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# Willis Putman

## Cleveland County North Carolina

Willis appears to be one of the eldest children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Putman. I place his birth to be about 1770-1775 and it would have taken place in what was then Bute County North Carolina.

Willis received two land grants on December 22, 1798. One for 100 acres on the Rocky Branch of Sandy Run, and the other for 100 acres on Beaver Dam Creek. Both were in Rutherford County.

He married Martha Rogers in 1798 in Rutherford County. He seems to have remained in the same general area until his death in 1845. He died and is buried in Cleveland County but Cleveland was formed out of Rutherford County. Martha was living with her daughter Elizabeth in 1850 at age 70. She lived on into the early 1850s. She was in her 70s when she died.

Willis and Martha Putman had the following children:

### Elizabeth Putman

Elizabeth was born in about 1798 and was the eldest child. She married William Branton in Rutherford County.

In the 1850 census of Cleveland County North Carolina they were listed with William age 70 and Elizabeth age 53 and seven children at home. Mother Martha was there as well.

Elizabeth died May 6, 1856 in Cleveland County.

The children in the 1850 census, all born in Rutherford (now Cleveland) County were:

**NICEY BRANTON** She was married before the 1850, but I got this info from a descendant. Nicey was born October 10, 1818 in Cleveland County NC and died October 3, 1898 in Jackson County NC. She married David Connor. He was born January 26, 1817 and died January 6, 1896 in Jackson County. He was the son of William and Hannah Connor. This comes from the David Connor family bible. They had these children:

**Susan Connor** born May 28, 1839 and died April 24, 1929. She first married David Dills and later William Allison Sherrill.

**Louisa Connor** born February 21, 1841 and died August 26, 1918 in Swain County NC. She married Alfred Washington Parris February 1, 1859 in Macon County NC.

**Marcus Lafayette Connor** born February 10, 1843.

**Burton Mingus Connor** born about 1846.

**Margaret Catherine Connor** born April 24, 1847 and died July 5, 1864.

**Mary Ann Connor** born February 4, 1849

**Elizabeth Jane Connor** born June 11, 1851.

**Rachel Narcissus Connor** born June 11, 1853 and died December 11, 1862.

**David Jackson Connor** born January 5, 1856 and died July 13, 1864.

**Nicey Bernice Connor** born July 10, 1858.

**Simm Wiley Connor** born March 23, 1860.

**ELIZABETH (BETSY) BRANTON** born 1820.

**JAMES BRANTON** born in 1822.

**SARAH (SALLY) BRANTON** born in 1827.

**DAVID BRANTON** born in 1831.

**SUSAN BRANTON** born in 1829. The way she was listed after David might indicate she was his wife rather than his sister. Not sure.

**THOMAS BRANTON** born in 1833.

**MARY BRANTON** born in 1835.

**JOHN BRANTON** born in 1838.

## **Benjamin Putman**

Benjamin was born in Rutherford County on November 14, 1802 or according to other sources on November 12, 1803. He married Margaret Blanton in 1827 in Lincoln County North Carolina. Margaret was born April 13, 1812.

They may have moved or more simply the County changed to Cleveland County in 1841. They were both charter members of the Capernaum Baptist Church, which was founded on July 9, 1842.

Benjamin died on March 26, 1877 and Margaret died on April 8, 1897. Both are buried at the Capernaum Church Cemetery in Waco, Cleveland County.

Benjamin and Margaret's children were:

**CORNELIA PUTMAN** born July 1, 1828. She married W. G. Lindsay and died on July 22, 1904.

**JAMES LEONARD PUTMAN** born in 1831. He was with his folks in the 1850 census. He married Harriett Mauney in Lincoln County North Carolina on January 25, 1855. In 1860, they were in Cleveland County with two children. He enlisted in the CSA at age 33 on March 8, 1863 in Wake County. He died in the fighting at the Orange Court House in Virginia on November 20, 1863. Harriet remarried to E. W. Pinkney. Children in 1860 were:

**Isaac F. Putman** born in June 1856. He married Barbara Wright. He died October 8, 1910 in Gaston County.

**Sarah Ann Putman** born in 1858

**ARTHUR McLAIN PUTMAN** born December 18, 1832. His wife was Elvira Emeline Hill. She was listed as Ersuline in the 1860 census, but was the same person. He was then 27, she was 25. He enlisted in the CSA in Wake County at age 31 on March 8, 1863. He was promoted to Corporal in November 1864. He was captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland where he died on May 10, 1865 of chronic dysentery. His name is on a marker at Point Lookout, Maryland. Elvira was born July 30, 1835 and she died February 28, 1900. She was the daughter of the Rev. Wade H. Hill and Temperance Ledbetter. They had:

**Mahulda Clementine Putman** born February 20, 1853, and died February 20, 1933. She married James Pierce Stroup on March 1, 1874. He was born October 4, 1852 and died February 27, 1921. They had nine children:

**Wade Colyer Stroup** born February 28, 1876.

**Mammie Estelle Stroup** born August 20, 1878.

**Plato L. Stroup** born May 20, 1880.

**Clarence Hilliard Stroup** born April 27, 1884.

**Holcomb McLain Stroup** born in 1886.

**Winnie Beaufort Stroup** born August 14, 1888.

**Nannie Emerline Stroup** born September 19, 1890.

**Nellie E. Stroup** born September 16, 1892.

**Effie Pierce Stroup** born September 8, 1894.

**James Madison Putman** born February 7, 1855 and died August 28, 1894. In 1900, there is a Barbara Putman, a widow age 44 with 4 children the right ages in Gaston County North Carolina. I am guessing she is his widow. One son was named Hill, probably after his grandparents. If, and only if, Barbara was his wife, the children were:

**Cleo Putman** born in September 1880. I believe he is the Clarence Putman in Granville County North Carolina in 1910.

**Clarinda Putman** born in August 1887.

**Mary Putman** born in March 1892.

**Hill L. Putman** born July 2, 1895. In 1920 he has a wife Ellen and a daughter Mildred.

**John Wade Putman** born December 12, 1857 and died February 11, 1917 in Atlanta. He married Mary Clevie Lancaster and they lived in Atlanta. She was born May 21, 1861 in Spartanburg County South Carolina and died in Atlanta June 30, 1932. Their children were:

**Willie Hutton Putman** born October 11, 1880 and died May 12, 1945. He married Mary Jane Ware. They were in Habersham County in 1910, Atlanta, Georgia by 1920, and in Lemons, Cobb County in 1930. Based on the Censuses, they had:

**Willie Putman** a daughter born in 1902. Her folks were with her in Cobb County in 1930 when she was married to Joseph Baherton.

**John Wade Putman** born in 1904. He was married to a Vesta in Decatur, Georgia in 1930. She was born September 11, 1905 and died in Woodstock, Georgia February 4, 1993 according to obits.com

**Marion Putman** a son born in 1907.

**Albert Putman** born in 1909.

**Norma Putman** born in 1911.

**Janie Putman** born in 1914.

**Malissa Emaline Putman** born November 30, 1882 and died in September 1945. She married Allen Hughes.

**Arthur Belton Putnam** born October 1, 1884 in Spartanburg County South Carolina and died in Alabama May 8, 1953. He married Susan Jane Ramsey in Hall County Georgia in 1903. He was in the 1910 and 1930 census of Winston County Alabama and in Marion County in 1920. He died in Haleyville, Winston County Alabama May 8, 1953. Their children were:

**Annie Mae Putnam** she married Carlton Halbert.

**Wendell Putnam**

**James Wade Putnam** he married a girl named Mildred. Found two obits for them. He died Sunday June 12, 2005 and was 94 years old. Mildred was Mildred Marie Stephenson who died at age 96 Saturday December 23, 2006. So ages and all fit just fine. They both died in Florence, Alabama.

**William Franklin Putnam** he changed his name to Jesse Frank Putnam and married Alyce Susan Rutland.

**Frances Susan Putnam** she married Barry Eugene Duggan.

**Joseph Putnam** he married Frances Masterson.

**Clarence Otto Putnam** who married a Ruby Lee.

**Ruth Putnam** who married a Mize.

**George Putnam** who married a Mildred.

**Oliver Golusta Putman** born August 21, 1886 and died September 13, 1960. He married Martha Louise White. They were in Hartwell, Hart County Georgia in 1920 and in 1930. They had two daughters in 1930.

**Cora Lee Putman** born September 20, 1888 and died December 23, 1959. She married John Bryant and later a Craton guy.

**John Franklin Putman** born October 28, 1890 and died December 23, 1949 in DeKalb County Georgia. He married Lillian 'Lantie' Andrews. She was born in 1880 and died in 1930.

**Mary Susie Putman** born March 13, 1893 and died August 7, 1964. She married John B. Hightower about 1910 in Atlanta. He was born June 16, 1887 and died in Atlanta January 27, 1957. They had six children:

**Joseph Burton Hightower** born September 13, 1911 and died in Fulton County Georgia June 6, 1926.

**Willie Oslin Hightower** born July 10, 1913 and died in Fulton County Georgia November 12, 1966.

**Nellie Hightower** born about 1915.

**John B. Hightower Junior** born February 12, 1920 and died in DeKalb County Georgia May 7, 1970. He married Dorothy Creel.

**Barney Hightower** born about 1926.

**Susie May Hightower** born September 29, 1928 and died in Atlanta June 25, 1991. She married Milton Clifford Hughes. He was born November 22, 1927 and died in Atlanta October 6, 2000.

**Clarence Otto Putman** born in 1895 and died June 14, 1919.

**Ola Marie Putman** born about 1897 and died July 18, 1943. She married a Mauldin.

**Lizzie Irene Putman** born May 20, 1899 and died August 18, 1972. She married B. F. Bostain on July 10, 1916.

**Mary Caldonia Putman** born January 9, 1860 and died July 27, 1900. She first married Walton Monroe Bridges on May 7, 1876 and after his death on October 15, 1880, she married Wyllie Humphries Johnson on June 19, 1887. There were two

children in the first marriage and four in the second:

**William Madison Bridges** born February 12, 1877.

**Carry A. Bridges** born October 8, 1879.

**Alta Bert Johnson** born September 19, 1888.

**Connie Atlanta Johnson** born January 12, 1891.

**Mary Cleavie Johnson** born August 1, 1893.

**Lloyd Wade Johnson** born July 1, 1895.

**Joseph Alexander Putman** born October 21, 1861 and died April 17, 1939. He married Nancy Ellen LeMaster. He was born in Waco, North Carolina and Nancy was born in Glendale, South Carolina. They lived near Spartanburg, Greenville County South Carolina. In 1910, they were in De Kalb County Georgia. Their children were:

**Nola Putman** born about 1882.

**Mary Annie Putman** born in 1884.

**Marcus Clyde Putman** born in 1886. He is married to a Carrie in De Kalb County Georgia in 1920.

**Dixie Putman** born about 1888.

**Bessie Putman** born in 1890.

**Fannie Putman** born in 1891.

**Nellie Putman** born in 1893.

**Ezra Putman** born about 1895.

**Roy W. Putman** born in 1896. In 1930 he is in Atlanta and has just married Bernice Chastain there. She was married to a Bowman before that and so had a stepdaughter Elizabeth.

