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THE PUTMANS

of Navarro County Texas

Anson Putman was a son of John Putman and Lucy Covington of Rutherford County North Carolina. He was born there in 1814. He traveled with his family to Morgan County Alabama as a young child and was there before 1820.

He married Hester Royer in Morgan County on December 27, 1832. Hester was born in Jefferson County Tennessee December 17, 1815. She was a daughter of Charles Royer and Darcus Daniel.

Anson was a Methodist Clergyman. Sometime in the early 1860s he left Lawrence County Alabama for Maury County Tennessee. He died in Maury County on March 25, 1865. Hester was listed as a widow in the 1870 Maury County Tennessee census.

Hester, and several sons moved west to settle in Texas about 1873. Hester and the kids were in Texas by 1874.

In the 1880 census we find Hester at age 65 living with her son John Putman who was 39 but widowed. Also there are her sons Wesley Putman and Anderson Putman and their families. Anderson is Charles Anderson. He is listed as Charles in Alabama and also Charles A. in 1900.

Hester died in Navarro County Texas on April 23, 1895 and is buried in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

The following are the Children of Anson and Hester Putman:

George Putman

George was born in Morgan County Alabama August 29, 1834. He was with his folks in 1850 in Lawrence County Alabama at age 18. He died there October 29, 1854 at age 20.

James M. Putman

James was born November 25, 1836 and died in Morgan County Alabama September 15, 1849.

Louisa Jane Putman

Louisa Jane was born in Morgan County November 10, 1838. She married Thomas David McCulloch in Lawrence County Alabama on October 7, 1856. He was a son of Samuel McCulloch and Martha C. Clark. He was born in Lawrence County Alabama April 30, 1836.

Thomas died in the Civil War in Richmond, Virginia on February 26, 1864 and is buried there. Louisa then married William N. Oden. Louisa died October 17, 1906 in Stamford, Jones County Texas.

Her children were:

JAMES HENRY McCULLOCH born August 15, 1859 and died in Navarro County September 15, 1937. He married Millie Jane Roper August 12, 1877. She died January 20, 1921. He later married Martha Stone July 9, 1924. She died April 10, 1951.

WILLIAM THOMAS McCULLOCH born September 9, 1861 in Lawrence County Alabama and died December 4, 1930 in Stamford, Jones County Texas. He married Armay Nellie Johnson in Jones County on August 25, 1891. She was born in Murray County Georgia April 6, 1868 and died in Jones County Texas August 19, 1963.

John Royer Putman

John was born March 12, 1841. He fought for the Union Side in the Civil War.

He married Rachel R. James in Maury County Tennessee on February 3, 1867. Rachel was born in Jefferson County Tennessee April 25, 1850. Rachel died June 8, 1877 in Texas. John was a widower in 1880, but had a new wife, Mary Ann Eliza Warden, in 1900. He had married Mary Ann E. Warden in Navarro County on June 20, 1880. Mary Ann was born June 29, 1861 in Tennessee.

John died at age 69 on May 14, 1911. Mary Ann died December 24, 1935. Both are buried in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

The children of John and Rachel were:

JOHN ANDERSON PUTMAN born December 18, 1867 in Maury County Tennessee. He married Fannie Jane McCullough in Texas on January 25, 1891. Fannie was born in Morgan County Alabama on April 16, 1874. She was a daughter of William Harve McCullough and Margaret Lou Linton. He died June 7, 1947 and Fannie died on March 26, 1939. Their children were:

John Harvie Putman born March 17, 1892 and died May 14, 1913. He married Lillian Totten, born February 13, 1893 and died November 12, 1940. They were married December 24, 1911. They had one son. Lillie then married Joseph Benjamin Moore in 1915 or early 1916. She and Ben had 5 more kids: Pauline, Joseph Benjamin Jr., Lonnie, Janet and Glenn Moore.

Audie Chester Putman born September 23, 1912. He died in Waco, McClellan County August 20, 1956. He married Frances Wade 'Peepers' Barnes on May 22, 1942. They were divorced March 8, 1948. She later married a Manley and died January 12, 2000. They had one son:

Johnny Glenn Putman born March 22, 1943 in Dawson, Navarro County. He married Cathy Lynn Jones November 4, 1966. She was born September 19, 1947.

Edgar Lee Putman born January 17, 1894 and died April 16, 1962. He married Eva Clark on December 22, 1915. She was born November 3, 1897 and died August 2, 1980. Their children were:

Eva Oleta Putman born August 31, 1916. She married B. C. Onstott. She later married a cousin, Otis Lee Putman. She died in Navarro County June 12, 1992.

Imogene Putman born August 27, 1918. She married N. J. Goodman. He was born in Frost County Texas February 16, 1921, and died in Stamford, Jones County Texas May 30, 2009. Imogene died in Houston December 7, 1969. They had a son Larry Jay Goodman born May 7, 1947 and died March 10, 1968.

Clark Newland Putman born March 25, 1920. He married Bobbie Jewel Ford in 1947. They were divorced October 15, 1971. He later married Eva A. Wiggins July 24, 1988.

