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Joseph Washington Putnam of Louisville Kentucky

Joseph appears early on here and I couldn't figure him out at first. But, he turns out to be Massachusetts stock. Here is a go at his lineage.

There is a Putnam Manuscript in the State Archives in Nashville, Tennessee that roughly details how Joseph has come down from the John Putnam of Salem Village (Danvers) in Massachusetts. It can be shown roughly as follows:

1. John Putnam born in Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire, England in 1580 and married to Priscilla Gould back in England. He arrived in Massachusetts in about 1640.
2. Nathaniel Putnam born in Aston Abbots October 11, 1619 and died in Salem July 23, 1700. He married Elizabeth Hutchinson in Salem.
3. John Putnam born in Salem March 26, 1657. He married Hannah Cutler on December 2, 1678. He died in Salem in September 1722.
4. Samuel Putnam born in Salem November 5, 1684. He married Mary Leach on October 19, 1709. He died in Sudbury, Massachusetts on December 20, 1753.
5. John Putnam born in Salem, Massachusetts October 8, 1715. He married Sarah Maverick in Sudbury on April 25, 1737. He died in April 1762.
6. Nathan Putnam born in Sudbury on July 15, 1749. He married Dorothy Whitney in Sudbury on October 20, 1774. They moved to Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky where he died June 26, 1833. One of his sons, Joseph Washington Putnam, moved to and remained in Lexington, one son, James went to sea as a sailor in 1819, and the last son, Samuel went to Fort Smith, Arkansas. For more on Sam see the ARKANSAS Section of this history.

Joseph first appears in the 1820 census of Fayette County with his wife and two sons. Joseph was born August 10, 1790 in Sudbury, Massachusetts. He married Susan Frances Hall in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky on January 3, 1817.

Joseph is still in Fayette County in 1830 with his wife four sons and two daughters. He is again in the same county in 1840, still with four sons and two daughters.

In the book, History of Pioneer Lexington, we find, "*Joseph Putnam, early Fayette County Cabinet Maker, remembered for the care he exercised in teaching his apprentices and the religious training he gave them. He was a Cabinet maker and was married January 3, 1817 to Miss Susan Hall.*"

Then according to archives in Oregon, he moved by wagon train and arrived in Oregon on May 20, 1853 and settled in Douglas County. He was there in the 1860 census at age 70 and Susan was 60. He died by 1870 and Susan was living with her son Charles Frederick and was 69 then. In 1880 she was living with her married daughter Virginia and husband Daniel Lyons. She was

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According to a descendant the children were:

SUSAN CATHERINE PUTNAM born October 1, 1818 and died January 25, 1819.

JOSEPH WHITNEY PUTNAM born September 10, 1819. He married Elise Isabelle Sanders in Green County on May 14, 1845. He was a doctor. He died December 3, 1871.

Kids were:

Charles Francis Putnam born in Lexington February 4, 1846. He married Louisa Rayl of New Market, KY June 6, 1874. She was a daughter of Eli Rayl from Switzerland, Indiana where Louisa was born. She had been previously married to John Cotton man. They are in Taylor County Kentucky in 1880 and in Dougherty County Georgia in 1910.

Joseph Whitney Putnam born June 12, 1847 and died January 16, 1850.

Nathan Henry Putnam born in Green County November 12, 1849. He married Nancy Spalding of Lebanon, Kentucky on November 10, 1875. They are in Adair County Kentucky in 1880 and Lebanon, Marion County in 1900.

Susan B. Putnam born in Louisville February 25, 1854.

Eloisa Joella Putnam born January 18, 1856 and died June 26, 1859.

Rozelle B. Putnam born November 23, 1860 and died May 15, 1863.

Forest Lee Putnam born April 27, 1864. He remained in Louisville, married to Lettie Shackelford.

NATHAN JAMES PUTNAM born October 22, 1821. He died May 30, 1847 in Willamette, Oregon. He went with his brother Charles in 1846.

CHARLES FREDERICK PUTNAM born July 7, 1824. He moved to Oregon in 1846 and there married Roselle Applegate on December 28, 1847 in Polk County. He is in Benton County, Oregon in 1850, Umpqua County in 1860, Douglas County in 1870 and 1880.

Children were:

Charles Putnam born in 1848.

Lucinda Putnam born in 1850.

Horace Putnam born in 1851.

Edward Putnam born in 1853.

Gertrude Putnam born in 1855.

Joseph Putnam born in 1857.

Susan Putnam born in 1857.

Ada Putnam born in 1860.

ROSALIE FRANCES PUTNAM born July 6, 1827 and died March 6, 1829.

VIRGINIA FAYETTE PUTNAM born December 20, 1829. She married Daniel Lyons in Oregon in 1849.

AMERICA PUTNAM born and died in 1831.

FRANCIS LAFAYETTE PUTNAM born May 9, 1833 and died August 10, 1853 in Lexington, Kentucky.

CATHERINE ALICE PUTNAM born March 2, 1838 in Lexington. She married George Spencer Hinsdale in Oregon, and died there on December 31, 1855.

HENRY CLAY PUTNAM born November 20, 1844 and died in Lexington on January 7, 1849.