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JOHN COVINGTON PUTMAN

Maury & Coffee Counties, Tennessee

John is a son of John Putman and Lucy Covington from Rutherford County, North Carolina who moved to Morgan County, Alabama.

According to his son William's death certificate, John was born in Morgan County, Alabama in April 1826. He married Elizabeth T. Graham in Warren County, Tennessee on February 1, 1855 and they appeared in the 1860 census of that county. Elizabeth died before the 1880 census and John will remain a widower through the 1910 census of Coffee County, Tennessee.

John was a Methodist minister. I do not find the family in 1870, but in 1880 he was in Maury County, Tennessee. In 1900 and 1910, he is in Coffee County, Tennessee. He died before the 1920 census.

Based on census returns, his children included:

MARY LOU PUTMAN born in March 1856. She never married and was with her brother William in 1920 and 1930.

MACK PUTMAN born in 1857 and not in the 1880 census.

JOHN GRAHAM PUTMAN born in February 1860 and not in the 1880 census for some reason. He appears in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama by 1900 with his wife Annette Godfrey. They were there through the 1930 census. Based on the census reports, their children were:

John Graham Putman, Jr. born in Alabama November 14, 1886. He married Helen Calloway in Sumter County, Alabama on December 24, 1912. In 1920 they were in Birmingham and in 1930 in Homewood, Jefferson County. As of 1930 they had:

John Graham Putman 3rd born in 1914.

Margaret Putman born in 1925.

Ferdinand Putman born in 1888

Virginia Putman born in 1895

Leon Godfrey Putman born October 12, 1898. He married Ruth Valentine Alexander in Birmingham.

SAMUEL PUTMAN born in 1863 and home in 1880.

WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD PUTMAN born January 14, 1865 and died unmarried September 19, 1942 in Coffee County. In 1900, he was living with his brother John in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1920 and 1930 he was in Coffee County and had his sisters Mary and Virginia with him.

FERDINAND BEECHER PUTMAN born in 1867 and home in 1880. I next find him married to a Clara and they are in Birmingham Alabama in 1910 and York, Sumpter County,

Alabama in 1920. Then in 1930 they are in St. Petersburg, Florida. Clara had married a Barnes guy from Ohio before so he had a couple of stepsons. He died in St. Petersburg in 1944. The children were:

William L. Barnes the stepson born in 1900 in AL.

George R. Barnes born in 1902 in AL

Elizabeth Putman born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1909.

Martha Putman born in Alabama in 1911.

Ferdinand N. Putman born in Alabama in 1913.

VIRGINIA PUTMAN born in September 1871. She lived with her dad and then brother William, and died unmarried on January 23, 1940.