

The PUTNAMs/PUTMANs of Vernon County

These folks were from Jefferson County, Tennessee. I covered them as best I could in the Tennessee Section. I feel they also came from the folks in Guilford County and Virginia before that, but cannot prove a damn thing.

They are somehow related to the Putnams of Calloway County detailed in the previous section.

Look back in the Tennessee Section for more information. I feel these two families are connected. Somehow, and a part of our Southern Putnam/Putman family.

William James Putnam

He married Sarah Foland, and had several children in Jefferson County, Tennessee. William deserted the family in 1856. It was thought he went to either live with the Indians or head further west. It is my feeling that he headed south into Yell County, Arkansas. In 1878, a William J. Putman (age 50) married Jeanette Lewis (age 21). Things are very confusing in Yell County, Arkansas in this time period. There were two bunches of 'stray' Putman children. I get the feeling they may well both have been families of this William Putnam. It appears as if he left Sarah, headed into Arkansas, and married someone. He then left her, and married Jeanette, and later left her as well. I have found what may be his tombstone, a wooden cross, in Polk County, Arkansas.

This is a real puzzler. Also please look in the Arkansas Section. On about page 50, you'll find a section on the Yell County Folks. See what you think.

Sarah was listed in 1860 under her maiden name (Foland), but again used Putnam in 1870 and in 1880.

One son, **COMMODORE PUTNAM** was in the 1870 census of Vernon County. At that time his wife was Eliza Jane Wesson or Wasson. He was 20 and she was 19. He died in about 1878 and in 1880 Eliza was shown alone with two children: **Mary** born in 1870 and **Arch** born in 1877. Eliza then married John M. Collins January 20, 1881, and died herself about 1885.

In 1880 another son, **JACOB S. PUTNAM** was in the census with a wife Celestina Lawton. They were both 20 with no children. In 1900 through 1920, they were in Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas with a bunch of kids. Based on the kids ages, and birth places, they were in Kansas by 1885. Based on Census reports, the children were: **Benjamin** born 1883 MO, **Harry** born 1886 KS, **Boyd** born 1889 KS, **Sarah Grace** born 1891 KS, **Eva** born 1894 KS, **Dolly** born 1897 KS and **Nora Gladys** born 1900 KS.

The following marriages are all children of William and Sarah. Marriage records in Vernon County, Missouri show:

Eliza Jane Putnam and John M. Collins on January 27, 1881.

Elizabeth Putnam and James Sewell on July 17, 1870.

Jacob Putnam and Celestine Lawton on September 1, 1877.

Lottie C. Putnam and L. B. Walters on November 24, 1880.

Rowena Putnam and John Fowland on March 5, 1875.