**MARY CATHERINE PUTMAN** born in 1835. She married Larkin Stanhope Kendrick in Cleveland County on August 2, 1855. He was born April 28, 1837 in South Carolina and served in the Civil War. He enlisted in Cleveland County September 17, 1861. They were in Cleveland County in 1860 and 1870 and I don't find them after that. As of the 1870 Census their children were:

**James Kendrick** born in January 1857. in 1900 he was married and living in Holland Town, Virginia.

**John William Kendrick** born September 27, 1864 and died in Cherryville, Gaston County North Carolina November 22, 1954. He married Martha Elizabeth Ford in 1895 and she died in the birth of their daughter Martha in 1896. He then married Eliza Lillie McDowell in 1899. She was born in June 1873 and died November 9, 1936. They had eight children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-244257680>

**Noah Benjamin Kendrick** born November 28, 1869 and died in Cherryville, Gaston County November 25, 1938. He married Margaret Julia Mauney about 1890. She was born March 29, 1867 and died February 20, 1952. They lived in Cherryville and had nine children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-244212391>

**WILLIAM HAMBLY PUTMAN** born in February 1839. He is in Gaston County North Carolina in 1860 with a wife named Margaret. They were married June 9, 1860. (I don't remember where I got this date or I might know her last name). He enlisted in the CSA at age 24 on May 5, 1862. He was wounded in the head at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia on May 13, 1864 and was in the hospital until December 1864 when he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned as a provost guard in Raleigh until the end of the war in April 1865. In 1870 he is alone with five children. In 1880 he is with Margaret again and three more young 'ens. I do not know where Margaret was in 1870, but it appears she is the same gal. By 1900 he has another wife named Mary Ann Wright who is twenty years younger than he and is wife number two. They were married in 1892. In 1910 and 1920 he and Mary Ann are still in

Gaston County he at age 64. He is widowed there in 1930 at age 74. Based on all the census stuff, the children were:

**Alexander Putman** born in 1860. He vanishes after 1880 until 1920, when he is found living with his sister Eliza and her family in Cleveland County at age 59.

**John Putman** born in 1863. I don't find in 1900

**George Putman** born in 1867. Don't find in 1900, but he is in Shelby in 1920 and 1930 living with his sister Eliza. He never married. He died in Shelby August 12, 1946 at age 79.

**Eliza Jane Putman** born in 1868. She married Thomas Wilkins. They are in Shelby, Cleveland County in 1920 and 1930, probably earlier.

**Mary Putman** born in 1871.

**Franklin Putman** born in December 1874. He is living alone in Cleveland County in 1900. In 1910, he is married and in Columbus County with a wife named Ophelia and two children:

**Leroy Putman** born in 1907.

**Ruby Putman** born in 1908.

**Augustus Lee Putman** born March 16, 1877. In 1910 and 1920 he is in Cherryville, Gaston County with a wife named Sarah Jane Cleo Black and two kids. He is widowed in Aiken County South Carolina in 1930.

**John William Putman** born in 1907. He is married in Cherryville in 1930 with a wife named Mildred Lee Goodson. They then had a daughter Catherine born January 14, 1930.

**Mary E. Putman** born September 16, 1909. She married a Cooper man and died in Robeson County April 17, 1988.

**Henry Calvin Putman** born August 28, 1891. Still at home in 1920 and 1930. He died in Gastonia September 20, 1989.

**Vada P. Putman** born in March 1898. Still at home in 1920 and 1930.

**NICY ANN PUTMAN** born May 29, 1844. She married William Gates January 5, 1871. He was born in Lancaster County North Carolina December 27, 1849 and died in Gaston County February 25, 1920. Nicy died there in McAdenville, Gaston County July 11, 1925. Their children were:

**Alexander E. Gates** born August 20, 1871 in Lincolnton, Lincoln County and died February 27, 1931.

**Margaret E. Gates** born February 23, 1874 and died in Gaston County April 25, 1971. She married Enoch Adcock in 1893. He was born in February 1872 and died in Charlotte April 20, 1946. They had six children. There is a family group sheet on Ancestry at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/537936011>

**Lee Abner Gates** born April 29, 1877 in Lincoln County and died October 1, 1962 in McAdenville, Gaston County. He married Lillie Roxanna Watts in 1896. She was a daughter of Stephen J. Watts and Mary E. C. Poole. She was born in Alexander County North Carolina December 18, 1879 and died in McAdenville, Gaston County June 7, 1935. See the family at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/537936816>

**Francis R. Gates** born November 10, 1879 and died in Charlotte January 19, 1960. He married Ella M. Reeves about 1900. She was born in 1879 and died October 26, 1960. They had four children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/537938390>

**Nora Gates** born January 27, 1885 and died in Gastonia, Gaston County February 13, 1992 age 107 if the dates are correct. She married George Anderson Costner. He was born May 7, 1886 in Cleveland County and died May 1, 1960 in Gaston County. They had five children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-268671125>

**MARTHA ELIZABETH PUTMAN** born in June 1845. She was still unmarried in 1880 and 1900 and living with her brother Thomas in both censuses. In 1880 She had a girl Alice born in 1869 with her. Alice was with her folks in 1870. Figure this was an out of wedlock kid that Betty had. She died in Waco, Cleveland County June 1, 1929. Her daughter was:

**Alice Putman** born October 21, 1869 and died unmarried I believe on August 8, 1933.

**NANCY ELVIRA PUTMAN** born February 3, 1848. She married John William Whitworth. He was born in Cleveland County February 3, 1843 and died there November 8, 1925. She died May 8, 1912 in Cleveland County. Their children were:

**Margaret 'Maggie' Whitworth** born March 18, 1868 and died in Cleveland County on June 6, 1946. She married Sidney Lee Dellinger in 1891. He was born in Gaston County North Carolina and died there in Gastonia June 25, 1958. They had four children. There is a group sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213769449>

**James Andrew Whitworth** born April 19, 1870 and died in Waco, Cleveland County on March 14, 1958. He married about 1908. She was born in North Carolina September 28, 1875 and died there September 28, 1959. They had a son and two daughters. See the group sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213769461>

**Mary A. Whitworth** born about 1872. She was at home in 1880.

**Ella Docia Whitworth** born April 19, 1877 and died in Shelby, Cleveland County January 6, 1967. She married John Hord about 1900. He was born about 1876. They had seven children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213769471>

**William Crowder Whitworth** born November 14, 1878 and died in Lawndale, Cleveland County July 13, 1953. He married Laura Prue Harrelson about 1898. She was born July 16, 1881 in Cleveland County and died there in Shelby on December 3, 1969. They had 10 children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213769467>

**Everette Lindsay Whitworth** born September 9, 1880 and died in Shelby, Cleveland County April 7, 1955. I don't know if he married or not.

**Eura Edna Whitworth** born August 26, 1883 and died in Gaston County North Carolina July 1, 1960. She married Daniel Boyd Stroup. He was born about 1877. They had 2 children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213784175>

**Ausborne Frederick Whitworth** born August 27, 1889 and died in Shelby, Cleveland County December 16, 1980. He married Ethel Maude Baker. She was born December 12, 1881 in Cleveland County and died in Gastonia, Gaston County May 27, 1933.

They had 4 children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/1213784188>

**BENJAMIN ANDREW PUTMAN** born January 11, 1852 and died October 20, 1926. He married Mary Ellen Gates, born August 4, 1852 and died October 22, 1923. In the 1880 census he is shown as being 27 and his wife Mary is 27. They have three children at that time, and one more in the 1900 census of Cleveland County. In 1920, they are alone, both at age 67. The children were:

**Charles Silvanus Putman** born July 27, 1872. He married Annie Miller in Cleveland County on July 12, 1906. She was a daughter of C. and Emma Miller. She was born November 22, 1888 and died September 17, 1945. Charles died October 6, 1926, and Annie is widowed in 1930. Children were:

**Ralph Putman** born in 1908.

**Nelson Ramsey Putman** born April 16, 1910 and according to OBITS he died in Waco Cleveland County in April 1978.

**Marvin Hoyle Putman** born July 9, 1911 and died in Waco August 6, 1995. He married Mary Lou Cline. She was born May 7, 1917 in Cleveland County and died

there January 28, 1944.

**Fred Mauney Putman** born March 28, 1915 and died July 8, 1983. He married Iva Spellman. She was born July 18, 1921 in Forsythe County and died in Morganton, Burke County November 9, 2001.

**Elizabeth Putman** born in late 1919.

**James Luther Putman** born April 23, 1876. He married Cleve Weathers. They were in Lincoln County in 1910 through 1930. He owned a hardware store in Lincolnton. She was born October 27, 1882 and died in Lincolnton October 30, 1968 at age 86. Their children were:

**Lauren Putman** born February 2, 1905.

**James Luther Putman Jr.** born March 8, 1908. He will marry Weyburn Warlick in the early 1940s.

**Hugh Weathers Putman** born September 8, 1918 and died in Cherryville May 2, 1994.

**Mary E. Putman** born in 1877.

**Julius Marvin Putman** born January 1, 1881. He married Ellie Belinda Pruett in Cleveland County on March 21, 1909. There were no children as of 1930 when they were in Waco, Cleveland County. She was born September 18, 1879 in North Carolina and died in Shelby, Cleveland County July 7, 1972. Julius died in Durham, North Carolina May 5, 1944.

**THOMAS DIXON PUTMAN** born August 5, 1854. In 1880 he is shown as 25 and his wife Frances Jane 'Fannie' Jenkins is 21, they had two children. By the 1900 census of Cleveland County they had added nine more kids. They are both still in Cleveland County in 1920. He died there in Waco on November 2, 1923. Fannie was born September 11, 1857 and died in Waco December 8, 1925. The children were:

**Laura Savannah Putman** born in 1878.

**Miller Alexander Putman** born September 15, 1879. His wife was Cora Jane Hallman. She was born March 30, 1880 and died in Lincolnton on April 11, 1969. They were in Lincoln County North Carolina through 1930. He owned a barbershop in Lincolnton. He died there October 2, 1953. Their children were:

**Orland 'Ola' Putman** born January 21, 1904. She was a school teacher.

**Selma Putman** born December 9, 1904. She was a school teacher as well.

**Dorothy Putman** born November 9, 1906 and died March 5, 1942 in Lincolnton. She never married.

**Fannie Elizabeth Putman** born in 1910.

**David Pledger Putman** born July 30, 1881. He was single and working in his brother Miller's barber shop in 1910 and 1920 in Lincoln County. He is a barber, still single in Thomasville, Davidson County in 1930. He never married and died in the Shelby Hospital in Cleveland County on April 9, 1956.

**Sarah Claudia Putman** born June 15, 1883 and died August 7, 1968. She married Adam Jethro Beam in 1902 and had 3 children. He died July 7, 1914. She later married a Miller and was widowed again when she died.

**Thomas Maldry Putman** born October 23, 1885. He is in Cleveland County in 1920 with his wife Julia Miller and four children. He died in Wake Forest, North Carolina February 27, 1972. He married Julia Miller on December 1, 1908 in Cleveland County. She was a daughter of Columbus and Emona Miller and was born in Cleveland County November 16, 1888 and died in Catawba County November 17, 1943 They were in Cleveland County through 1920 and then in Gaston County. Children through 1930 were:

**Nesbit D. Putman** born May 14, 1911 and died in Catawba County June 17, 1977.



**Emma Nellie Putman** born August 23, 1913. She married a Sigmon man and lived in Catawba County until she died a widow there on December 7, 1996. She was 83 years old then.

**Gladys Putman** born in 1915.

**Columbus Putman** born July 14, 1918 and died in Charlotte September 12, 1971. He married Velma Ammons who was born August 30, 1915 and died in Lincolnton, Lincoln County on January 11, 2002. They were divorced at some stage after the 1950s.

**Carl E. Putman** born June 21, 1921 and died in Los Angeles, California June 24, 1972.

**David Walter Putnam** born August 12, 1922. He lived in Davidson County and died in Cleveland County on June 19, 1998. He was in the construction business.

