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WILSON PUTMAN

of Rhea County Tennessee

A son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Putman of Rutherford County. Wilson Putman first appears in the 1800 Rutherford County Census as a head of household. He is between the ages of 26 and 45 and his wife between 16 and 26. No others are listed in the household. In the 1820 census, both are still in the 26 to 45 age bracket, but now they have two daughters between 10 and 16, three daughters under age 10 and two sons under age 10.

From other sources I find that Wilson's wife was named Rebecca and her last name was more than likely Morris. This makes sense in that their first son was named after Wilson's father and the next named after Rebecca's family.

Wilson was probably born in the mid 1770s and married in the very late 1790s in Rutherford County.

Sometime in the early 1820s, Wilson Putman and his family traveled westward and settled in Rhea County, Tennessee. Wilson is listed there on a 1823 tax list. Wilson died in Rhea County in the late 1820s. In the 1830 Rhea County Census, Rebecca listed as his widow was the head of the household. She is shown as being between 50 and 60 years old.

Wilson was a blacksmith by trade and this trade was carried on by his namesakes for the next three generations.

After Wilson died Rebecca and the children joined John, Winnie and Griggs Putman in Alabama. She moved to Jackson County in northern Alabama just below the Tennessee border. Rebecca was shown as being 67 years old in the 1850 Census of Jackson County.

The following is what information I have on the children of Wilson and Rebecca Putman:

Benjamin Putman

Benjamin Putman was born June 15, 1804 in, I believe, Rutherford County, North Carolina, however in the 1850 census he lists South Carolina as his birthplace. He moved with the family to Tennessee and married Mary (Polly) Buchanan there in Rhea County on June 7, 1823. Mary was born in Tennessee on December 7, 1805.

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

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

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

Benjamin Putman died on September 16, 1862 and Mary died May 29, 1890.

Complete details on this family are found in the section on [MISSOURI PUTMANS](#).

Benjamin and Mary Putman's twelve children were:

RUFUS PUTMAN born December 28, 1823. He married Lavina Jane Stockton on October 25, 1849. They were married in Polk County.

NEWTON PUTMAN born November 26, 1825. He married Nancy Stockton in Henry or possibly Polk County, Missouri on January 14, 1852. Newton died September 12, 1893. He was in Dade County, Missouri in 1860 and was in Polk County, Oregon in 1880.

EMELINE PUTMAN was born January 1, 1828. She married Robert LaSalle.

ISRAEL PUTMAN was born May 1, 1830. He died in the Black Hills in June of 1850 enroute to the California gold fields.

LAFAYETTE PUTMAN was born November 1, 1832. He married Elizabeth Sheek or Sheek. He died in November, 1876.

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

VAN BUREN PUTMAN was born April 14, 1837, and died March 3, 1883. He headed out to California.

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

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

SARAH PUTMAN was born August 27, 1844. She married Abraham Gwinn.

VIRGINIA ELLEN PUTMAN born September 1, 1845.

JANE PUTMAN was born April 13, 1847. She married Giles Sheek or Sheek.

WILLIAM WILSON PUTMAN was born June 28, 1849. He married Elizabeth J. Renfro.

Morris Putman

Morris Putman was born in Rutherford County in about 1805. His wife was named Nancy and she was born in North Carolina. They were probably married about 1823 in Rutherford County and then moved to Tennessee. Morris also first appears in Rhea County, Tennessee on the 1825 tax list. In the 1830 Tennessee census, he and Nancy are shown with three young daughters and a son, all under ten.

The family moved to Jackson County, Alabama by the 1840 census. This was where Morris died in 1848. Nancy was in Jackson County in the 1850 census, but was just over the border in Franklin County, Tennessee in 1860. In 1870, she was back in Jackson County.

This family is covered in full detail in the [ALABAMA PUTMANS](#) Section.

Their children, the first four born in Tennessee the rest in Alabama, were:

REBECCA PUTMAN, born 1825. She married Thomas Daniel in Franklin County, Tennessee on February 2, 1860.

WILLIAM PUTMAN, born March 27, 1827 and married Elizabeth E. Myers in Coffee County, Tennessee on August 21, 1857 and died in Jackson County, Alabama on August 6, 1877. They were in Franklin County, Tennessee in 1860 with one daughter. I don't have them yet for 1870, but in 1880, Elizabeth was a widow in Jackson County, Alabama with three kids at home. They had nine children.

MARTHA PUTMAN, born about 1830.

WILSON PUTMAN, born about 1833. He married Mary Ann Keele in Coffee County on December 22, 1859. I guess she died pretty soon as on January 12, 1861, Wilson married her sister Sarah Ann Keele. In 1870 he is in that huge combined family headed by Nancy his mother. He is 38 and it appears that he is widowed again. He then married Roxy Ann Medford in Jackson County on January 11, 1871. He next appears in Fannin County, Texas in both 1880 and 1900 with his third wife, Roxanna. See the section on [TEXAS PUTMANS](#) for this family.

