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James Russell Putnam

Maine to Tennessee to New Orleans, Louisiana

James was another son of Caleb Putnam and Hannah Russell. He was born in Topsham, Maine on November 11, 1789. He traveled to Tennessee with his brother Charles and then on to New Orleans. Charles moved to Mississippi, but James remained in Louisiana.

He married Sophia Ann Perkins in Davidson County, Tennessee on October 24, 1822. They were in Davidson County, Tennessee for the 1830 census report.

He was a dentist and inventor of dental instruments.

They were in New Orleans, Orleans Parish in the 1840 census.

I do not have a list of kids, but can guess at a few based on bits from Eben Putnam's books and from marriage and other records.

James died March 31, 1841. Some sources state it was in Vicksburg, Mississippi, but I would guess it was in New Orleans.

Best I can do is list these children.

James Mercier Putnam

He was born in Tennessee in about 1823 as it was stated when he died in 1887 that he was sixty four years old.

He married Mary Spearing in New Orleans about 1845. She was born in New Orleans in 1824.

Near as I can figure, there were four sons and one daughter.

JAMES HENRY PUTNAM born in January 1846. He married Pauline Johnson June 20, 1871. She was born December 1847 in New Orleans. He is in Vermilion Parish for the 1880 census and in Arcadia Parish in 1900. They are in Houston, Harris County, Texas in 1910, and Pauline is there as a widow in 1920. Based on these census reports, his children were:

Richard S. Putnam born in 1871.

James Henry Putnam, Jr. born June 1873. In 1900 he had a wife Lilly L. In 1910 they are all in Houston, Harris County, Texas and in 1920 he is still there but Lillie has since died. The children were:

Lillie L. Putnam born in 1894. In 1920 she is married to Thomas J. Burnett and is living with him at home.

Irene Putnam born in 1897.

Thelma Putnam born in 1900.

Winston Putnam born in 1902.

David Crowley Putnam born in 1904.

Lottie Putnam the last child born in Louisiana in 1907.

Mary Putnam born December 1876.

Russell Benjamin Putnam born January 7, 1878 but not in the 1900 census, as he was a student at Cornell, graduating there in 1901.

Frances Putnam born April 1881. She is at home with her mom in 1920.

Walter Putnam born August 1882. He is living with his brother Robert in 1930 and states he is divorced.

Robert Emmet Putnam born May 22, 1883. In 1920 he has a wife named Mary M. and these children. He is in Abbeville, Vermilion Parish in 1920 and 1930.

Mary M. Putnam born in 1912.

Richard Putnam born in 1914.

Robert E. Putnam Junior born in 1919.

William Chaffee Putnam born October 19, 1888. In 1920, he is alone in Gueydon, Vermilion Parish at age 32. However, there are two grandchildren living with a Louis Bassick that may well be his. These two are:

William C. Putnam born in 1916.

Ruth Audry Putnam born in July 1919.

EMMET PERKINS PUTNAM born August 4, 1856 and died in Vermillion Parish February 2, 1925. He married Emily McWhare in New Orleans on March 5, 1879. Based on the 1900 through 1920 census of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, the children then were:

Agnes J. Putnam born May 1880.

Sophia A. Putnam born October 1881.

Minnie W. Putnam born April 1883.

Emily Putnam born November 1888.

Emmet Perkins Putnam born November 18, 1892. He has a wife Ruth in 1920.

Annie O. Putnam born February 1895. She was the only one still around in 1920.

James A. Putnam born October 1899. He is missing in 1910 and I assume he died.

EDWARD S. PUTNAM born in 1858, died in 1919. He was home in 1860 and 1870 and then I lose him till 1910 when he is in Hot Springs Arkansas. At that time he is still single and is a hotelkeeper.

ROBERT SPEARING PUTMAN born October 4, 1860 and died September 20, 1906 all in Vermilion Parish. He married Jennile I. Nourse, born January 14, 1868 and died March 7, 1932. Jennie is in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana in 1910 with the kids. In 1920, she is in Houston, Harris County, Texas. Their children were:

Alice S. Putnam born February 1890.

Edward Lee Putnam born April 4, 1891 and will die in Houston in August 1986. In 1920 and 1930 he is in Houston with his wife Bessie Pearl Ingram and these children, all born in Texas. Pearl was born March 5, 1897 and will die in Houston at age 100 on March 11, 1997.

Helen Putnam born in 1914.

Alice E. Putnam born in 1918.

Henry E. Putnam born October 1894.

Robert Spearing Putnam, Jr. born September 1895.

LEE PUTNAM born about 1862. He was in the 1880 census, but don't find him later.

Emmet Putnam

He would have been born about 1833. He married Amelia Mumford Palfrey in New Orleans about 1858. He was in the 1860 census with a son named Russell born in 1859. According to the I.G.I. they had two daughters born in the 1860s. Yet I never find him again in the census reports, so I am not really certain about him.

The only child I can list is:

RUSSELL T. PUTNAM born in 1859. He might be the Thomas Putnam in Ellis county, Texas in 1880 if the age then is 20 not the 28 as shown.