**Daniel Putman** born in 1923 and died before 1930.

**Edward Putman** born January 14, 1925. He died in Shelby November 26, 1997.

**Ned Putman** a twin born January 14, 1925.

**Flora T. Putman** born in January 1888.

**Avery Jennings Putman** born March 6, 1890 and died June 23, 1949. He married Catherine Stone in Shelby, Cleveland County on April 20, 1926. She was born September 10, 1897 and died in Shelby in May 1978.

**Bright Putman** born in May 1892.

**Eunice Putman** born August 29, 1895 and died in Charlotte, North Carolina September 20, 1990. She married a Blanton.

**Anna Putman** born in November 1897.

**Thelma Putman** born in April 1899.

**Hubert Benjamin Putman** born June 23, 1902 and died in Shelby January 2, 1974. He married Lena Lee Byers. She was born in Cleveland County August 15, 1910 and died there June 6, 1997. Based on the NC birth records they had:

**Gloria Jane Putnam** born March 4, 1937.

**Dan Byers Putnam** born February 19, 1941.

**Talmadge Putman** born in 1904. Still at home in 1920.

**Frances 'Fannie' Putman** born in 1907. Still at home in 1920.

## Sally Putman

Sally, or probably named Sarah, was born in 1803 and died in 1858. According to Thomas Russell Putman, Sally married and had nine children. This is the only source of information that I have on her.

## John Putman

John Putman was born in Rutherford County in 1806. He is shown in the 1840 census of Lincoln County North Carolina with several of his brothers. In 1840 he had two daughters.

He next appears in the 1850 census of Ware County Georgia. He is shown as John Putman, born 1806 in North Carolina and his wife was Eliza born in North Carolina in 1812 with six children all born in Georgia. This is a mistake as Phoebe and Elizabeth were born in North Carolina.

I do not find him in 1860 anywhere. Based on the 1850 census, the children were:

**PHOEBE PUTMAN** born in 1834

**ELIZABETH PUTMAN** born in 1837

**JOHN PUTMAN** born in 1842

**WILLIS PUTMAN** born in 1846

**ELIZA PUTMAN** born in 1847

**JAMES PUTMAN** born in 1849

In the 1880 census of Gonzales County Texas, there is listed a John Putman age 60 or possibly 69 born in North Carolina with two sons, J.C. and J.E. Putman born in the 1840s. This most likely would be him.

## **Elias Putman**

Elias Putman was born December 2, 1800. He married Rachel Poston November 13, 1834.

Rachel was born June 13, 1808 and she died July 27, 1841. She was a daughter of Samuel Poston and Rachel King of Rutherford County. For those interested, I have more info on the Poston family that was sent to me.

Elias Putman died in Cleveland County November 26, 1859 and both are buried at the Zoar Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

As you will soon see, there were a number of Elias Putmans in Cleveland County about the same time. It was particularly hard to determine which Elias was a son of Willis and which was a son of Elias Putman. Jim Putnam in Atlanta came across a letter from the Cleveland County Clerk's office dated June 19, 1947 which firmly stated that, *"Willis Putman had a son named Elias ...and this Elias married Rachel Poston and three children were born to them, Deveny, Samuel and Rachel."*

Elias and Rachel Putman had the following children:

**JOSEPH DEVANNEY PUTMAN** born September 3, 1835. He enlisted in the CSA as a private at age 26 on June 9, 1861 in Cleveland County. He was promoted to corporal in May 1863 and served through the War. He surrendered at the end of the war at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia on April 9, 1865. He married Susan Rosilia Davis on June 22, 1852. Susan was a daughter of Zachariah Davis and Mira A. Webb. She was born in 1834 and died in 1880. He later married Roxanna Jane Weathers on September 20, 1882 and had eight more children. Joseph died in 1904. The children began to use the spelling *Putnam*. The children with Susan were:

**Roxanna Elizabeth Putnam** born in 1854. She married Joseph Daniel Moore on August 5, 1875. They had these children in 1880:

**Rosal Anna Moore** born in 1877.

**Ardria Ann Moore** born in 1878.

**Cora Ann Putnam** born in 1855. She died as a child.

**Anna C. Putnam** born in 1858. She died as a child.

**Charles Ashley 'Doc' Putnam** born August 9, 1859. He married Sarah Jane Eskridge on November 7, 1880. She was a daughter of Calvin Eskridge and Margaret Hendrick. She was born October 3, 1861 and died January 16, 1951. He died January 4, 1944. There were no children.

**Rachel Solula Putnam** born in February 1862. She married Henderson Roberts in 1883. He was a junior, son of Henderson Roberts Sr. and Margaret Camp.

**Isaiah Iverson 'Zay' Putnam** born October 2, 1865. He married Lillie Weathers on September 29, 1890. Lillie was a daughter of Jenkins Devaney Weathers and Eunice Bailey. She died July 9, 1904 and he married Lillie Lee Sheppard in about 1906. He died August 6, 1943. There was one child in the first marriage:

**Jenkins Devaney Putnam** born May 4, 1896 and died July 27, 1975. He married Josephine Eunice Brooks. She was born October 5, 1896 and died in Shelby in July of 1977.

**Coustige Zachariah Putnam** born November 11, 1866. He married Lilly W. Elliott on January 17, 1896. He seemed to go by Cardia. He died April 20, 1933 in Lincoln County North Carolina. They had one child:

**Isaac Iverson Putnam** born in November 1896. His wife was Rosa Lee Dellinger. In 1930 they had 5 kids and were renting part of his dad's farm. He died in Lincoln County May 15, 1963.

**Clarence L. Putnam** born August 31, 1917 and died in Lincolnton, Lincoln County on February 6, 1998. He married Ada C. Varner. Based on NC birth records they had:

**Daughter Putnam** born November 23, 1942.

**Martha Jane Putnam** born October 28, 1949.

**May Gertrude Putnam** born March 24, 1919. She married a Martin guy and died in Union County North Carolina April 24, 2004 at age 85.

**Augusta Harold Putnam** born in 1921. He married Gladys Johnson in Lincoln County. Based on the NC birth records they had:

**Caroline Marie Putnam** born December 25, 1943.

**Barbara Ann Putnam** born November 5, 1945.

**Betty Jean Putnam** born March 1, 1948.

**Joyce Matilda Putnam** born September 9, 1949.

**Augusta Harold Putnam Jr.** born December 2, 1954.

**Debra Yvonne Putnam** born in 1960 in Rutherford County.

**Harold Anthony Putnam** born August 30, 1963.

**Ginger Darlene Putnam** born January 4, 1965.

**Cecil Blair Putnam** born February 10, 1923. He married Alma Grace Turner. Based on the NC birth record they had:

**Jerry Wayne Putnam** born April 8, 1944 in Lincoln County.

**Frances Rose Putnam** born March 24, 1946 in Lincoln County.

**Nancy Jo Putnam** born August 8, 1948 in Lincoln County.

**Cynthia Marie Putnam** born December 15, 1955 in Catawba County.

**Kittie Alma Putnam** born December 20, 1958 in Catawba County.

**Charles Putnam** born in 1927

**Benjamin Franklin Putnam** born in 1869. He died March 3, 1905.

**Mira Jane Putnam** born in March 1871. She married Maston G. Camp in 1892. They had one child:

**Elizabeth L. Camp** born in 1893.

**William Connally Putnam** born May 12, 1875. He married Mary Elizabeth Poston on September 18, 1901. He died May 20, 1953. She was born in 1883 and died October 4, 1963. Their children were:

**Ollie Mae Putnam** born August 11, 1902. She married Joel Minshaw and died August 20, 1962.

**William Connally Putnam Jr.** born June 10, 1904. He married and lived in Harnett County and died there October 29, 1990 at age 86 and widowed.

**Robert Blair Putnam** born March 28, 1907, and died in Cleveland County on November 7, 1959. He married Bessie Lunnett Duckett August 14, 1953.

**Roy Graham Putnam** born March 28, 1907. He was a twin of Robert.

**Gerald Eugene Putnam** born April 25, 1909 and died in Shelby October 22, 1997 at age 88. His death report indicated he was still married when he died. It also stated that he got all the way up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade before leaving school.

**Elizabeth Mabel Putnam** born November 17, 1910.

**Gordon Clifford Putnam** born June 21, 1912 and died September 25, 1999 at age 87. He married Ruby Evelyn Gantt. Based on the NC birth records they had:

**Joyce Elizabeth Putnam** born May 11, 1933.

**Child Putnam** born March 17, 1934.

**Mary Rachel Putnam** born April 19, 1935.

**Gordon Clifford Putnam Jr.** born November 27, 1941. He married Helen Faye Hamrick.

**Richard Joel Putnam** born November 8, 1944.

**Edwin Yates Putnam** born October 7, 1948.

**Bruce Delane Putnam** born October 12, 1952,

**Forrest Everett Putnam** born July 27, 1954.

**Samuel Woodrow Putnam** born December 27, 1913. He died a widower in Rutherford County on October 29, 1988.

**Tilden Franklin Putnam** born May 26, 1916 and died in Shelby on Thursday November 18, 1999. He married Evelyn Pruett. He owned Putnam Electric Company.

**Bryan McBride Putnam** born July 27, 1918. He was a Reverend.

**Thomas Hulen Putnam** born August 20, 1920 and died in Shelby on October 9, 2005 at age 85.

**Mial Benjamin Putnam** born August 16, 1922 and died February 23, 1983. He will have a son Mial B. born here August 23, 1945 and died here July 5, 1997.

**Joseph Devanney Putnam Junior** born in 1877. He died as a child.

Children in Joseph's second marriage with Roxanna were these:

**Memamie Putnam** born in 1883. She married Brodus Blanton. They are in Cherryville, Gaston County in 1920.

**John A. Putnam** born in December 1884.

**Julenie Putnam** born in December 1886.

**Lillian Putnam** born January 5, 1889 and died May 8, 1973 at the home of her daughter in Freeport, Texas. She married William Oscar Coyle in 1915. They lived in Simpsonville, South Carolina until he died in 1952. They had one child:

**Fannie Pauline Coyle** born January 31, 1817 and died in Texas September 25, 1984. She married Leslie Albert Kelley Jr. in 1936. They had 5 children:

**Sylvia Marlene, Leslie Albert III, William Shelton, Rhona Hermine and Vicki Ann.**

**Bettie Love Putnam** born in February 1891.

**Devanney Putnam** born March 20, 1893. He married Ada Scruggs in 1922. They spent their whole lives in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. He died there March 23, 1950 and Ada died December 17, 1967. Their children were:

**Leon Elmer Putnam** born November 1, 1913 and died May 10, 1989. He married Mary Jones.

**Clyde T. Putnam** born February 6, 1916 and died October 27, 1918.

**Odell Putnam** born June 3, 1921 and died January 8, 1988. He married Cordie Lee Jenkins.

**Lionel Thomas Putnam** born August 10, 1925, died January 16, 1994. He married Lorna Hill while in the Marines stationed in Rhode Island in 1944.

