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HOSEA PUTNAM

The 'New England' Guy in Georgia

Hosea Francis Putnam was born in Savannah, Georgia February 1, 1794. As to his parents, I believe he is a son of Israel Henry Putnam and his first wife Susannah Frances Frazier from Charleston, South Carolina. If so, his dad was from Medford, Massachusetts, and is covered separately in the section on Georgia. Since I cannot prove any relationship, I am listing Hosea here by his lonesome.

He married Elizabeth Wilson in Jasper County Georgia on August 24, 1820. She was a daughter of Archelaus Wilson and Nancy Swanson. She was born March 22, 1799 in Jasper County. Jasper County is next to Putnam County so it fits in nicely. In 1820, there was Priscilla Putnam in Putnam County. She was the third wife and widow of Henry Putnam and Hosea's stepmother (see the next section on the New England folk). She had received land in the state lottery.

In 1830, Hosey and Elizabeth are in Pike County Georgia with two sons and two daughters under the age of 9 years. Also there is a woman over 45 who is probably his stepmother Priscilla. I do not find the family in 1840. By the 1850 census he appears with his wife Elizabeth Wilson and six children. At least three of the kids mentioned in 1820 were gone and the fourth, William, had moved to Paulding County where he died in about 1848, leaving his wife Elizabeth as a widow with two children in the 1850 census.

In 1850 a Richard Cowan age 17 was living with Hosea and Elizabeth. He would be a child of his sister Adeline who married Joseph Cowan. Adeline was indeed a daughter of Henry Putnam and this connection helps to tie Hosea into Henry Putnam.

Henry received a land grant in Henry County Georgia in the land lotteries, but I don't believe he ever went there.

Hosea died in Chattahoochee County Georgia on July 11, 1858. He wrote his will on April 23, 1858 and it was Proved August 4, 1858. Elizabeth was alive in 1870 living with her daughter Emily and was 67. She died sometime in the 1870s.

The last two children listed here, Emily and John William, may be children of the son James Putnam who died in 1845. Some people think they were then raised by their Grandfather Hosea. Just not sure. They are listed here but may be James'. Good luck.

Their Children were:

MATILDA PUTNAM born about 1821. She married Benjamin Waller in Muscogee County on February 25, 1841. Benjamin was born about 1808 in North Carolina and died in the 1860s in Wakulla County Florida. Matilda died there August 9, 1889. They had 6 children:

Elizabeth Jane Waller born December 19, 1841 in Muskogee County. She married William David McDaniel in Florida July 4, 1866.

James A. Waller born about 1843. He served in the Civil War, and was with his mother in 1870.

George W. Waller born in 1845. He was not in the 1860 census.

Nathan Waller born in 1847, and missing in 1860.

Martha Susan Waller born in 1849 and still at home with her mother in 1880.

Nancy Ann Waller born in 1852 and with her mother in 1880 in Florida.

JAMES E. PUTNAM the eldest son was born in 1822, probably in Pike or Jasper County. He died in the Mexican War January 15, 1845. Hosea probated his estate, so this ties him in nicely.

ANN PUTNAM was born in Pike County in 1825. She married Barney Mullaney in Muscogee County on January 11, 1847.

ANDREW JACKSON PUTNAM, was listed in the 1850 census of Pike County. He was born in 1828 and was a carriage maker living with Joseph Brown. It would appear he was one of Hosea's young uns. In 1860 they were in Muscogee County Georgia and in 1870 in Russell County Alabama. His wife was Elizabeth Ann. Children through 1870 were:

James Putnam born in 1855. Looks like the guy in Garland County Arkansas in 1880 with a wife named Malinda.

John D. Putnam born in 1857 and not in the 1870 census.

Mary E. Putnam born in 1858.

Jane Putnam born in 1860.

MARTHA PUTNAM born in 1833.

JOSEPH PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1834. In 1860 he is in Chattahoochie County Georgia with a wife named Harriet Epsy. He served in the Civil War and died in Greensboro, North Carolina November 13, 1862. In 1870 there is a Harriet Putman, a widow, in Muscogee County Georgia born about 1837, who is probably his widow. Harriet was living with John and Jane Fuller. Jane was her daughter.

