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# Benjamin Putman of Henry County Missouri

Benjamin Putman was a son of Wilson Putman. He was born July 15, 1804 in, I believe, Rutherford County, North Carolina, however in the 1850 census he lists South Carolina as his birthplace. He moved with the family to Tennessee and married Mary (Polly) Buchanan there in Rhea County on January 9, 1823 by Rev. Farmer (June 7, 1823 according to another source). Mary was born in Tennessee on December 7, 1805.

They appear on the 1825 tax lists. Benjamin first appears as a head of the household in the 1830 Rhea County census where he and Polly have a teenage female over 15 years (possibly a relative, a sister?), and three sons and a daughter under ten years of age. An 1838 Rhea County list shows they have five school age children in District 5.

About the same time the rest of the family moved to Alabama, Benjamin and his family headed west into Missouri. He ended up in Henry (Rives at the time) County in the late 1830s. The last child born in Tennessee was born in 1836 and they were in Rives County for the 1840 census.

In 1840, while living in Springfield, Missouri, they had seven sons and one daughter at home. In 1850, he was 45, Mary 44, Newton 24 TN, Emeline 22 TN, Israel 20 TN, Lafayette 18 TN, Van Buren 13 TN, Sarah 6 MO, Ellen 4 MO, Jane 3 MO and Wilson 1 MO.

Benjamin Putman died on September 16, 1862 and Mary died May 29, 1890. Although Benjamin Putman was fifty-eight years old, he may have died in the Civil War as an old bible record reads, *'died by the ruthless hand of war, September 16, 1862.'*

Benjamin and Mary Putman's these children were:

**RUFUS PUTMAN** born December 28, 1823. He married Lavina Jane Stockton on October 25, 1849. Lavinia was a daughter of James S. Stockton. They were married in Polk County, Missouri. They went to California and he was in Rough and Ready, Nevada County, California and was a gold miner. His son James was born in California in 1855 so they must have come in the 1850s. He was there through the 1900 census when he was 72 and Lavinia was 71. Their children were:

**James B. Putman** born in 1855.

**Charles P. Putman** born 1858.

**Willis Putman** born in 1862. He is married to Josie Lewis in San Francisco in 1910 and widowed there in 1920.

**Amos Putman** born in 1865.

**Stella Martha Putman** born in 1868. She married Herman Robert Smith. They had one child:

**Herman Preston Smith** born July 12, 1892 at the Putman Ranch. He married Edna Camilla Nielson November 11, 1919 in Bellingham, Washington.

**NEWTON PUTMAN** born November 26, 1825. He married Nancy Ann Stockton in Polk County, Missouri on January 14, 1852. Nancy was a daughter of David D. Stockton. Newton

died September 12, 1893. He was in Dade County, Missouri in 1860. Then he was in the 1880 census of Polk County, Oregon with Nancy. In 1900, Nancy was widowed and living with her son John in Wheeler County, Oregon. She was born December 17, 1832 and died in Polk County Oregon on December 13, 1911. Their children were:

**William Preston Putman** was born December 7, 1852. He married Louisa Mehitable Garroutte on April 3, 1878. They lived in Oregon and then moved to Montana. William died March 8, 1930 in Wolf Point, Montana. Louisa was born in Missouri on March 25, 1856 and died in Montana on November 26, 1928. They had:

**Nellie Captola Putman** in 1881.

**Hazel Dell Putman** born in Oregon March 4, 1890 and died in Laurel, Montana in January 1992. She was a schoolteacher and never married.

**Guy Ingersoll Putman** in Polk County Oregon in 1892. He was married to Jessie A. Hill in 1930 in Prairie County, Montana. I don't find him in 1910 or 1920. There is a record that he married a Mabel and they had a daughter Inez born in 1918. So Jessie seems to be a second wife.

**John Hughes Putman** was born January 1, 1855. He is in Fossil City, Wheeler County, Oregon in 1900 to 1920. His wife was Annie Lee Meek, born in Missouri in May 1869 and died November 21, 1953. They were married in 1891. Through 1920, their children were:

**Wyatt Huston Putman** born in Oregon August 15, 1892, and died July 30, 1916 in Wheeler County Oregon.

**Evangeline P. Putman** born April 4, 1894.

**Theodore R. Putman** born in August 1899 and died July 30, 1916.

**John Francis Putman** born March 26, 1905.

**James Buchanan Putman** was born March 15, 1857. He is in Englewood, Marion County, Oregon in 1900 through 1920. His wife is Mary Agnes Wait. She was born in April 1862 and died in Salem, Oregon October 24, 1929. James died in Salem on February 22, 1938. He is a state librarian. Children were:

**Kirk T. Putman** born July 1886 and died January 8, 1966 in Multnomah County Oregon.

**Bessie Olive Putman** born February 1888, and died in Marion County Oregon October 10, 1975. She married Lloyd Vernon Bell. He was born March 18, 1888 in Roseburgh, Oregon, and died in Marion County November 20, 1947.

**Emma Kuhn Putman** born July 1890 and died May 4, 1930.

**Mary D. Putman** born September 1891.

**Anna S. Putman** born in January 1893.

**Nana W. Putman** born in July 1896 and died in Multnomah County Oregon October 16, 1972.

**Ennis Wait Putman** born in December 1899. He was single in Yakima County Washington in 1930 and an architect in a lumber company.