**Earl Putnam** born in 1927 and died in 1930.

**William Eugene 'Billy' Putnam** born December 14, 1933 and died November 1, 1969. He married Betty Womack.

**Fannie Putnam** born in June 1895.

**Gerard Putnam** born in 1901. In 1920 he is listed as Grier Putnam and is married to Carrie. He is living with his married sister Mammaie or Mamamie Blanton in Cherryville, Gaston County

**SAMUEL EVANS PUTMAN** born on June 28, 1837. He married Artie Hardin on January 8, 1855. He enlisted in the CSA at age 24 on May 14, 1861. He was wounded and captured at Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862 and paroled ten days later. He was on wounded leave until December 1862. He was back on active duty in January 1863. He was wounded in the left arm, head and leg at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia on May 16, 1864. His left arm was amputated and he was hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia. He was released from the hospital on June 12, 1864 and discharged. Artie Hardin was born October 5, 1835 and died October 30, 1912 and Samuel died March 27, 1919. They had these children:

**Rachel R. Putnam** born January 9, 1856. She married William Perry Wellmon in 1882. She died April 12, 1909. Their children were:

**Samuel C. Wellmon** born in August 1884.

**William Henry Wellmon** born in August 1886.

**Florence Wellmon** born in September 1888.

**Lee Gus Wellmon** born in August 1890.

**Myrtle Wellmon** born in September 1892.

**O. Victor Wellmon** born in February 1894.

**Lona Wellmon** born in November 1899.

**James Monroe Putnam** born February 16, 1857. He married Sarah Louise Bostick on August 4, 1881. Sarah was born December 29, 1859 and died November 28, 1922. He died April 10, 1923. They were in Cherokee County SC by 1900, and then back in Rippys, Cleveland County by the 1910. They were in Johnston County in 1920. Their children were:

**Pleasant Holcomb Putnam** born May 23, 1882. He married Kansas Barnes on October 20, 1904. He died September 20, 1939. He was named for his mother's brother. They are in Spartanburg South Carolina in 1920 and in Union County SC in 1930. He was a fireman for the railroad.

**Baxter Cleveland Putnam** born June 28, 1885. He was alone in Tuolumne County California in 1920. He returned to North Carolina and married Ida Beau Hamrick on March 12, 1921. He died February 14, 1955.

**Foy Bell Putnam** born January 7, 1888. He married Martha Ray Elam in Shelby on December 22, 1916. He died July 30, 1963. They had two children:

**Foy Bell Putnam Jr.** born in 1919.

**Jane Putnam** born in 1924.

**Lloyd Yates Putnam** born April 12, 1890 and died August 19, 1957. He married Wilma Lalla Bridges February 15, 1920. She was a daughter of Joseph and

Sarah Bridges and was born November 6, 1895 and died July 16, 1965. They had:

**Sara Louise Putnam** born March 6, 1921.

**Jack Robbins Putnam** born September 4, 1923 and will die in Shelby August 9, 2004. He married a cousin Willie Gertrude Putnam who was a daughter of Leo Ramseur Putnam and Ada Weaver from Rippys. She was born October 24, 1922 and died December 21, 2004 in Shelby. They had two sons, Chris and Phillip and a daughter Jacqueline.

**Charles Monroe Putnam** was born April 6, 1928 and lived in Alamance County California. He returned to Shelby where he died October 2, 1990. He was 62 and widowed at that time.

**Illa Putnam** born August 25, 1892 and died December 24, 1976. She married Nick Sanders.

**Paul Carrel Putnam** born April 14, 1895 and died May 19, 1929. He married a Sarah on November 22, 1916.

**Jane Putnam** born August 22, 1897 and died September 3rd of the same year.

**Dovie Putnam** born August 5, 1898. She married Joseph Morgan and was still alive in 1986.

**Samuel Grady Putnam** born August 28, 1901 and died December 12, 1978. He married Kate Sharp in 1928, and later married Selma Johnson. He was at home in 1910 and 1920 and just married in Durham in 1930.

**Guy Moore Putnam** born May 27, 1905 and died February 17, 1962. He was in the Army in Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont in the 1930 census. He never married, but had a common law wife and they had a daughter.

**George Washington Putnam** born November 27, 1858 and died December 5, 1858.

**John Daniel Putnam** born October 18, 1859. He married Mary Jones in 1884, and died February 14, 1920. Mary was born October 23, 1861 and died September 21, 1930.

Their children were:

**Dovie Ida Putnam** born July 10, 1887. She married Charles Hambrick May 16, 1907. She was widowed by 1930 in Shelby and had her widowed mother with her then. She died in Shelby May 25, 1957.

**Missouri C. Putnam** born April 11, 1890 and died October 30, 1962. She married Lewis McSwain.

**Flossie Putnam** born June 15, 1898. She married a Burleson and died July 14, 1992.

**Fannie E. Putman** born September 5, 1901 and died at age 16 on March 16, 1918.

**Tonni Putnam** born in 1902.

**William Alexander Putnam** born September 29, 1861. He married Zulia Ellen Bridges on August 21, 1880. She was born July 26, 1858 and died March 21, 1892. He then married Ida Turner Wall on October 17, 1892. She died May 11, 1900, and he married Evie S. Hughes in 1902. There were five children in the first marriage, four in the second and six in the third. He was in Cherokee County South Carolina in 1900. He died January 12, 1917 in Spartanburg County South Carolina. The children were:

**James Brodus Putnam** born September 29, 1881 and died September 21, 1930 in Gaffney, Cherokee County South Carolina. He married Catherine Rebecca Parriss in 1901. They had these children:

**Alfred William Putnam** born in South Carolina on July 14, 1911. He married Alice Louise Hanna. They lived in Ashville, and he died there October 2, 1989. Based on the NC birth Records, they had:

**Barbara Ann Putnam** born November 17, 1934.

**James Brodus Putnam Jr.** born in 1915. This is Jim Putnam from Atlanta who has done a lot of research on the Putmans and Putnams from the Carolinas.

**Lloyd J. Putnam** born in 1923.

**Samuel Elector Putnam** born July 24, 1883 and died December 20, 1947 in Carroll County Georgia. He married Belle Mary Chumm December 20, 1907. They were Sandy Run, Cleveland County in 1910 and in College Park, Fulton County Georgia in 1920 and 1930. They never had any children that I can see.

**John Levidus Putnam** born May 10, 1885 and died August 6, 1967 in Cherokee County South Carolina. His wife was Dora. They were in Winston-Salem in 1920 and 1930 working at the tobacco plant.

**George William Putnam** born May 4, 1888 and died December 12, 1960. He married Frances Victoria Ramsey November 4, 1906. They are in Gaffney, Cherokee County South Carolina in 1920 and 1930 with these kids:

**William Parnell Putnam** born in 1908. He is married to Louise Best in 1930 in Cherokee County South Carolina.

**Zulu R. Putnam** born in 1911.

**Ralph Columbus Putnam** born in 1914.

**John H. Putnam** born in 1917.

**George G. Putnam** born in 1919 and not around in 1930.

**Margaret C. Putnam** born in 1923.

**Billie E. Putnam** born in 1924.

**Aquilla Ester Putnam** born July 12, 1890 and died March 14, 1960. She married Frederick Mack Sams March 27, 1910.

**Jesse Malcom Putnam** born August 11, 1893 and died November 18, 1963. He married Laura Etta McSwain February 2, 1921. Laura was born September 12, 1899 and died in Shelby March 14, 1972. They had five kids by 1930 in Cleveland County.

**Delphia Inez Putnam** born December 18, 1921 and died in Shelby January 1, 1998. She married a Conner man and was a public school teacher.

**Dora Lena Putnam** born May 16, 1923 and died in Rutherford County November 16, 2003. She married Onnie Rufus Baker. He was born November 17, 1915 and died in Shelby March 28, 1972.

**Jessie Frances Putnam** born March 15, 1925 and died in Shelby May 9, 1996. She married Frank M. Wall.

**William Leonard Putnam** born April 30, 1927 and died January 15, 1968. He married Donna Jones Sparks.

**Samuel Boyd Putnam** born in 1928.

**Gloria Jeanette Putman** born September 13, 1938.

**James Malcolm Putnam** born November 8, 1941 and died August 9, 1948.

**Betty Dianne Putnam** born April 10, 1945.

**Australia Mae Putnam** born July 10, 1895 and died December 9, 1983. She married Elzie A. Wiggins August 18, 1914.

**Uzelia Pearl Putnam** born in 1895 and died before 1900.

**Wilbur Putnam** born in May 1900.

**Gordon Alexander Putnam** born in 1905. He married Myrtle Pittman September 3, 1925. They were in Spartanburg SC in 1930 with these two kids:

**Gordon Putman Jr.** born in 1926.

**Forest Putman** born in 1927 or 1928.

**Myrtle C. Putnam** born in 1907 and died in 1910.

**Woodrow Putnam** born in 1908 and died in 1909.

**William Everett Putnam** born in 1910. He married Pearl Mason in 1928 and died the next year on April 3, 1929.

**Max D. Putnam** born June 17, 1915. He married Phyllis Wall July 30, 1940.

**Mills B. Putnam** born June 17, 1915 (a twin). He married Flora Allen March 20, 1936 and died April 30, 1989.

**Jordan David Putnam** born May 3, 1864. He married Lester Ann Poston. Actually, her real first name was Samuel, but she never used it. She was a daughter of Daniel Poston and Margaret Ann Weathers. They were in Cleveland County North Carolina in 1910 and in Chester County South Carolina in 1910. I don't find them in 1920, but do find Bessie. He died November 16, 1921. They had one child:

**Bessie Denton Putnam** born in May 1896. She was with the family in 1900 and 1910 and then in the South Carolina Hospital for the Insane in Columbia South Carolina in 1920 and 1930.

**Leroy Clifton Putnam** born February 11, 1867. He married Pantha M. Jones on October 10, 1892. They are in Rippys, Cleveland County through the 1930. He died there February 14, 1932 at age 65. Pantha was born January 18, 1873 and died in Cleveland County in 1941. Their children were:

**Anthony Carl Putnam** born September 31, 1893. He died in Tabor City, Columbus County North Carolina on January 5, 1951. He married Zelia Broye Watson in 1922.

**Ella Putnam** born in November 1895.

**Wilburn Hampton Putnam** born September 7, 1897. He died on February 18, 1958. He married Orla Hawkins in 1927. She was born December 7, 1901 and died in Shelby July 14, 1993.

**Olive Vera Putnam** born March 26, 1900 and died April 2, 1973. She married Drury Ruben McSwain about 1915. He was born February 28, 1895. They had 5 children in 1930. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-234167905>

**Ocie Reba Putnam** born September 8, 1902 and died April 18, 1967. She married and later divorced Steven Jackson Debrule.

**Howard Putnam** born October 15, 1904 and died in Tucson, Arizona March 13, 1991.

**Shafter Cecil Putnam** born January 10, 1907 and died February 12, 1973 in Shelby. He married Nora Catherine Ellis. She was born in North Carolina October 25, 1911 and died there in Shelby September 20, 1974.

**Hugh Samuel Putnam** born March 13, 1909 and died in Shelby January 10, 1977. He never married.

**Wilford Gay Putnam** born March 26, 1910. He died in Shelby on September 3, 1995. He was at home still single in 1930. He married Mary Magdalene Wright. She was born December 27, 1914 and died in Shelby July 14, 2009.

**Frances Putnam** born in 1913 and died June 29, 1930 at age 17.

**Arville Sims Putnam** born November 19, 1914 and died in Shelby, Cleveland County on August 29, 1990. He married Annie Jane Anthony about 1934-1935. She was born in Shelby July 7, 1908 and died there September 20, 1995.

**Doctor Franklin Putnam** born March 24, 1870 and died in 1947. He married C. Eliza Spangler August 2, 1896. She was born in North Carolina in 1871 and died in Shelby March 4, 1945. He was a Baptist minister. They were in Nash County in 1910, Gaston County in 1920 and Cleveland County in 1930. Their children were:

**Vivian Putnam** born in 1898.

**Pearl Putnam** born November 9, 1899. She married G. E. Parker and died in High Point, Guilford County June 7, 1937.

**M. Louise Putnam** born in 1907.

**Mary Martha Putnam** born February 2, 1872. She married John Milton Gold on December 28, 1893. She died September 21, 1954. He was born March 8, 1869 in



Shelby and died there in 1945. Their children were:

**Daniel Fortune Gold** born May 27, 1895.

**Ralph Royster Gold** born May 9, 1898 and died in Shelby May 30, 1968. He married Alma Claudia Branton in 1921. She was born June 17, 1902 and died June 14, 1991. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-232623844> for information on their three children.

