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MARTIN PUTMAN

of McNairy County Tennessee

Martin is a son of Griggs and Sally Putman. The parents' family was covered in both the NORTH CAROLINA section and in the ALABAMA PUTMANS section. The son Martin is covered here.

Martin would have been born about 1817 in North Carolina. He lists his birth as Alabama in 1850, but calls it North Carolina thereafter. North Carolina makes the most sense, but it could have been in Morgan County, Alabama as the family moved there about the time of his birth.

He is married about 1839 to a woman named Juda. I have no idea as to her maiden name. He will spend his whole adult life in McNairy County, Tennessee.

He first appears in the 1840 census of McNairy County, Tennessee being just married to his wife Juda and there are no children yet. In 1850 he is 32 and Juda is 28 and they have five children. Juda died about 1852-1854.

In 1860 he is a widower with the same five children are at home and has added another daughter. By 1870 he is a widower at age 50. I do not find him in 1880, but his kids are still hanging around.

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

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

William Harrison Putman was born in McNairy County October 28, 1867. He married Dina Clay, born September 1, 1872 in Virginia and died May 17, 1926. In 1900 they were in McNairy County. They then moved to Mississippi after 1900 and William was back in Hamilton County, Tennessee in 1920. They then returned to Lee County, Mississippi where he is buried. Their children were:

Everett Clay Putman born in January 1894 and died in Chattanooga June 26, 1923. I don't think he ever married.

Elsie Putman born in November 1895.

William Harrison Putman Junior born in Mississippi in 1907.

Mary Putman born January 1, 1908 and died March 18, 1910.

Lilly Lee Putman born in Mississippi in 1912.

Julia Ann Putman born in 1870 and gone by 1900.

Louellen Putman born in July 1873 and at home in 1900.

Mary Frances Putman born in 1877.

Thomas Franklin Putman born October 31, 1882. His wife was Effie Smith. They were in Clay County, Arkansas in the 1910 census and back in McNairy County, Tennessee in 1920. As of the 1920 census of McNairy County their children were:

Velma Putman born in 1908 in Tennessee.

Marie Putman born in 1911 in Arkansas.

Maggie Putman born in 1913.

Hally Putman born in 1915.

William A. Putman born in 1917.

Harry Leon Putman born June 28, 1921 and died November 5, 1976.

Martin Ernest Putman born January 21, 1887. He died in 1968.

LETTITA or TELITHA PUTMAN born in 1843.

ALLEY PUTMAN born in 1845. She is with her brother William in Chester County, Tennessee in 1910. Still single at age 64.

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

WILLIAM A. PUTMAN born in 1850. He is home in 1870 and I don't find him in 1880. In 1910 and 1920, he is in Chester County, Tennessee with a wife named Jennie L. and no children.

NANCY E. PUTMAN born in 1851.

I have come across a descendent who has seen Martin's grave. He is making another trip back to McNairy County in hopes of supplying more on this family.