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GRIGGS PUTMAN

North Carolina to Morgan County Alabama

He is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Putman. Griggs Putman was born in the late 1770s, about 1778, in North Carolina. He first appears in the 1800 Census of Rutherford County, North Carolina. At that time he is married. Both he and his wife Sally (Sarah) are between 16 and 26 years of age.

The 1810 census creates a problem. Griggs is shown as being over 45 years of age, but his wife between 26 and 45. He too should be in the 26-45 age grouping.

The 1810 census of Rutherford County also shows a son over 16 and one daughter over 16 and two daughters under 10 years of age. Griggs, or at least someone by that name, joined the Buffalo Baptist Church in Cherokee County, South Carolina in 1812 along with Elias Putman. They were discharged in 1816, and he went into Alabama.

Griggs then next appears in the 1830 census of Morgan County, Alabama. He is in the 50 to 60 year old range and his wife, Sally, is in the 30 to 40 bracket. He had some ten children with him at the time.

I found a questionnaire for Tennessee Civil War Veterans. There was one filled in by a Thomas Patterson who stated that his mother was Nancy Putman, the daughter of Griggs and Sally Putman. He further stated that Nancy was born near Decatur in Morgan County, Alabama.

Griggs died by 1840 as Sarah (Sally) was shown as a widow and head of the household in her 40s. 2 sons and 2 daughters were still at home.

Some children that might be his are:

Francis Putman

Francis was probably born about 1805. He married Sadie Couch in 1823. In 1830 he is shown in his 20s with an older couple in their 40s. I am not certain who they are, maybe Sadie's folks. By 1840 the older folks are gone. Might even have been an error in recording.

In 1840 they have a son and six daughters. Sometime around 1847, Francis died and in 1850 Sadie is a widow living with her daughter Nancy Stout and her husband. By 1860 she and the kids disappear.

The following is the listing of the children in the 1850 Census. Several sets of twins with a few unfortunate results:

WILLIAM A. PUTMAN was born in about 1823 in Alabama. In the 1850 census of Lawrence County, Alabama he was listed as being 26 and his wife Eliza was 24. In 1860 he is still there at age 37, and his wife Jane is 35. I assume she is the same gal, justly named

Eliza Jane. He was a blacksmith by trade. I was not certain if he were an older son of Francis or a younger son of Griggs, but in 1860 he listed Jeremiah Michael Putman as his brother, so he fits Francis' family. I do not find him in 1870. In 1880 there is an Elizabeth Putman, the right age with a bunch of nieces and nephews that may be the children of William's brother John who also is missing. Again, probably the Civil War. In 1860 the children were:

Mary Jane Putman born in 1848.

Rebecca Putman born in 1850. There was an R. A. Putman who married A. C. Daniels in Lawrence County on October 12, 1871.

Margaret P. Putman born in 1855. There was a Margaret Putman who married George R. Owen in Lawrence County on December 8, 1875.

Francis M. Putman born in 1857. There was a Francis M. Putman who married Ann Eliza McDonald in Morgan County on November 26, 1882.

JOHN G. PUTMAN born about 1827 or 1828. He is single in 1850. In 1860 he is in Lawrence County, married to a woman named Adelia 3 years younger than he. I do not find them in 1870, perhaps another Civil War Casualty. In 1860 they had:

Eleanor Putman born in 1855.

Sarah Putman born in 1856.

Mary Putman born in 1858.

DRACINA PUTMAN born in 1829. I would guess she is the NANCY Stout who has her mother with her in 1850. If this is the case, she married John Stout about 1853 in Franklin County, Tennessee.

LOUCINDA PUTMAN born in 1829 and listed as deaf and dumb. She is with her sister Rebecca in 1860.

REBECCA PUTMAN born in 1835. She married Isaac S. Barr.

CELIA PUTMAN born in 1837.

MARGARET PUTMAN born in 1840. There was a Margaret L. Putman who married George R. Owen in Lawrence County on December 8, 1875. This may have been her, but this was more likely William's daughter Margaret.

JEREMIAH MICHAEL PUTMAN born in 1842. He is with his brother William in 1860. I next find him in McNairy County, Tennessee. He married America Jane Manses or Maness there on December 28, 1871. In 1880 they are in Lawrence County, Arkansas and in 1900 in Andrew County, Missouri. Based on these census returns, their children, all born in Arkansas, through 1900 were:

George F. Putman born in 1873. In 1900 he is in Nodaway County, Missouri with a wife named Minnie, born in Missouri in 1876. There were no children in 1900.

James T. Putman born in 1875. I do not find him with the family in 1900.

Dasha Putman born in 1877. She was gone, probably married, by 1900.

June Putman born in 1886 and at home in 1900.

SARAH J. PUTMAN born in 1842. There was a Sarah P. Putman who married A. A. Kid in Lawrence County, Alabama on February 27, 1872. Again, this may or may not have been

her.

MARY PUTMAN born in 1842, turned out okay I guess.

SADY ELIZA PUTMAN born in 1847.

FRANCIS M. PUTMAN born in 1847 and not in the 1860 census.

This family is covered more fully in the [ALABAMA PUTMAN](#) section.