**Clyde Putnam Gold** born July 30, 1900 in Cleveland County and died there December 29, 1938. He married Obie Pansy Borders. She was born May 25, 1901 in Cleveland County and died there January 8, 1973.

**Emma Gold** born July 31, 1903. She married a Wilson and died in Charlotte September 12, 1995 at age 92.

**John Milton Gold, Jr.** born October 12, 1908. He married Jane Irvin. He was the City Manager of Winston-Salem and he died there while still in office on October 29, 1972.

**Minnie Gold** born May 4, 1911 and died July 27, 1994 in Cherryville, North Carolina. She married a Borders man.

**Charles Irvin Putnam** born November 24, 1874. He married Mary Narcissus 'Molly' Moore. They are in Boiling Springs in 1930 and no children. Molly was born in 1890 and died in Boiling Springs, North Carolina August 3, 1968.

**Samuel Tilden Putnam** born May 12, 1876. He married Vella Evans Eskridge on December 19, 1908. They are in Shelby all their lives. He died March 22, 1952. She died May 7, 1961. Their children were:

**Carra Pauline Putnam** born January 21, 1911. She married Willard Josh Roberts December 27, 1930.

**Harold Willard Putnam** born April 12, 1912. He died December 11, 1962.

**Franklin Earl Putnam** born December 22, 1917. He married Frances Elizabeth Byers. She was born in Shelby June 11, 1916 and died there February 24, 2000. He died in Shelby August 13, 1967.

**Pinkney Austin Putnam** born February 28, 1879. He was living with his brother William Alexander in Cherokee County South Carolina in 1900. He married Sarah 'Sally' Wallace there on March 19, 1902. Sally died of tuberculosis February 2, 1911. Pinkney then married Edith Parker August 30, 1911. He died of throat cancer August 24, 1915. Corrine and Mary were placed in an orphanage. Edith and her kids Beana and John Preston Putman were in Banner, Johnston County in 1920 and 1930. They were later in Virginia. Their children were:

**Matilda Corrine Putnam** born January 4, 1904. She married Coel Blanton May 26, 1928. She died August 27, 1951 and was widowed at the time.

**Mary Artie Putnam** born November 18, 1905. She first married A. W. Hamrick, and then Samuel Jones.

**Samuel H. Putnam** born in 1910. He must have died young.

**Beana Putman** born in 1913. She was with her mother and brother in 1920 and 1930.

**John Preston Putman** born in the second marriage on May 30, 1914. He was with his mother in Banner, Johnston County in 1920 and 1930. He died January 11, 1964. He married Sarah Ann Johnson and based on birth records, they had:

**A Son Putnam** born November 3, 1938. Based on later records, he is probably **Richard Preston Putnam** and married Pamela Jane Hudson.

**Joseph Donald Putnam** born February 2, 1941.

**A Daughter Putnam** born January 28, 1943.

**Jimmy Ray Putnam** born July 8, 1945. This or the next date is obviously wrong.

**Robert Marshall Putnam** born December 11, 1945.

**Zulie Lou Esther Putnam** born December 29, 1880. She married Wade Yancy Elliott on September 10, 1913. She died in 1972. Their children were:

**Mary Ethel Elliott** born July 16, 1914. She married George Robert Ellis January 12, 1936.

**Wade Yancy Elliott Jr.** born February 2, 1916. He married Mary Pantha Sansing November 12, 1939.

**RACHEL PUTMAN** born February 12, 1841. She married James John (Jack) Cornwell on August 27, 1865 after he got out of the Confederate Service. He was born in 1835 and died in Cleveland County June 10, 1918. She died in Cleveland County November 24, 1917. They had:

**Forest V. Cornwell** born March 21, 1874 in Shelby and died there September 27, 1932. His wife was Ida Lee Something.

**Edgar Crayton Cornwell** born March 23, 1879 in Cleveland County and died in Blacksburg, South Carolina January 31, 1967. He married Minnie E. Rippy about 1901 and had 7 kids see <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-232623844>

**Dorcas Cornwell** born in August 1884 and married or gone by 1900.

## David Putman

David was born on December 25, 1807. He married Rosannah Sanders on March 1, 1832 in Rutherford County. Rosannah was a sister of Susan Sanders who was the second wife of Roberts Putman, David's cousin.

Rosannah died on December 27, 1879 in Cleveland County. David died there on September 14, 1890. Both are buried at the Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery.

They had the following children:

**ELIZABETH ELMIRA PUTMAN** was born in 1831. She married a cousin, Adolphus S. Putman in Cleveland County on December 5, 1854. Adolphus was killed in May of 1865 in the Civil War. Elizabeth died June 7, 1888 and is buried at Zoar cemetery. Based on the 1860 and 1870 census returns, their children were:

**Jacob M. Putman** born in January 1856. He married Ella Sanders in 1883. In 1900 in Polk County North Carolina, their children were:

**Clara Belle Putman** Her death certificate states these are her parents and that she was born October 9, 1878 married J. P. Horn and died February 13, 1917.

**Lola Maude Putman** born in March 1885.

**Joseph Lane Putman** born in 1891. He was with his widowed mother in Polk County in 1910. Pretty sure he married Louise Dula in about 1913 and died before 1920, possibly in WW I. Louise and 2 daughters were in Danville Virginia in 1920 and she had remarried to Gilmore Hammock by then.

**Ruby M. Putman** born in December 1898.

**Columbus Vandiver Putman** born in 1857. He was with his grandmother, Ursula in 1870, and with his sister Jane Street in 1880. I don't find him after that.

**Joseph Lane Putman** born February 7, 1861. He married Hattie Helen Wilkins on April 16, 1899, and was with her through the 1920 census. He died November 7, 1931. There was only one child:

**A. Ray Putman** a daughter born in 1899 and gone by 1920.  
**David Putman** born in 1862.

**VIOLET SELINA PUTMAN** was born August 7, 1833, and she married Samuel Clarence Wilson in Cleveland County on January 18, 1853. He was born February 1, 1833 and died August 1, 1859. Violet died July 29, 1914. Their children were:

**William Putnam Wilson** born November 24, 1853 in Cleveland County. He died there April 22, 1934. He married Sarah Elizabeth Spake December 22, 1882. She was a daughter of Adam Spake and Elizabeth Allen. She was born in Cleveland County April 4, 1862 and died there March 23, 1930. Their children were:

**David Lee Wilson** born February 1, 1888 and died February 14, 1980. He married Margaret Ione Bowers October 27, 1915.

**Emily Violet Wilson** born April 22, 1893.

**Samuel Bright Wilson** born May 17, 1898. He married Georgie Cleo Mauney June 4, 1923.

**James Monroe Wilson** born September 19, 1885. He married Ann E. Elliott February 7, 1878.

**Sarah Rosanna Wilson** born October 7, 1857 and died October 1, 1917. She married Adam Phillip Spake on December 18, 1884. He was another son of Adam and Elizabeth Spake. He was born in Shelby September 29, 1864 and died December 28, 1933 all in Cleveland County. Their children were:

**Fannie Violet Lee Spake** born August 3, 1886 and died October 16, 1958. She married David Fletcher Hord on November 1, 1906.

**Miller Lee Spake** born October 22, 1889 and died in 1972. He married Pearl J. Gibbons, and after she died Married Madge Gibbons.

**Charles Wade Spake** born November 7, 1897 and died September 18, 1854. He married Essie K. Hord.

**Yates Ellis Spake** born September 1, 1900 and died in March 1984 in Morgantown, NC. He married Alberta Butler June 30, 1927.

**LEONARD M. PUTMAN** was born January 11, 1836 and married a cousin, Grace Keziah Putman on November 9, 1858. He enlisted in the CSA at age 25 in Cleveland County on March 1, 1863. He was promoted to corporal in November 1863 and served to the end of the war, surrendering at Lynchburg, Virginia on April 13, 1865. I next find a Leonard M. born in 1836 in Spartanburg County South Carolina with a wife Margaret Swain in the 1880 census. Margaret was born January 7, 1836 and died in Spartanburg County June 28, 1899. He was widowed in the 1900 census. Obviously his first wife Kiziah had died prior to 1880. The children were:

**Frances Florentine Putman** born July 20, 1859. She married William Vandiver Putman, a cousin, on July 17, 1887. She died in 1898 in Shelby.

**David H. Putman** born in 1862 and died in 1883.

**Corris Lee 'Corrie' Putman** born February 3, 1866 and died in Spartanburg County South Carolina August 26, 1953.

**Willis M. Putman** born June 1, 1874 and died June 28, 1901.

**Lindsey G. Putman** born in February 1880 and died April 27, 1909. He married Clarinda Elizabeth who was born November 19, 1882 and died at age 18 in 1900.

**RACHEL D. PUTMAN** was born in 1837 and married J. W. Roberts on May 7, 1861.

**ALLEN MILLER PUTMAN** was born March 11, 1841. He enlisted in the CSA in

Cleveland County at age 20 on April 27, 1861. He was promoted to Corporal on May 2, 1862. He was wounded at Malvern Hill, Virginia on July 1, 1862 and died of infection on July 16, 1862.

**LEANDER PUTMAN** was born February 10, 1845. He enlisted in the CSA in Cleveland County on February 10, 1864. He was wounded and died on May 12, 1864 at the battle of Richmond.

**ALBERT R. PUTMAN** was born in January 1846 and married Elizabeth (Eliza) McIntyre on December 15, 1870. He died February 24, 1926. Eliza will be here in 1930 and their married daughter Ada will be too. She will die in Shelby on December 16, 1931. In the 1880 and 1900 census returns they had:

**Elsa Ada Putman** born October 17, 1871 and died November 1, 1933. She married Julius Laban Stroup. He was born March 10, 1878 and died September 12, 1906. Based on N. C. Death records, these are some of their kids:

**Chauncey Depew Stroup** born January 17, 1893 and died in Charlotte, North Carolina October 14, 1970. He married Sarah Lindley and was President of the First Federal Savings and Loan in Charlotte.

**Charlotte Stroup** born January 29, 1900 and died August 11, 1975. She married and divorced a Gross man.

**John Birge Putnam** born in 1874. He is not found in 1900 or 1910, but he was in Louisiana around 1910 and married Bernice Orgeron there in 1911. They were in Natchitoches Parish Louisiana in 1920. He was a telegraph operator for Standard Oil Company. He died there January 12, 1927 and was buried in a Shriners Cemetery in Shreveport. Bernice and their two daughters were in Dallas by the 1930. They had:

**Mary Lucille Putnam** born in 1911. She married Thomas Moody in Texas. They were with her mom in 1930.

**Vernie H. Putnam** born in 1914, and single in 1930.

**Carrie L. G. Putman** born March 7, 1876 and died January 13, 1877.

**An infant son** born and died April 19, 1877

**Malcolm Everett Putman** born in 1878. His wife was Minnie L. Threatt. She was born in 1881 and died June 20, 1963. In 1900 he was a Private in the U. S. Army at Fort Screven in Georgia. They are in Shelby through the 1930 with a zillion kids.

**Quinton D. Putnam** born in 1906.

**Thomas Gilmer Putnam** born October 31, 1907. He never married and died in Shelby May 1, 1981.

**Mary Frances** born November 9, 1909 and died July 23, 1994. She married a Bowling.

**Madge Evelyn Putnam** born October 28, 1912. She married a Trammell man and died a widow in Shelby February 11, 1993 at age 80.

