

A New England Putnam or Two

There was one other Putnam in South Carolina in the 1700s. This was Henry Putnam, and he was a Putnam from New England.

There was an article in the South Carolina General Gazette on July 28, 1775. It reads:

Captain Carter, who arrived here on Saturday last from Bristol, on the 25th of last month, in Lat. 32" 35' Long. 58" 40' took up out of a small boat, Thomas Try, Master, Henry Putnam, Mate and a sailor, of the Schooner Endeavour, of Salem. The Master informed him that they were bound from Salem for the West Indies with a cargo of Lumber and that the vessel had sprung a leak, and had filled full of water 3 days before, which obliged them to take to their boat, but left three men on board. Captain Carter soon after fell in with the schooner and took the three men off. Those in the boat had only three pieces of pork and a few gallons of water when they were taken up. They all speak in the highest terms of the humane and kind treatment they experienced from Captain Carter. The mate is a nephew to General Putnam. We are informed that the Master had embarked his whole fortune in the vessel, and had brought off nothing more than the clothes on his back.

This Henry Putnam remained in Charleston during the War. He went into the general merchandise business under the name of Putnam and Williamson in Charleston. He left South Carolina in 1785 and moved permanently to Georgia.

For more on Henry Putnam and his cousin Dr. Benjamin Putnam, see the [GEORGIA PUTMANS](#) section that follows.

Then there is a cemetery record of a **JOSIAH PUTNAM** buried in the Cross Swamp Methodist Cemetery in Walterboro, Colleton County, South Carolina. The marker reads JOSIAH PUTNAM DEC. 25, 1793 – JUNE 29, 1882. Might be from New England, might be related to the Putnams of Guilford County, North Carolina, might just be a separate immigrant that I am unaware of.

Then Matt Putnam found his name was actually Josiah Putnam Murdaugh. Maybe he was a Putnam and then adopted by the Murdaugh gang. Only Putnam on the grave stone so maybe went back to his 'original' name. Who knows.