William Putman

William was born about 1810 in North Carolina and this is borne out in the 1850 census. He went with his family and uncles to northern Alabama. He married Susan Stephens in Morgan County, Alabama in 1831.

In the 1850 census of Morgan County, Alabama they had nine children. I then find them in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in the 1860 census. This is the last I find of them. They are not in the 1870 nor 1880 census in any southern state.

All the sons were in the Civil War fighting with the CSA army. It is quite possible that their dad was in the fighting as well and was killed. All I know is that by 1870 he was gone.

One son, William, was in Lee County, Mississippi through the 1880 census and then moved to Texas. Three other sons, Charles, Francis and Henderson, returned to Tennessee by 1870 and remained there. The 1870 Tennessee census was not very accurate at all, and it is possible William went back there with some of the kids and died there. I have no ideas at all.

At any rate, their children were:

NANCY PUTMAN born in 1832.

MARY E. PUTMAN born in 1834.

JANE PUTMAN born in 1836.

WILLIAM MARTIN PUTMAN was born in Morgan County, Alabama on January 18, 1837. He married Alice A. Crow in Morgan County, Alabama on October 25, 1857. Alice was born in Lawrence or Morgan County, Alabama on October 22, 1840. Their first child, Sarah, was born in Alabama in 1858. They then moved along with his parents to Pontotoc County, Mississippi and were there by the 1860 census time. William and Alice remained in Mississippi and were in Lee County in the 1880 census with three sons. Their two daughters had married by then. In about 1890 or 1891, William and Alice and their three sons, John, James and Frank, moved to Copeville in Collin County, Texas. William and Alice were to remain there until they died. They were both with their son James in 1900 in Collin County. William Putman died in Copeville on August 22, 1905 and Alice was with her son James until she died there in May 1921. More on this family is found in the [TEXAS PUTMANS](#) section. Their children were:

Sarah Jane Putman was born in Morgan County, Alabama in 1857 or early 1858. She

was married or at least gone from the family by 1880.

Susan Putman was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in 1859. She too was not around at census time in 1880. Again, I assume she married and moved out.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Putman born about 1860. I do not find her in any census, but as they were 20 years apart between 1860 and 1880, she could easily be born and married in that period. At any rate she was born in about 1860 and married John Franklin Knowles. They lived in Paris, Texas.

John Putman was the eldest son, born July 27, 1862. He married Ida Rosilie Wingo in Lee County, Mississippi in about 1882 or 1883. She was born in Mississippi in September 1867. John died in Copeville, Collin County, Texas in 1904 at age 41. I do not know when Ida died.

James B. Putman was born March 22, 1865 in Lee County, Mississippi. He married Corrie Ellen Phillips in Mississippi. She was born in Mississippi in December 1871. He died in Copeville, Collin County, Texas on April 21, 1949.

Thomas Franklin Putman was born in Lee County, Mississippi in January 9, 1872. He married Estella Jones. She was born in Tennessee in February 1879. They lived in Longview, Texas.

JOHN F. PUTMAN born in 1840. He married Nancy Jane Phillips in Pontotoc County, Mississippi on February 22, 1865. I do not find him in 1870 or later census reports. He may have been a casualty in the final year of the War.

JAMES M. PUTMAN born in 1841. He was at home in the 1850 census, but seems to have been the first to leave home and go back to Tennessee. I don't find him in 1860 or 1870, but in 1880 he is in Bledsoe County, Tennessee. He married Sarah Poe in neighboring Hamilton County, Tennessee on September 25, 1867. By 1900, Sarah was widowed and still at home with the kids. By 1920, she is 68 and living with her son John in Bledsoe County. Their children were:

John H. Putman born in 1869. He was still in Bledsoe County in 1920. His wife was Minnie.

Mary H. Putman born in 1871. She married a Payne man, as in 1900 she was at home and seemingly widowed. In 1910 she had remarried to Elijah Patton and they were living with her mother.

James H. Putman born in 1876. I do not find him (yet) in 1900.

Gertie R. Putman born in late 1879. In 1900, she seems to be listed as Myrtle (?) the same age bracket.

Roscoe George Putman born March 21, 1882. By 1920 he is still in Bledsoe County with a wife named Sally E. Their children then were:

Mildred W. Putman born in 1907.

Hazel C. Putman born in 1908.

Jack H. Putman born in 1912.

Marvin S. Putman born in 1916.

Winnie Samuel Putman born January 9, 1885. In 1920 he is in Bledsoe County with a wife named Gertrude L. and a daughter:

Mamie E. Putman born in October 1919.

HENDERSON GRIGGS PUTMAN born in November 1843. He was with his parents in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in the 1860 census. By 1870, he returned to Tennessee with his brothers Francis and Charles. He married Flora Ann Lovelace in Dyer County, Tennessee on January 25, 1871. Flora was born in Tennessee in February 1857. They were not in the 1880 Soundex, but they were in Dyer County in 1900 with these children. For

more details, see the [TENNESSEE](#) Section. The children were:

Charles D. Putman born in May 1875. In 1900 he had a wife named Lillie and one daughter. I do not find them in 1910, but in 1920 they are in Nashville, Davidson County. The children through 1920 were:

Ethel Putman born in 1898. In 1920 she was married to Elvis Lane.