**Willis Putnam** born in 1914.

**Hazel Putnam** born in 1917.

**John Putnam** born in 1920.

**Alice Putnam** born in 1921.

**Minnie Putnam** born August 8, 1924. She married a Childress and died in Shelby February 3, 1993.

**Jetanna Putman** born April 7, 1882. She married James M. Spangler on September 7, 1905. She died in Morganton March 2, 1968 and was widowed at the time.

**Vernie McLean Putman** born April 17, 1884. She married Michael M. Hamrick on July 14, 1915. She died January 7, 1974 in Morganton, and was widowed at that time.

**EMMA PUTMAN** was born in 1853.

## William Putman

William Putman was born in Rutherford County on January 11, 1811. He married Nancy Spurlin on October 25, 1840. Nancy was born November 4, 1818. They lived in what is now Cleveland County all their lives.

William wrote his will on August 4, 1864 and mentioned all his children by name except John who had died the year before in the Civil War. William died on August 23, 1871.

Nancy was living with Albert Putman at age 62 in the 1880 census and had her son Andrew (Jack) with her. She died September 28, 1899. Both are buried at the Capernaum Baptist Church Cemetery. They also were charter members of this church.

William and Nancy Putman had the following children:

**JOHN BERRY PUTMAN** born in 1841. He married Eliza Turner February 26, 1861. He enlisted in the CSA at age 20 on March 18, 1862 and died July 18, 1862 fighting at Richmond. He was wounded and died of typhoid fever. Eliza later remarried to Richard Durham Hughes on October 23, 1865. John and Eliza had one child:

**William Nathan Putman** born in 1861. In 1870, he was with his mom and stepfather in Cleveland County. By 1880 they are all in Colfax, Rutherford County and he is married. According to the marriage records in Rutherford County he married Juda Z. Lovelace on July 3, 1879. I don't find them in 1900 or later. There is a note in the Cleveland County Genealogical Magazine that he had a daughter:

**Florence Putman** who married James M. Frady on January 12, 1896. She was born July 5, 1882 and died November 14, 1958. In a later court case, Florence was listed as being the sole living heir of John Berry Putman. Based on N. C. Death Records they had these kids and probably others:

**Worth Franklin Frady** born January 2, 1898 and died April 29, 1949.

**Ervin Abe Frady** born April 30, 1902 and died November 30, 1965. He married Mary Taylor.

**William Daniel Frady** born August 15, 1911 and died February 9, 1937. He married Lela Mae Lunford.

**SIDNEY GREEN PUTNAM** born in 1842. He enlisted in the CSA at age 19 on April 27, 1861 in Cleveland County. He was captured at Antietam, Maryland on September 27, 1862 and was paroled on November 12, 1862 in a prisoner exchange. He rejoined his company in January 1863 and was again captured at Bristoe Station, Virginia on October 14, 1863. He was confined at the Old Capital Prison in Washington, D.C. until transferred to Point Lookout Prison, Maryland on October 27, 1863. He was released on February 10, 1865 at Cox's Landing, Virginia in another exchange. He was then hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia on February 15, 1865 and released after the end of the war. He married Susan Williams in Gaston County on September 20, 1875. I do not find them in 1880, but in 1910 there is a Sidney Putman age 56 in Yadkin County North Carolina with a wife named Jane, three years younger. The ages are off, but this seems to be him. There were no children listed in 1910.

**MARY JANE PUTNAM** born May 2, 1844. She married Robert Martin Lemons. Robert

was born in May 1847. They were in Shelby in 1900. She died November 28, 1932. They had 4 children:

**Edgar Crawford Lemons** born March 26, 1878 and died in Cleveland County April 30, 1937. His wife Harriett Catherine was born September 23, 1883 and died May 23, 1959. They had 5 children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-223253720>

**Almina Lemons** born in December 1880.

**R. Masten Lemons** born in May 1884.

**D. Estelle Lemons** born in August 1886.

**SARAH LOGAN PUTNAM** born in 1845. She married Michael Osborne McIntire. He was born in 1845 and died in 1922. Sally died in 1925.

**MIRAH ADALINE PUTNAM** born November 2, 1846. She married W. O. Thompson and died in Union County North Carolina July 27, 1875 in the childbirth of their daughter Azelia Thompson.

**Azelia Thompson** born July 25, 1875 and died in Cleveland County April 17, 1955. She married Madison Phylector Lattimore around 1892. He was born November 7, 1870 and died October 4, 1931. They had eight children. See the family group sheet on Ancestry at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-217011642>

**RUFUS PUTMAN** born January 29, 1847. He married Pricilla Gordon and moved to Inman, South Carolina. He was a blacksmith there. In 1900 he was a widower and back in Cleveland County living with his sister Jane Lemons at age 53. He died in Cleveland County on December 29, 1909. At some stage he was married to Cecilia Emaline Hardin, probably in the early 1900s. She died in 1945 in Cleveland County.

**ISAAC ANDREW JACKSON PUTMAN** born February 28, 1848. He married Sallie Higgins. He died on May 26, 1906. I don't find them in 1900, but Sallie was widowed in Rutherford County in 1910 and in Greenville South Carolina in 1920 with these kids. Sallie was born in 1859 and died in Rutherford County July 9, 1928.

**Verda Mae Putman** born January 30, 1889 and died in Rutherford County November 21, 1935. She married Sam L. Woods in 1910. They had two children.

**Ola Putman** born October 21, 1893 and died in Rutherfordton on December 7, 1964. She married George Thomas Hawkins about 1910. He was born March 4, 1889 and died in Rutherfordton June 19, 1973. They had seven children.

**Carl Byner Putman** born June 22, 1895 and died in February 1970 in Haywood County.

**Ira William Putman** born October 24, 1899 and died in Mountain Home, Tennessee March 20, 1979.

**Leon David Putman** born July 5, 1903. He married, and lived in Charlotte. He died there in December 1981 at age 78.

**ANZIE McFEE PUTMAN** born on March 27, 1849 and died March 13, 1922. Anzie Putman married Harriet Marianna McIntyre January 22, 1870. Harriet died January 16, 1916. They are in Rippys, Cleveland County through 1920. The children were:

**Robert Alexander Putman** born January 1, 1875 and died February 11, 1950. He married Willie Rosalie Rippy in 1896. She was born November 25, 1874 and died in Cherokee County South Carolina on April 13, 1944. Their children were:

**Leola Putman** born in January 1898.

**Alta Olla Putman** a daughter born in May 1899.

**Onley Putman** a son born in 1901. He was home in 1910 and gone by 1920.

Probably in WWI.

**Jessie E. Putman** born in 1902.

**Nellie Putman** born in 1903.

**Flora Putman** born in 1904. She married a Moss.

**Benjamin Alexander Putman** born May 3, 1908 in Cleveland County and died August 4, 1953 in Richmond County.

**Rodney Norris Putman** born July 15, 1909. He died June 22, 1990 and is buried along with his wife Annie (1901-1986) in Clarksville, Mecklenburg County.

**Artie Putman** a daughter born in 1912.

**Clara E. Putman** born in 1920.

**N. L. Putman** born October 12, 1878 and died January 9, 1881.

**Clarence Gordon Putman** August 22, 1880. He married Leola Gibson August 7, 1904. She was born November 9, 1886 and died in Shelby September 7, 1973.

Clarence died in Shelby December 13, 1954. Their children were:

**Sturgeon Britton Putman** born August 28, 1905. He married Maggie Lee Bridges on December 13, 1925. Maggie was born February 29, 1908 and died in Shelby February 22, 1999. Sadie Hawkins Day Leap Year girl. Sturgeon died in Shelby August 6, 1986 at age 80.

**Harriet Helen Putman** born in 1915. She married Robert Wells Lowery January 12, 1935.

**Clarence Gibson Putman** born June 2, 1917 and died May 14, 1995. He married Sara Gladys Whisnant, and lived in Shelby all his life. Based on NC birth records they had:

**Alan Blair Putnam** born October 4, 1942.

**Thomas Gibson Putnam** born April 11, 1947.

**Doris Lee Putman** born in 1924.

**Arthur Glenn Putman** born April 9, 1882. He married Rebecca Jane Willmon September 22, 1909. She died in childbirth on January 8, 1911. He then married Minnie Florence Gregg March 26, 1911. She was born March 8, 1884 and died March 22, 1920. They had four children. He then married Bertha Ray McSwain on July 28, 1920. She was born March 8, 1884 and died November 22, 1946. They had another 4 children. He married his fourth wife Ruby Lane Evans on March 1, 1949. They had 2 more children. The children were:

**Jasper Rufus Putnam** born March 6, 1912 and died March 4, 1984. He married Dona Prue Beattie. She was born January 21, 1910 and died March 10, 1981. Both are buried in the Mary's Grove Methodist Church in Cleveland County. They had 3 children:

**Paul Rufus Putnam** born September 9, 1932. He married Annie Hastings.

**Perline Putnam** born May 1, 1938. She married Jacob Wayne Black.

**Martha Jo Putnam** born August 29, 1943. She married Billy Wayne Costner.

**Mary Verleen Putnam** born January 9, 1914. She married J. D. Hamrick April 30, 1933. Both of them were killed by a drunk driver on December 1, 1963. They had 6 children:

**Minnie Delora Hamrick** born August 18, 1934. She married Eugene Canipe. He shot and murdered her at home in Shelby on November 18, 1953. She was only 19 years old.

**Danny Gene Hamrick** born June 21, 1936. He married Janis LaRene Combs.

**Shirley Ann Hamrick** born January 1, 1938. She married Grover Ray Pruett.

**Martha La Fay Hamrick** born July 13, 1940. She married Lewis Harold

Dobbins.

**Joyce Dean Hamrick** born August 20, 1943. She married Clyde Gene Ivie, and then Boyd Tony Johnson.

**Joe Donald Hamrick** born August 18, 1944. He married Susan Dianne Turner.

**Marion Alonzo Putnam** born February 12, 1916. He married Ola Maggie Hamrick February 26, 1939. He was still alive in 2005 when his son Robert died. Ola had died earlier. They had 2 children:

**Robert Lee Putnam** born September 18, 1943 and died February 5, 2005. He married Diana Wright. According to his obituary his wife was Delores Austin so he had two wives. She was previously married to a Burnett man.

**Minnie Grace Putnam** born February 11, 1952. She married Dale Eugene Brackett. They were both alive in 2005 according to Robert's obit.

**Arthur Lee Putnam** born April 5, 1918 in Shelby, Cleveland County and died April 1, 1997 in Gastonia, Gaston County. He married Edith Corrine Dedmon October 4, 1936. She was born March 9, 1915 and died August 17, 1998. They had two children:

**Jessie Van Putnam** born May 7, 1939. He married Janice Helen Moore.

**Brenda Lee Putnam** born May 2, 1948. She married Eddie Warren Bridges. Brenda is the one who supplied this family info for us, and she has it up to the present day.