**Alice Putman** born in 1902.

**James B. Putman Jr.** born in 1903. He is married to a Catherine and is in Mount Vernon Washington in 1930.

**Winfrey Newton Putman** was born August 14, 1859. He is in Fossil City, Wheeler County in 1900 and in Independence, Polk County, Oregon in 1910 and 1920 and 1930. He died there February 13, 1933. His wife is Eunice Belle Harris, born April 21, 1859 in Polk County Oregon and died in Wasco County September 17, 1950. They were married in 1883. Children were:

**Gertrude Nancy Putman** born January 21, 1886 and died October 7, 1956 in Salem, Oregon. She married Stephan Hubert Edwards June 1, 1903.

**Zadie Winifred Putman** born March 29, 1892. She married Frank Wesley Kellogg

and they were with her parents in 1920. She died in Salem May 29, 1920.

**Gladys Margery Putman** born April 7, 1897 and died in Portland December 25, 1930. She married Oliver Guy White.

**Rosa Putman** was born September 15, 1862 and died at age twenty-seven on October 19, 1889.

**Benjamin Putman** was born May 6, 1865 and died September 26, 1866.

**Robert Marion Putman** was born February 26, 1867. His wife Myrtle Maud Southwick was born in Wisconsin in May of 1874 and died August 2, 1934 in Salem. They are in East Salem, Marion County, Oregon in 1900 through 1930. Marion died there January 18, 1942. Children in these reports were:

**Chauncy Putman** born in February 1893.

**Merle Otis Putman** born September 3, 1897. In 1920 he has married Clela McFarland and has Robert Merle born in 1920. They are in Marion County in 1920. Think she died as he married a Myrtle in 1926 and they are down in San Francisco California by 1930.

**Helene Putman** born in 1914.

**Otis Putman** was born November 4, 1870 and died March 19, 1895.

**EMELINE PUTMAN** was born January 1, 1828. She married Robert La Salle.

**ISRAEL PUTMAN** was born May 1, 1830. He died in the Black Hills June 16, 1850 en route to the California gold fields.

**LAFAYETTE PUTMAN** was born November 6, 1832. He died in November 1876. He married Elizabeth Melissa Sheek on November 25, 1866 in Henry County. They were in Henry County Missouri in 1870 and in Howard County Kansas in 1875. Elizabeth is in Fremont County Colorado in 1880. She is married to L. P. Getman and they live next to her mother Sarah Sheek and a brother and his family. She is in Pueblo, Pueblo County Colorado in 1900 widowed as Elizabeth Getman. Her son Jesse is in the County married then too. She is then widowed as Elizabeth Getman in Pueblo City Colorado in 1910, 1920, and in 1930 at age 82 NC. Her two, by then widowed, daughters are with her. WOW! Their children were:

**Jesse Benjamin Putman** born in August 1867. Jesse first appears on his own in Pueblo County, Colorado in 1900 with a wife named Hannah and a son Willis. In the early 1900s, Hannah divorced Jess and took Willis to Los Angeles, California. In 1920, Jesse is single, and in Lincoln County in 1910 and in Custer County in 1920 and 1930. The child was:

**Willis Putman** born in April 1894. He married Ruth Elizabeth Haskins in Los Angeles. They are shown there in the 1920 census. They had one daughter, Marian Elizabeth Putman, born February 2, 1920.

**Laura L. Putman** born in Missouri in 1868. In 1930 she is with her widowed mother Elizabeth Getman in Pueblo Colorado. She is listed as Laura S. Harvey 61 MO and widowed.

**Sarah Ann Putman** born in Kansas in 1870. In 1930 she is in Pueblo Colorado with her widowed mom and sister. She is listed as Anna S. Gray 58 KS and also widowed.

**EUCLID PUTMAN** was born February 1, 1835. He died August 18, 1843.

**VAN BUREN PUTMAN** was born April 14, 1837, and died March 3, 1883. He went to California in the 1850s and was in Jackson, Amador County, California in the 1860 and 1870 census reports.

**JOHN PUTMAN** was born July 23, 1839. He died February 23, 1847.

**ELIZABETH PUTMAN** was born October 24, 1841. She died February 11, 1847.

**SARAH PUTMAN** was born August 27, 1844. She married Abraham C. Gwinn on February 5, 1860. He died around 1879 and by 1800, she was married to McCurley. They were together in the 1880 Census in Leesville, Henry County. At that time her mother Mary was with them at age 74.

**VIRGINIA ELLEN PUTMAN** was born September 1, 1845.

**JANE PUTMAN** was born April 13, 1847. She married Giles A. Sheck or Sheek on November 28, 1867 in Henry County.

**WILLIAM WILSON PUTMAN** was born June 28, 1849. He married Isabella J. Renfro on January 6, 1876. She was a daughter of Weston and Mary Renfro born March 24, 1848. They had two children:

**Lillian May Putman** born May 1, 1878. She died February 3, 1956. In 1900 she was single and in Salem Oregon.

**Ora Neil Putman** born September 19, 1880. He married Lillian Billingsley Adair and died in Greeley, Colorado in 1971.

Wilson 'kidnapped' his daughter Lillian and went to California like his brothers and then went to Oregon. I find him in Oregon in 1920 in Umatilla County. He is there with a wife named Aimee and these children:

**Frank G. Putman** born 1898 Oregon.

**Elwyn W. Putman** born 1900.

**Alta A. Putman** born 1905.

**Jessie Putman** born 1907.

**Nona M. Putman** born 1914.