JAMES L. PUTMAN, born about 1836. He married Rachel Susan Brown in Coffee County, Tennessee on October 1, 1856. They are in the 1860 census of Bedford County, Tennessee with two young children. He is also with mom's gang in 1870 with the same two children and what appears to be a new wife named Malinda. I find them in Grayson County, Texas in 1880.

JOHN PUTMAN, born about 1837. He married Nancy Vaughn in Franklin County, Tennessee on December 29, 1859.

RICHARD W. PUTMAN, born about 1839. He was still at home in 1870 at age 30.

MORRIS PUTMAN JR., born about 1841. He married Elizabeth J. Williams on January 4, 1871 in Jackson County. They were in Tarrant County, Texas in 1880.

SARAH JANE PUTMAN, born about 1844. She is gone by 1870. She is most likely the Sarah J. Putman who married Joseph Thomason in Jackson County on September 16, 1868.

More on Morris' family is found in the [ALABAMA](#) section of this history.

Elizabeth Putman

Elizabeth Putman was born in 1806. She moved with the family to Tennessee and then to Jackson County, Alabama where she died. Elizabeth remained single all her life. She was living with her brother Jesse in 1860.

Polly Putman

Polly Putman was born in Rutherford County in about 1807. She married David Lyons in Rhea County, Tennessee on January 27, 1827.

Wilson Putman Jr.

The young Wilson Putman was born in 1812 in Rutherford County. He moved with the family to Tennessee. On October 20, 1830, he married Rebecca Flemming in Rhea County, Tennessee. He took up the Blacksmith trade and moved with his family to Alabama. They moved first to Morgan County and then to Madison County, Alabama.

Wilson and Rebecca's first child, Flemming Putman, was born in Alabama. They seem to have remained in the same general area, but again County lines kept changing as new counties were formed. First they were in Morgan County, then Madison County. The 1840 Census had them in Jackson County, Alabama, the 1850 Census has them in Madison County and in 1860 they were back in Jackson County.

Young Wilson followed the blacksmith trade all his life as did his son Wilson. Wilson Putman fought in the Seminole War in Florida from October 26, 1837 through April 12, 1838.

In the 1860 Census, Wilson was living in the town of Princeton in Jackson County Alabama. This is the last record that I have of him. I assume he died there in the mid 1860s.

More on this family is in the section on [TENNESSEE PUTMANS](#).

Wilson and Rebecca Putman had the following children:

FLEMMING PUTMAN was born in April 1832. He married Elizabeth Jenkins on December 27, 1851. Elizabeth must have died in the 1860s, as on May 27, 1870 Flemming married Mary L. Kitchner in Franklin County, Tennessee. They were not in the 1880 Soundex. In 1900 he is in Moore County, Tennessee and is 68, Mary is 68 and he has three grand children, two Marlers and one Clark, at home. He died after 1900 in Moore County, Tennessee. See the [TENNESSEE PUTMANS](#) Section for more on this family. Here are his children:

Henderson J. Putman born in September 1852. He was married twice, first to Matilda J. Prince in Bedford County, Tennessee o December 8, 1869 and they had one child. After she died, he married Omi Wilson also in Bedford County, on December 25, 1878. The rest of his children were with her. They then moved to Texas, and the family is in Hardeman County, Texas in 1900.

Matilda 'Matta' Putman born in about 1855.

Martha Putman born in 1857. There is a marriage record of a M. P. Putman marrying J. C. Clark in Moore County on December 9, 1880. It would be either Martha or Matta. In 1900, a Zula Clark age 18 is living with her grandfather Flemming. Not certain who

married J. C. Clark, but I guess they both had died by 1900.

Wilson S. Putman born about 1860. He married L. C. Jackson in Bedford County on April 12, 1877. They were in Franklin County, Tennessee in 1880 with two young children.

Nancy C. Putman born about 1862. She married W. J. Marler on July 8, 1880. She and he must have died by 1900 as Flemming in 1900 had two Marler kids, William 19 and Marsh 18 living with him as grand children.

Elizabeth E. Putman born about 1864. She married A. A. Clark in Moore County on June 14, 1883. In 1900 there was a Zula Clark, a grand daughter, living with Flemming. Zula was either her daughter or her sister's who married J. C. Clark. Not certain at all.

CAROLINE PUTMAN was born in 1834.

MARY PUTMAN was born in 1836. She moved to Arkansas and married Robert A. Farmer there.

DANIEL T. PUTMAN was born in December 1842. He married Nancy Garland in Jackson County, Alabama on August 28, 1861. He was in Coffee County, Tennessee in the 1870 and 1880 census with Nancy and kids and still there in 1900. Their children were:

Margaret Putman born in Alabama in 1863.