**Geneva Putnam** born June 29, 1921 and died December 10, 1925.

**Leonard Putnam** born December 28, 1925 and died May 15, 2000. He married Frances Whiting. They had 4 children:

**Peggy Marleen Putnam** born May 3, 1953 and died May 25, 1961.

**Margie Faye Putnam** born September 30, 1954. She married Lee Myers in 1971, and then Joe Zeller in 2000.

**Kathy Ann Putnam** born October 5, 1957. She married Scott Williams.

**Tony Lynn Putnam** born December 30, 1963. He married Kimberlee Clute.

**Bessie Ruth Putnam** born July 21, 1929. She married Charles Rion Gibson March 22, 1946. They had 6 children.

**Helen Kay Gibson** born December 8, 1946. She married Donald Ray Varnadore.

**Charles Tilt Gibson** born December 20, 1947. He married Glenna Gene Parson.

**Brenda Joy Gibson** born June 9, 1949. She married David Lee Ross.

**Deborah Jo Gibson** born January 1, 1952. She married Richard Elijah Neeley.

**Judith Ann Gibson** born September 24, 1954. She married Danny Clarence Riggins, and later Hilton B. Reynolds.

**Steven Rion Gibson** born April 7, 1929. He never married.

**Jack Lamar Putnam** born July 23, 1927. He married Betty Eaker March 9, 1957. They had 2 children:

**Ronald Lamar Putnam** born August 22, 1959. He married Barbar Bosteda. They had 2 children.

**Carol Ann Putnam** born August 21, 1962. She married Toby Galloway and had 1 daughter.

**Roy Lee Putnam** born February 1, 1950. He married Jerrie Garcia and had three children:

**Gina Renee Putnam** born February 21, 1972.

**Erika Michelle Putnam** born April 29, 1979.

**Roie Leeandra Putnam** born July 31, 1985.

**Mason Eugene Putnam** born August 27, 1953.



**Lola Putman** born May 26, 1884. She married a Blanton and died in Shelby December 13, 1958.

**Minnie Putman** born in September 1887.

**Floyd M. Putman** born in July 1889. He married a Hazel G. in 1922 and was in Black Mountain, Buncombe County in 1930. At that time they had:

**Elsie Putnam** born in 1924.

**Floyd M. Putnam Jr.** born May 18, 1925 and died in Black Mountain February 13, 2007

**ELI F. PUTMAN** born May 17, 1851. He married Julia Thompson August 20, 1874. In the 1880 census he is listed as 28 and his wife Julia 25. They had 2 sons and two daughters at the time. In 1900 they were still in the County and I don't find them after that although the kids are all around. He died October 10, 1905, not sure about Julia. The children were:

**Lilly R. Putman** born in 1875.

**Bourgoine de Estine Putman** born April 9, 1876. He first married Mary C. Wesson who died in 1898. He then married Laura Street April 13, 1900. Laura was born in 1881 and died in Shelby March 1, 1971 at age 90. He died in Shelby March 21, 1947 at age 60. Their children were:

**Ola Mae Putman** born December 12, 1900 and died in Shelby February 24, 1955. She married O. P. Allen.

**Alma Putman** born in 1904.

**Clyde Ernest Putman** born August 18, 1905 and died in Tarboro February 20, 1990. He married Katie Owens in 1918. She was born September 10, 1897 and died May 8, 1978 at age 80. They are in Shelby in 1930 with these kids:

**Madge Putnam** born August 25, 1919. She married a Padgett man. They lived in Kings Mountain and she died therein April 1995.

**Clifford Ernest Putnam** born August 11, 1921 and died in Shelby March 27, 1996. He married Lillian Elizabeth Lankford. Based on the NC birth records, they had:

**Gertrude Ann Putnam** born September 16, 1938. This one I am not positive about. The mother's name wasn't listed.

**Patricia Ann Putnam** August 24, 1941.

**Linda Carolyn Putnam** born February 11, 1943.

**Judy Elizabeth Putnam** born February 6, 1944.

**Michael Ernest Putnam** born August 14, 1947.

**Jane Elizabeth Putnam** born November 9, 1923.

**Charles C. Putnam** born in 1924.

**Child Putnam** born May 12, 1926.

**Mary Jane Putnam** born August 8, 1927.

**Child Putnam** born January 28, 1929.

**Clyde Ernest Putnam Jr.** born in Edgecombe County August 23, 1943. He married Shirley Mae Camp.

**Merill or Murial Putman** born in 1910.

**Ralph William Putman** born August 22, 1913. He married Elizabeth Kukonu in Hawaii, and died back in Shelby on October 3, 1973.

**George Thompson Putnam** born April 16, 1878 and died February 9, 1929. He married Evie Hambrick on February 15, 1905. She was a daughter of Abraham and Nancy Hambrick. They are in Polkville, Cleveland County in 1920 and Evie is widowed with the kids in Lenoir, Caldwell County in 1930. The kids that were in the censuses were:

**Jewell Conley Putnam** born December 25, 1905. He died in Haywood County September 20, 1970. I don't have his wife's name yet, but they had, all born in Caldwell County:

**George Walter Putnam** born August 8, 1931.

**Dennis Le Verne Putman** born December 22, 1932.

**Myrna Rebecca Putman** born December 25, 1935.

**Lee Norris Putnam** born August 1, 1911 and died in May 1986. He married Thelma Mabel Sides. Based on birth records they had at least these kids. Also note the big gap in the 1940s. I guess Lee was in WW II for a bunch of years.

**Morris Eugene Putnam** born February 15, 1932.

**Robert Louis Putman** born December 30, 1941.

**Larry Lee Putman** born November 1, 1947.

**Sherrill Crystal Putnam** a son born in 1914. He had two children in Caldwell County (1936 & 1939), but the wife's name wasn't listed.

**Julia Janelle Putnam** born September 29, 1919 and died in Caldwell County on September 7, 2003. She married a Pennell man.

**Mercy or Mercy Putnam** born in 1924.

**Beulah Folona Putman** born August 2, 1879. She married J. V. Hamrick, and died October 16, 1950.

**William Gordon Putman** born April 10, 1881. He married Leona Camps in about 1911. She was born September 10, 1880 and died in March 1971. In 1920, they were in Cleveland County with these daughters:

**Gussie Putman** born in 1912.

**Julia Irene Putman** born April 11, 1914. She married Benjamin Palmer and died in Shelby April 25, 1958.

**A Son Putman** born March 30, 1883 and died June 17, 1883.

**Astor D. Putman** born August 11, 1884 and died June 3, 1886.

**Alda Putman** born August 5, 1886 and died May 5, 1966 in Union County North Carolina. She married Elijah M. Hamrick. Based on NC Death Records, some kids were:

**Sibyl Mae Hamrick** born May 21, 1905 and died July 11, 1968. She married Talmadge Edwards.

**Everett Putman** born April 11, 1893 and died August 2, 1893.

**Ernest Roland Putnam** born September 1, 1894. He married Maybelle Currie and died in Charlotte December 11, 1946. He worked in a cotton mill. Based on the NC Birth Records, they had:

**Betty Jean Putnam** born November 14, 1928.

**Madeline Doris Putnam** born November 19, 1930.

**WILLIAM VANDIVER PUTMAN** born August 8, 1854. He is listed as Vandiver in 1880 and was then living with Barnet's widow, Ursala Putman, and a bunch of other folks. In fact it may have been Columbus Vandiver who was there. Confusing. I do not find him in 1900. He married a cousin, Florentine 'Flora' Putman, daughter of Leonard M. and Grace Kisiah Putman. She was born July 20, 1859 and died in November 1890. They were married July 17, 1887. I don't believe there were children. He is widowed in Shelby in 1910 and is boarding. He died March 10, 1921.

**LAURA EMMA PUTMAN** born in 1860. She married John William McMurry. She died June 29, 1899. He was born about 1854 and died about 1917 all in Cleveland County. They had seven children. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-216302723>

## Willis Putman Jr.

Willis Junior was born in 1805. He married Mary (Polly) Weaver in 1832 in Rutherford County. Polly was a daughter of Benjamin Weaver. According to the 1850 census, she was born in 1807.

Willis died on May 22, 1851 at age 47, and is buried at Zoar Cemetery. Mary was in Shelby Cleveland County in 1880 at age 75. She died in the 1880s sometime, and I do not where she is buried, but most likely at Zoar.

They had the following children:

**MARY CAROLINE PUTMAN** born in 1828. She was listed in 1870 as head of the household after both her parents had died. She was still unmarried at the time. In the 1920 census there is a Mary Bridges, age 93, living with Willis' son Benjamin. This is Mary who married after 1870. I do not have the full name of the Bridges she married. Mary died January 19, 1920.

**DAVID CARSON PUTMAN** born in December 1833. He enlisted in the CSA in Cleveland County on May 5, 1862 at age 28. He was wounded in the shoulder near Petersburg, Virginia on June 21, 1864 and hospitalized there. He was transferred to the hospital in Richmond on June 24, 1864. He returned to duty on August 21, 1864. He was again wounded in the right leg at Fort Stedman, Virginia on March 25, 1865. He was hospitalized at Richmond and captured there on April 3, 1865. He was released a week or so later when the war was over. In the 1860 census his wife is shown as Fanny (Frances Battie, born July 27, 1834 and died June 17, 1883). They had nine children. After she died, he married Sally Ann Roberts on December 4, 1886 and they had six more children. I do not find him after the 1900 census of Shelby, Cleveland County where he was shown as 66 years old. Sally is widowed in Rippys in 1910. The children were:

**Franklin A. Putnam** born May 31, 1857 and died April 26, 1896. He married Eliza E. Allen on October 20, 1881. She was born November 20, 1858 and died January 11, 1892. Both died so young that the children were all either raised by relatives or adopted. Their children were:

**Julia Adeline Putnam** born August 14, 1882 and died November 5, 1935. She married Roland Pratt Early on September 9, 1903. There is a family group sheet with their kids at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-259953588>

**Theosia Gertrude Putnam** born January 23, 1885 and died February 5, 1938. She married George Landrum Hamrick October 7, 1903.

**Alvin Putnam** born in July 1886 and died at age nineteen of a kidney infection in 1905.

**Roscoe Howard Putnam** born in 1888 and died in 1890.

**Thomas Lee Putnam** born April 2, 1890 and died November 13, 1947. He married Sadie B. Foster on December 7, 1911. She was born December 23, 1895 and was still alive in 1985. They were in Cherokee County South Carolina in 1920 and 1930. As of 1930 they had 8 kids. There is a family group sheet with info on the kids at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-259391509>

**Harriett Lora Putman** born in 1858.

**Charles Putman** born in May 1860. His wife was Nicie N. Roberts, a daughter of John Roberts and Harriet Martin, and they were in Cleveland County through 1920 when both were 59 years old. Charles died in 1929. Nicie is widowed in 1930 and died there in 1934. They had these children:

**Fannie Belle Putman** born in August 1887.

**Linore Putman** born in July 1890.

**Solon H. Putman** born and died in 1893.

**Seth Putman** born February 21, 1895 and died in Grover North Carolina May 20, 1974. He was single as of the 1930, but later married Elizabeth 'Bessie' Montgomery as they had kids in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

**Betty Lue Putman** born May 14, 1938.

**Mary Putman** born January 2, 1941.

**Martha Putman** born January 2, 1941. Might be twins but probably one gal, Mary Martha Putman.

**Boyd Seth Putman** born February 18, 1943. Again two listings, but just one guy.

**William Daniel Putman** born November 15, 1944.

**Mary Putman** born in 1862.

**Alice Putman** born in 1863.

**David Clarence Putman** born in August 1864. He married Coreen S. Roberts about 1890. She was born in November 1865. In 1900 they were still living with her parents Martin and Elizabeth Roberts. They are in Cleveland County through the 1910 census. He is widowed there in Shelby in 1920 and 1930 living with his son Oren. He died on July 20, 1938. They had three children:

**Martin Lloyd Putnam** born April 4, 1891 and died February 27, 1908.

**William Oren Putnam** born November 19, 1893. In 1920 and 1930, his widowed father was living with him. He died in Cleveland County August 17, 1938. In 1930 Oren had a wife named Frances and a son:

**Clarence E. Putnam** born in 1916. He married Marion Owens and based on birth records, they had:

**Clarence Evans Putman** born October 11, 1935.

**Mary Gretchen Putman** born December 26, 1936.

**Raymond Edward Putman** born May 21, 1941.

**Troy Wilson Putman** born March 19, 1943.

**Ernest Eugene Putman** born January 2, 1945.

**Edgar Carson Putnam** born April 2, 1897 and died in Lexington North Carolina December 4, 1973. In 1920 he has a wife Vera and a son:

**Howard Marks Putnam** born January 31, 1919.

**Elizabeth 'Liza' L. Putman** born in 1867.

**Minnie Putman** born in 1871.

**Jasper Stowe Putman** born March 9, 1888. He was at home through 1920 and then married Angeline McDaniel in 1924 and they were in Shelby in 1930 with these kids. Jasper died in Shelby November 20, 1962. Angie was born February 10, 1899 and died in Shelby April 14, 1988 at age 90. The kids were:

**David Carson Putnam** born January 2, 1925 and died in Shelby November 25, 1995.

**Betty Jane Putnam** born in 1928.

**Edna Putman** born in Nov 1890.

**Anna Putman** born December 24, 1895. She married Roy Hambright and died October 16, 1963 in Morgantown, Burke County North Carolina.

