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Benjamin Putnam

Massachusetts to Georgia

Benjamin Putnam, or most likely Benjamin Farley Putnam, was born in Danvers (Salem Village), Massachusetts on August 26, 1751. He served as a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. After the War he settled in Savannah, Georgia before 1787 and he remained for the rest of his life. He received a land grant in Chatham County Georgia. He died soon afterwards, and his wife Ann got administration of his estate December 28, 1803.

There is a record that he offered a reward \$20 to have, Don Dewit, a 18 year old black slave, returned to him. And, if they got the name of the 'white man who was harboring him' he would pay an additional \$100 if prosecuted in Court.

Benjamin is listed as number 414 in Eben Putnam's books. This line goes back Benjamin (414) > Henry (160) > Eleazer (31) > John (8) > John Putnam (1) from England.

He married Ann Sophia Malcolm originally from Washington D.C. She received a widow's land grant in the 1820 lottery along with the kids.

Benjamin and Ann had the following children that lived past his death. There were two others, JOHN PUTNAM (born 1794) and HELEN PUTNAM (born 1792), who died young.

AUGUSTUS H. PUTNAM was born about 1790 and married Mary Alice Tebeau on April 13, 1815. He died in Savannah on August 28, 1817.

JOHN GUSTAVUS PUTNAM was born about 1796 in Savannah. He married Sarah Attaway Lewis on October 3, 1838. He died in Madison, Madison County Florida May 1, 1864. In 1850, they had these children:

Caroline Lewis Putnam born in August 1839 in Tallahassee, Florida. She never married.

Catherine Murial Putnam born in Madison, Florida July 5, 1842. She married Philip DuVal June 15, 1867. They had three children: Henry Samuel, Philip Putnam, and Sarah Attaway DuVal.

Mary Malcolm Putnam born July 11, 1844. She married Frederick Shaffer January 15, 1868. They had three children: John Putnam, Robert Frederick, and Lucy Mary Shaffer.

Anna Attaway Putnam born January 28, 1848. She was a twin with John.

John Lewis Putnam born January 28, 1848, and died in 1876 in Savannah of Yellow Fever. He married Florence Thompson in 1870. They had two sons, Lewis Dexter Putnam and John Gustavus Putnam.

Lucy Dangerfield Putnam born July 18, 1852. She married Edwin Wiley in January 1881. There were no children.

CHARLES E. PUTNAM was born about 1797. He was a preacher in Glynn and McIntosh counties, Georgia, mostly in Brunswick. I do not think he ever married. He died in Darien, Glynn County in 1847.

CAROLINE PUTNAM born in 1800. She married Peter Mitchell in 1816 and died in New

Jersey in October 1839. There were no children.

BENJAMIN ALEXANDER PUTNAM born in Savannah in 1801. He married Helen Kirby in March 1830 and died in Palatka, Putnam County, Florida on January 25, 1869. Helen was born in Litchfield, Connecticut November 18, 1800 and died in Palatka October 17, 1877. Little side bit here, Putnam County was named after Ben. He graduated Phillips Andover in 1817 and Harvard in 1823. He was also the first President of the Florida Historical Society. They had one daughter:

Catherine Putnam born January 1, 1831 and died December 30, 1897 in Charleston, South Carolina. She married Dr. John Calhoun of Charleston, South Carolina on April 1, 1852. He was born February 5, 1827 and died July 7 1870. He was a son of the South Carolina Senator and orator, John C. Calhoun. They had two children: John C. born in 1853 and died in 1854 and Benjamin Putnam Calhoun born in 1855. After John died, she married his brother William Lowndes Calhoun and they had a son William Lowndes Calhoun Junior in 1871.

