000 head of longhorns and arrived on Christmas Day, 1868. They arrived with all the people, but only 600 of the cattle.

Their next child, John, was born in Hatfield Creek, San Diego County, California in 1869.

Madison and his family remained in San Diego County. He had an interest in the Van Wirt Gold Mine in 1870, but was basically a farmer. He started the Apple Orchard industry on the west coast. He also ran a wagon freight company between Julian and the city of San Diego.

Madison Putman died there in San Marcos, San Diego County on February 3, 1915. Louisa had died in Julian, California on February 18, 1906. Both are buried in Ballena, San Diego County, California.

Their children were:

CALIFORNIA CORDELIA PUTMAN She was born July 27, 1867 in Texas. She first married a man named Hale about 1889 and later married Theodore Ulrich on August 15, 1894. Theodore died in a lumber mill accident. She died October 14, 1951. Both are buried in San Diego. The children were:

Mary Pearl (Irene) Hale born April 5, 1891. She was married twice, first to a Spencer and then to a Henry.

Hester Edith Ulrich born August 18, 1895. She married Burt Johnson and died in March of 1992. Burt was Police Chief in San Diego.

Carl Theodore Ulrich born May 14, 1898 and died in San Diego County in March 1981.

Arthur Arnold Ulrich born January 21, 1900 and died November 23, 1972.

Adelia California Ulrich born June 22, 1901. She married Albert Farrington Brown and was living in Ramona, California in 1993. Albert was born in Maine November 25, 1885 and died in San Diego County August 19, 1941. She died in Escondido, San Diego

County January 19, 1997.

Ruth Charlotte Urich born July 9, 1903. She married Glen Neely in 1925. He was a Battalion Chief in the San Diego Fire Dept.

Mabel Alegria Urich born August 3, 1905. She married Fred Silva and lived in San Francisco.

Francis DeKalb Urich born July 8, 1908. He married a Zelma and died in El Cajon, California November 19, 1979.

Marion Delbert Urich born March 5, 1911. He married Dorothy Jones on February 23, 1932 and lives in Tucson, Arizona where he was a golf pro for some 40 years.

JOHN EDWARD PUTMAN He was born in Hatfield Creek, California on June 9, 1869. He married Myrtle Bell Bay on May 5, 1895 in Perris, Riverside County California. Myrtle was born in Springfield, Missouri March 17, 1876 and died in San Diego November 4, 1952. He was a miner, a farmer and a barber. He died in San Diego on December 30, 1948. Their children were:

Jennie Bernice Putman born April 18, 1896. She married first to Merrill Kolb and then Ralph Brown. She died in San Diego on April 21, 1983.

Myrtle Louisa Putman born February 3, 1898. She married Mark Shipley in 1921. She died in San Diego on May 16, 1976.

Harriet Marie Putman born on March 29, 1899. She married Wallace Stewart and died in Escondido, California on July 17, 1921.

Madison DeKalb Putman born on February 18, 1904 in Los Angeles. He married Doris Estelle Davenport in Santa Ana on April 30, 1930. He died in Whittier, California May 20, 1967.

Rita Lucinda Putman was born on July 3, 1905. She married George Kilsey Powell on August 18, 1923 in San Diego. Later she married Frank Greenberg. She died in San Diego on December 13, 1978.

Dorothy Lee Putman was born August 19, 1907. She married Horace Wright Day on January 26, 1929 in San Marcos, San Diego County. She died in February 1989 in Hemet, Riverside County, California.

MARTIN M. PUTMAN He was born May 25, 1872. He was last mentioned in the 1880 California census. He died as a child on February 7, 1888.

JAMES RANDOLPH PUTMAN He was born March 6, 1874. He married Mildred L. 'Nellie' Parsons November 21, 1898. They were in San Diego County in 1900. Then I don't find them in 1910, but by 1920, James is by himself in Orange County and the kids are in Los Angeles. In 1930 James is still in Orange County, but married to a Jessie from Kansas and has two daughters. They were married in 1922. James and Jessie are living separate in 1940 in Whittier, California. He died there December 10, 1948. Based on census data his children were:

Vera Putman born in June 1899. She is boarding in Los Angeles in 1920.

Joseph Putman born in 1901. He is single in 1930 and lives in Los Angeles.

DAVID FRANKLIN PUTMAN He was born January 15, 1876. Another researcher, Pat George, said David moved to New Mexico. He shows up in 1920 in Santa Cruz County Arizona with a Mexican wife Magdaline Mendival. In 1930 he is in San Diego County California with a wife Lena from Arizona and the kids. He died in San Diego August 5, 1931. Children in census reports were:

Robert Putman born in Arizona in 1914.

Rita Putman born in Arizona in 1919.

Valentine Putman a son born in Arizona in 1920.

Corinne Putman born in Arizona in 1923.

William Putman born in California in 1925.

Alice Putman born in California in 1926.

DANIEL PUTMAN born in 1878. He died as a child in the 1880s.

HARVEY DEKALB PUTMAN He was born April 12, 1886. He married Deltah Llano Billingsley on June 2, 1907 in Ramona, California. Deltah was a daughter of Rachel Olivia Putman and John Houston Billingsley. She was born in Texas on May 11, 1884. Harvey farmed and grew apples. He then moved to El Segundo, California. The land he lived on is now a part of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Deltah died in Hermosa Beach, California February 7, 1925. Harvey was in the Stockton State Hospital for the Insane in 1940 and was till he died in Stockton on May 4, 1963. They had four children:

An Infant born and died in 1908.

Violet Louisa Putman born July 9, 1909. She was living in Redding, California at age 83 in 1992, according to Jeri Putman who saw her in July 1992. She married Walter Plumb in Modesto, California in 1939.

Martin Harvey Putman born September 4 (possibly 24), 1910. He married Mildred Berndt on June 6, 1941. He died February 17, 1966 in San Bruno, California. He is the father of Jeri Putman Belenky who supplied a great deal of this information.

Constance Llano Putman born about 1913 or 1914. She died at the John Putman Ranch in San Marcos, California in 1938.