Bernice Putman born in 1905.

Kate Putman born in January 1877.

Benjamin Putman born in May 1880. In 1900 he is single, and I don't find him in 1920.

James Henderson Putman born in March 1882. In 1920, he is in Dyer County with a wife name Minnie B. and two children:

James Putman born in 1916.

Pauline Putman born in 1918.

Hubert L. Putman born in January 1884. He is in Obion County, Tennessee in 1910 with a wife named Ruth and a son. I do not find him in 1920. The son in 1910 was:

Coy Putman born in 1918.

Nina Putman born in January 1886.

William Lovelace Putman born March 22, 1888. In 1920 he is in Dyer County with a wife named Callie M. and a daughter:

Estelle M. Putman born in 1911.

John C. Putman born in May 1890. In 1920, he is in Crockett County, Tennessee living with a D. A. Walker who is his son in law, but it seems his wife has died by then. There was one daughter:

Virginia Putman born in 1912.

Ruth Putman born in March 1895.

SARAH ELIZA PUTMAN born in 1845.

FRANCIS MARION PUTMAN born in March 1848. He was married twice. First he married Mary Frances Estes in McNairy County on February 11, 1868 and then he married Matilda Catherine Patterson in McNairy County on November 18, 1875. Matilda was born in May 1855. They are in McNairy County in 1880 with these children, all males listed by initials only, and in Chester County, Tennessee in 1900 with only Jesse and Eula at home. The children were:

William L. Putman born in November 1869.

W. H. Putman born in 1874.

J. R. Putman born in 1877.

Jesse T. Putman born in May 1880. In 1920 he is in Giles County, Tennessee with a wife named Dovie J. and these children:

James R. Putman born in 1911.

Margaret L. Putman born in 1913.

Eula C. Putman born in March 1885. She was home in 1910 in Chester County and in 1920 was with a John Kennedy in Henderson County, Tennessee.

CHARLES D. PUTMAN born in 1851. He married Rosetta J. Hodges in McNairy County on November 7, 1870. In the 1880 census of McNairy County, they had two children. In 1900 the family is in Collin County, Texas. For more on this family see the Section on [TEXAS PUTMANS](#). The children were:

William H. Putman born in 1871. His wife was Carrie.

Marcus L. Putman born in 1878. In 1900 he is married to a Cora and living next to dad.

Bessie Putman born in Tennessee in April 1883 and home in 1900.

Asa D. Putman born May 22, 1887 in Texas. He married Mary Ellen Powers and was in Oklahoma in 1920.

Minnie Putman born in September 1891.

Drucina Putman

She was born about 1812 in North Carolina. She married James R. Martin in Morgan County on February 8, 1831.

Martin Putman

Martin would have been born about 1817 in North Carolina. He lists his birth as Alabama in 1850, but calls it North Carolina thereafter. North Carolina makes the most sense, but it could have been in Morgan County, Alabama as the family moved there about the time of his birth. He is married about 1839 to a woman named Juda. I have no idea as to her maiden name. He will spend his whole adult life in McNairy County, Tennessee.

He first appears in McNairy County, Tennessee being just married to his wife Juda and there are no children yet. In 1850 he is 32 and Juda is 28 and they have five children. In 1860 the same five children are at home and they have added another daughter. By 1870 he is a widower at age 50. I do not find him in 1880, but his kids are still hanging around.

Based on census returns, Martin and Juda's children were:

JOHN FRANKLIN PUTMAN born August 23, 1841 in McNairy County, Tennessee. He married Martha E. Lain in McNairy County on December 23, 1866. They are in McNairy County through the 1920. He died there July 29, 1921. Martha was a daughter of Thomas Lain and Jane Holder. She was born April 29, 1844 and died in McNairy County November 8, 1922..

LETTITA or TELITHA PUTMAN born in 1843.

ALLEY PUTMAN born in 1845. She never married and was with her brother William in 1910.

HARRIETT E. PUTMAN born in 1847. She married John M. Lawrence in McNairy County on January 27, 1867.

WILLIAM A. PUTMAN born in 1850. His wife was named Ennie L., born in Kentucky.

NANCY E. PUTMAN born in 1851.

This family is covered in the section on **TENNESSEE PUTMANS**.

Ludema Putman

She was 26 in the 1850 census, so she would have been born in Alabama in about 1823. She married John Masters in Lawrence County, Alabama on December 10, 1850.

Nancy Putman

Nancy was born in Morgan County, Alabama in the 1820s. She married Jonas Patterson there in the 1840s. She is the daughter listed in the Tennessee CSA Pension file of their son Thomas Martin Patterson. It was in this file that I was able to establish that Sally was Griggs second wife.

Elizabeth Putman

Elizabeth was 20 in the 1850 census, so she would have been born about 1829 in Morgan County.

She was gone by the 1860 census, but I cannot find a marriage record for her.

James Putman

According to the 1850 census he was born in about 1832. He doesn't appear in 1860 so may have moved on with mom wherever she went.