Billie Putman a daughter born in 1866 in Alabama.

John Morgan Putman born in April 1867 in Tennessee.

Charles W. Putman born 1873.

Mattie Putman born 1875. She married Jack Hufstatler about 1900 They were living with dad in 1900.

Daniel Putman born 1879.

MARGARET PUTMAN was born in 1840. She married William Carpenter in Coffee County on October 16, 1857.

WILSON PUTMAN 3rd was born in 1843. He married Susan Tipton. After the Civil War, Wilson went to Carroll County in Northwest Arkansas. Like his father and his grandfather, Wilson was a blacksmith. See the section on **ARKANSAS PUTMANS**, their children are listed there.

ROBERT MARTIN PUTMAN was born in 1846. He was married twice. First to Phoebe Farmer and then to Martha Ann Bell. Martin also went to Arkansas with Wilson. See the section on **ARKANSAS PUTMANS**.

REBECCA PUTMAN was born in 1850. She married Robert Daniel July 29, 1877 in Coffee County, Tennessee.

WALTER F. PUTMAN was born in 1852. He married a Malinda.

JESSE PUTMAN was born in March 1855. He married Emily Tipton in Madison County, Alabama on June 22, 1873. She must have died very soon thereafter as on October 11, 1874, he married Amanda Posey also in Madison County, Alabama. I do not find him in the 1880 census of either Alabama or Tennessee, so as they weren't in the Soundex, they may not have had children in 1880. In the 1900 census, he lived in Franklin County, Tennessee. There may be other children, especially daughters born in the early 1880s. Their children in the 1900 report were:

Robert Lee Putman born July 1875 in Tennessee.

Edward Putman born in November 1877.

Della Putman born March 26, 1880.

Forest Warren Putman born December 2, 1881 in Franklin County, Tennessee. He married Nancy Jane Gifford in Winchester, Franklin County on December 14, 1899. They had 10 children (I have a group sheet on them). Forest died in Huntland, Franklin County on June 17, 1956. Nancy died there on January 27, 1943.

Lark Putman born in 1885.

Jessie Virgil Putman born January 22, 1887.

Susan Putman born August 15, 1890.

Pearl Putman born August 2, 1893.

Rosie Putrman born March 20, 1896.

Claude Putman born September 22, 1897.

JOHN WESLEY PUTMAN was born in 1858. He also went to Arkansas and married his wife, Darthilou, there in Carroll County. See the [ARKANSAS PUTMANS](#) section for his life.

For more information on the three sons that went to northwest Arkansas, see the section on [ARKANSAS PUTMANS](#), which comes along in a bit.

Mary Eleanor Putman

Mary Eleanor Putman was born in Rhea County, Tennessee in about 1813. There she married Joseph Rush on December 12, 1830.

Jesse R. Putman

Jesse Putman was born in Tennessee in about 1815-1817 in Rhea County, Tennessee. He was at home with his mother in the 1850 census of Jackson County, Alabama. There he married Ersula Freeman in 1858. He died in Princeton, Jackson County, Alabama in the early 1870s. Eursala died there about 1869-1870.

This family is covered in the [ALABAMA PUTMANS](#) section later on. They had seven children:

SARAH ELLEN PUTMAN born August 20, 1859. She married James Latham.

ELIZABETH PUTMAN born December 24, 1862. She never married.

JOHN W. PUTMAN born May 1, 1863. He married Mary Jane Cochran.

GEORGE W. PUTMAN born in 1864. He married a susan.

JAMES RICHARD PUTMAN born March 17, 1867. He married Margaret Robertson.

MOLLY PUTMAN born in 1868.

MARGARET PUTMAN born in 1869.

John B. Putman

John Putman was born in Rhea County Tennessee in 1820. He too was at home with his mother in 1850. He married Rosanna Thompson in Jackson County on March 11, 1852.

They are in Jackson County in 1860 with two children, still there in 1870 with four children. In 1880 he has a new wife named Frances age 46. The age and place of birth (Alabama) are right for her to also simply be Rosanna going under her middle or some other name. I am not at all certain here.

By 1900, most all the kids are in Tarrant County Texas. It would appear the whole gang moved there and then both the folks died leaving all the kids on the farm to fend for themselves.

This family is covered in the **ALABAMA PUTMANS** section.

C. Putman

I am only guessing here. There was a C. Putman who married John Walling in Meigs County, Tennessee on June 27, 1840.

Margaret Putman

Margaret Putman was born in 1823 in Tennessee. In 1860 there are a bunch of Hunter children living with Jesse. Perhaps Margaret married a Hunter and both died and Jesse took in the kids. I have no other ideas.