ELIZABETH PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1837.

JANE PUTNAM born in Pike County in 1839. She married Charles Fuller December 25, 1860. He died fighting in Virginia April 14, 1863.

EMMA (EMILY) PUTNAM born in 1844 in Muscogee County. Emma or Emily married John Franklin Fletcher in Muscogee County Georgia July 16, 1868. In 1870 they were still in Muscogee County and her mother Elizabeth then age 67 was living with them. Her daughter, Minnie Fletcher was living with her brother John in the 1900 census.

JOHN WILLIAM PUTNAM born in 1846 in Muscogee County. He moved to Russell County Alabama and there married Eugenia Jane Jackson on November 21, 1867. She was born in Muscogee County Georgia in 1845. They were there in the 1870, 1880 and 1900 census returns. In 1910 and 1920, he is in Lee County Alabama. Eugenia is alive in 1910 and died in Lee County January 9, 1911. In 1920 he is 75 and has a new 41 year old wife named Florence Russell. They were married July 25, 1913 in Lee County. He died in Lee County December 17, 1929. Florence was born in Lee County February 3, 1879 and died there August 12, 1941. Based on those returns, the children were:

Lydia Dora Putnam born about 1868.

William Harold Putman born in 1870. He is in Lee County Alabama in 1900 with his wife Nannie Porter and two sons. Nannie was born in 1871 in Russell County and died there July 30, 1901. In 1910 and 1920 he is in Phoenix, Lee County and has married a widow, Lorena (Griffin) Foster. They were married January 10, 1902. There are two Foster stepdaughters as well as new Putmans. Lorena died June 25, 1923. The children through 1920 were:

William Earl Putnam born in 1896. He is not home in 1920. One source said he died in 1918. I think he is the William E. Putnam who is a policeman back in Columbus, Muscogee County Georgia in the 1930. That's where the family came from before going to Alabama.

Roy L. Putnam born in 1898. He too is not home in 1920. One source says he died in 1930 in Lee County.

Clyde Huel Putnam born July 1, 1900. In 1920 he has just married Mary Veasey and they are living with her folks William and Mary Veasey or maybe Easley. They are in Phoenix in 1930 with 3 daughters. He will die September 19, 1956 and be buried in Columbus Georgia with his wife Mary Veasey who was born October 22, 1902 and died June 12, 1973.

James Putman born in 1906.

Elise Putnam born in 1911.

Charles Bradford Putnam born March 3, 1876 and still at home in 1900. He married Lydia Thomas May 20, 1902 in Russell County. He was a farmer. In 1920 and 1930 he is in Russell County Alabama with his wife Liddie Thomas and these children:

Jennie Putnam born in 1904.

Charles Putnam born in 1908.

Effie Putnam born in 1911.

Juliette Putnam born in 1913.

Lutie Putnam born in 1915.

Robert Putnam born in 1917.

Putnam a daughter born in 1918.

Thomas R. Putman born in 1920.

William E. Putman born in 1922.

John Robert Putnam born March 3, 1876 and home in 1900. In 1910 and 1920 he is in Lee County with his wife Maude Everett. They were married January 6, 1901. She was born in Russell County Alabama October 17, 1877 and died in Lee County November 3, 1929. John died in Lee County October 16, 1928. They had these children:

John W. Putnam born in 1902.

Luther Putnam born in 1908.

Velma Putnam born in 1909.

Edgar Putnam born in 1911.

Frank Putnam born in 1913.

Gladys Putnam born in 1915.

Lewis Edgar Putnam and **Lucy Lee Putnam** twins born July 1, 1880 and died within a year.

Colby Jackson Putnam born July 5, 1885. When he registered for the draft in 1917, he had a wife named Lula. In 1920 he is in Russell County Alabama and she is listed as Lucy L. She is 7 years older than him and was widowed before. She has a bunch of her McClung children, but not any Putnams