**Sudia M. Putman** born in May 1896.

**William Carson Putman** born February 24, 1900. I don't find in 1920, maybe in the service or at school. He is single in Shelby in 1930 and runs a café. He died there on July 29, 1944 at age 45.

**WILLIAM H. PUTMAN** born in 1836. He married Mary Catherine Evans in Gaston

County North Carolina on December 21, 1858. In 1860, they were living there and his wife is listed as Mary, born in 1842. He was killed at the Battle of Fredricksburg on December 13, 1862. Their only child was:

**Moses Putman** born in April 1860.

**MARTHA J. PUTMAN** born in 1838.

**SUSAN A. PUTMAN** born in 1839. She was with her mother in 1880 at age 40 and still single.

**THOMAS J. PUTMAN** born February 10, 1842. He enlisted in the C.S.A. on April 27, 1861 at age 20. He was promoted to sergeant in August 1862. He was captured at Crampton's Pass, Delaware on September 14, 1862 and confined first at Fort Delaware and then on October 2, 1862 was transferred to Aiken's Landing, Virginia for prisoner exchange. He returned to duty in late 1862. He was wounded at Bristoe Station, Virginia on October 14, 1863. He returned to duty in January 1864. He was then captured again at Hatcher's Run, Virginia on April 2, 1865 and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland until released at the end of the war on June 16, 1865. He died on February 1, 1870 of T. B. that he contracted while in war prison. He married Sarah Ann London on October 2, 1866 in Cleveland County. She appears as his widow in Cleveland County in the 1870 census. She was 25 at the time. The children were:

**C. S. Putman** born in 1865. In 1870 he and his brother Alonzo are living with J. S. Wilson, a neighbor. He died in the 1870s.

**Thomas William Marion Putman** born in November 1867. He married Margaret Anthony in Cleveland County on May 31, 1889. In 1900 he is in Cleveland County with Maggie. In 1910 and 1920 he lists himself as Marion Putman, still with Margaret and the same daughter. The only child was:

**Rae Elisia Putman** a daughter born in April 1894.

**Alonzo Putman** born in August 1869. He too died as a young child.

**JOHN H. PUTMAN** born in June, 1843. He enlisted in the C.S.A. at age 18 on March 18, 1862, and died in the Battle of Fredericksburg on February 13, 1862.

**LORENZO DOW PUTMAN** born June 7, 1845. He enlisted in the CSA at age 19 on April 1, 1864 in Cleveland County and fought till the end of the war. He married Margaret Ann Forbes about 1868. They had a 3 month old daughter Jane in the 1870 census. Margaret died in the early 1870s as in 1880 his wife was listed as Clarissa 23. She was Clarissa Jane Kendrick born January 7, 1851. They were married on August 15, 1875. Lorenzo died May 7, 1917 and Clarissa died December 26, 1930, hopefully after enjoying Christmas the day before. They had these children:

**Jane W. Putman** born 1869.

**Samuel T. Putman** born in January 1871. He moved to Cleburne County Alabama and married Delaney M. Stevens (born in April 1868 on August 13, 1891. He is still in Cleburne County in 1900 at age 39 with Delaney and three children. They are in McLennon County Texas by 1910 and are there through the 1930. Children were:

**Vera M Putman** born in August 1896.

**Fred W. Putman** October 10, 1897 and died in Waco in January 1980. He married Cora Thompson in McLennon County Texas. Cora was born April 13, 1900 and died in Waco in August 1978.

**Lorenzo Dow Putman** born July 17, 1899. He married Winnie Mae Roberts. Winnie was born in Mount Vernon, Texas June 1, 1907 and died there July 26, 2004. He died there January 22, 1972.

**Bessie Putman** born in 1903 in Alabama.

**Carl Putman** born in Texas in 1905.

**Opal Putman** born in 1912.

**William Dow Putman** born July 16, 1882. He was single in 1930 and never was married. He was a schoolteacher. He died in Cleveland County August 24, 1956.

**Wade Hill Putman** born April 28, 1885 and died March 30, 1951. He married Mildred W. Goforth in Cleveland County on September 21, 1910. Mildred was born April 21, 1893 and died in Gastonia on July 2, 1978. In 1920 and 1930 they are in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County with:

**Velma E. Putman** born September 6, 1911.

**Ruth J. Putman** born in 1913.

**Mildred Louise Putman** born September 18, 1916

**Mabel Putman** born in 1918.

**Wade Hill Putman** born March 24, 1924 and died in Gastonia January 20, 1998.

**William Sidney Putman** born September 26, 1929.

**Arthur Benton Putman** born January 8, 1888. He married Audrey Leona Ware on November 13, 1913 in Cleveland County. He died there April 21, 1962. She was born October 24, 1891 and died February 4, 1975. They lived in Kings Mountain. Their children were:

**Infant Putman** born and died in 1914.

**Zoe S. Putman** born January 8, 1915 and died April 25, 1983 in Charlotte. She married a Hill.

**Alma Jane Putman** born September 13, 1916. She married Wray Augustus Plonk on May 8, 1938. She died in Gastonia July 28, 2001.

**Nina Putman** born March 31, 1921. She married a Welsh and then a Nebel and was widowed when she died September 2, 1989 in Gaston County.

**Marshall Crowder Putman** born July 15, 1890. In 1920, there was a M. C. Putman age 28 in the State Hospital for the Insane in Burke County North Carolina. This would be him. He is with his brother William in 1930, and died at the Asylum in Burke County on May 4, 1930.

**Bessie Putman** born April 10, 1892 and died November 27, 1892.

**Frances Putman** born August 1, 1894 and died June 7, 1895.

**NARCISSA PUTMAN** born June 7, 1845. She was a twin with Lorenzo. She married W. F. Wortman on August 3, 1899. She died in Cleveland County June 21, 1922.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 'DOC' PUTMAN** born on April 12, 1849. He married Verdia (Vera) R. Hughes December 21, 1871. She was born April 12, 1850 a daughter of Sanford and Veranda Hughes. He died November 30, 1925 and she died March 12, 1920. In 1880 and 1900 he was listed as Doctor B. Putnam and in 1910 as Doctor F. Putnam then in 1920 as simply Benjamin F. Putnam. He wasn't a doctor, but was a farmer. They had the following children:

**Edith Cansis Putman** born August 15, 1875. She married Julius Spurlin and died October 1, 1952. They lived all their lives in Boiling Springs, Cleveland County.

**Carrie E. Putman** born May 15, 1877 and died March 15, 1926. She married Richard Crowell Champion about 1900.

**Leo Ramsuer Putman** born May 23, 1878. He married Ada Gertrude Weaver November 28, 1900 and died August 26, 1954. She was born in 1879 and died in Shelby March 4, 1966. In 1920 and 1930 in Cleveland County they had:

**Ovida Putman** born in 1904 and not in the 1920.

**Esther Putman** born January 19, 1906 and died May 20, 1962. She married Andrew Hunt.

**Edna Jean Putman** born April 27, 1907.

**Taft Spurgeon Putman** born October 17, 1908. He is single in Durham in 1930. He married and died in Shelby on April 14, 1992. His death record states he was widowed. He was 83 when he died.

**Ithel Hythe Putman** a son born October 25, 1910 and died in September 1974. He married Lillian Ruth Hicks. She was born July 14, 1916 in Mooresville and died there August 8, 2006.

**Crete Putman**, a son born April 29, 1914 and died June 30, 1966. He married Ophelia Borders. She was born December 20, 1916 and died in Shelby December 13, 1962.

**Elijah Joseph Putman** born April 2, 1915 and died February 26, 1920.

**Ezra Lee Putman** born November 10, 1919 and died in Shelby April 5, 2000.

**Willie Gertrude Putman** born October 24, 1922 and died in Shelby December 21, 2004. She married a cousin Jack Robbins Putnam. He was a son of Lloyd Yates Putnam and Wilma Bridges and was born in Cleveland County September 4, 1923 and died in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County August 9, 2004.

**Burton Pleos Putman** born May 5, 1880. He married Gazzie Lovelace on January 17, 1916. He died March 2, 1920. In 1920, they had:

**Julius F. Putman** born March 13, 1917 and died in Shelby August 3, 1996.

**Coreen Putman** born in 1918.

**Cossie Phillip Putman** born November 3, 1881 and died February 7, 1959. He married Ida Lillian Ellis on March 5, 1902. Ida was born April 7, 183 and died March 28, 1963. He is in Stephens County Georgia in 1910 and 1920 and will remain there in Toccoa all his life. The children were:

**Cecil Calvert Putman** born July 2, 1903 in Cleveland County North Carolina. He married Freida Savage from Pennsylvania. He died October 26, 1958.

**Dorcus Eugenia Putman** born September 24, 1904 in North Carolina. She married Jeff Collier. Dorcas died September 19, 1966.

**Ethel Agatha Putman** born April 2, 1907 in Georgia. She married Glen Gussie Strickland.

**Addie Sue Putman** born March 6, 1909 in Georgia, and died June 9, 1987. She married Hardy Addington.

**Mary Lee Putman** born May 17, 1913 in Georgia, and died October 21, 1995. She married J. T. Leverette.

**Ida Louise Putman** born February 7, 1916 in Georgia. She married Fred McLain.

**James Terrell Putman** born October 27, 1918 in Georgia, and died June 1, 1983. He married Ovis Wilkinson.

**Elisha H. Putman** born September 5, 1883. He died September 15, 1909.

**William O. 'Ressie' Putman** born May 15, 1885. He married Daisy Pearson October 11, 1905. Daisy was born December 23, 1886 and died in Shelby in November 1973. He died August 27, 1953. He was a rural mail carrier. In 1920 and 1930 in Cleveland County they had:

**Dorothy Eugenia Putman** born June 10, 1911. She married Roy Newton and died in Gastonia on December 22, 1997. Roy was born June 6, 1911 and died August 20, 1965 all in Cleveland County.

**Bruce Hilbert Putman** born September 1, 1916 and died September 15, 1948.

**Duran Lamar Putman** born May 15, 1887. He married Mabel Ross in 1916. He died November 11, 1969. Mabel was born in 1894 and died in Boiling Springs on December 21, 1960. In 1930 they are in Boiling Springs, Cleveland County with:

**Verdia Putnam** born June 18, 1918. She married Carbon Elmer Earls and died in Cleveland County January 12, 2001. He was born in Shelby April 14, 1917 and died there in January 1976.

**Edward L. Putnam** born April 30, 1920. He married Sybil S. Hornaday. Based on the NC birth records they had:

**Alicia Gail Putnam** born January 17, 1949.

**Angela Marie Putnam** born April 12, 1950.

**James Thomas Putnam** born January 13, 1952.

**Helen Putnam** born in 1925.

**Mary Etta Putman** born March 28, 1889. She married George Rush Hamrick and died December 10, 1947.