Wendell Wayne Putman born April 26, 1922 and died in Purdon, Navarro County January 7, 1989. His wife was Wyvonne Yaws and they had two children, Patrice and Wendell Junior.

Margaret Lynn Putman born July 25, 1924 and died in Phoenix, Arizona September 17, 2008. She married Eber John Neely in April 1947. He died in Oklahoma in 1958 and she later married Joseph Lawrence McCulloch in New Mexico on August 15, 1960. He was in the Merchant Marines and died at sea July 30, 1975. Margaret said "enough" after that.

Artie Newton Putman born September 27, 1895 and died March 2, 1982. He married Hattie Lou Oden on July 15, 1917. She was born December 13, 1897 and died December 13, 1989. Their children were:

Chester Doyle Putman born June 10, 1918 and died in Corsicana, Texas September 3, 2008. His wife Catherine was born January 4, 1920 and died in Corsicana on June 9, 2004.

Cordena Putman she was born about 1921 and married a Woods.

Glendon Douglas Putman born October 7, 1924 and died August 26, 2004. He married Hazel Marie Griffin on October 20, 1944. She was born September 16, 1927 and died May 12, 1994. Both are buried in Younger Cemetery in Silver City, Navarro County. They had a son Douglas Neil Putman born September 28, 1945 and died 4 days later on October 2, 1945. There may have been more, but he is the only one buried here.

Artie Putman Junior born Mach 28, 1927 and died October 30, 1991.

William Ralph Putman born August 4, 1929. He married Lilliam Geraldean Minefee and they lived in Corsicana. She was born March 1, 1931 and died November 13, 2010. Ralph was still alive at that time.

Betty Jo Putman born June 10. 1932.

Donald Lee Putman born July 22, 1936 and died in Jefferson, Texas November 15, 2004.

Doris Jean Putman born June 28, 1941.

Claude Guy Putman born July 8, 1897 and died March 18, 1958. He married Jewell May Lewis on December 23, 1920. She was born May 21, 1902 and died January 15, 1942. He then married Louise Wommack on June 27, 1943. Louise later married Paul Miller and died in March 2011. There were no children in either marriage.

James Rufus Putman born December 21, 1899 and died January 31, 1982. He married Mary Jewell Lewis (a cousin of the above mentioned Jewell May Lewis) on December 21, 1921. She was born May 20, 1902 and died August 2, 1973. After she died he married Mary Lee (Lonsford) Trantam September 4, 1975. The children were two sons:

Y. M. Putman born February 10, 1926 in Navarro Mills and died September 19, 2003 in Waco, Texas. He was named basically for his grandfather Yancy Martin Lewis, but was named just Y. M. He was in the Navy in the Pacific in WWII. He married Wynna Louise Calame Saturday June 1, 1947. She was born June 21, 1926 in Tehuacana, Texas. She was living with her daughter Charlotte in 2010 at age 83 plus. They had just one daughter:

Charlotte Elaine Putman born in Pasadena, Texas September 10, 1949. She

married Larry Thomas Thacker (born January 5, 1948) on June 6, 1969, and had twin sons born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where Tom was stationed in the U. S. Coast Guard. They were divorced in Houston November 6, 1974. She later married Leslie Alan Larson in Dallas on July 31, 1981. They live in Prosper, Texas now. She is the gal that filled in all the details on this family. The kids were:

Steven Thomas Thacker born May 30, 1971. He married Maurie Jo Pollard August 23, 1997. She was born January 8, 1971. They have Sydney Christine Thacker and Jacob Steven Thacker.

James Roy Thacker born also on May 30, 1971. He married Rebecca Lynn Black on December 18, 1998. She was born February 6, 1973. They have Baily Lynne Thacker and Benjamin James Thacker.

John Cleatus Putman born October 13, 1929. He married Melba Marie Crenshaw of Corsicana, Texas on April 21, 1951. She was born February 14, 1929 and died July 24, 2002. John was a butcher and died February 4, 1992. They had two children:

John Milton Putman born February 3, 1954. He married Greta Ruth Corley on August 8, 1975. She was born March 10, 1959. They had two boys and later divorced.

Sherman Lewis Putman born March 15, 1959. He married Debra Carol Anderson September 23, 1977. They had a daughter and then divorced. He then married Delores Marie Williams and they divorced. He married his third wife Judy Marie Clemments and had a daughter. Then they divorced. He married a fourth time to Mary Elizabeth Sharp and again divorced. He was alone in 2009, but working with a potential number five for 2010.

Freddie H. Putman born January 8, 1902 and died April 27, 1902.

Floyd U. Putman a twin born January 8, 1902 and died May 1, 1902.

Alvis Putman born February 15, 1903 and died April 17, 1971. He married Eula Leona Moseley on March 11, 1949. They had one son:

Ronald Putman

A Baby Putman born and died April 10, 1905.

Clarence Daffin 'Tuck' Putman born July 4, 1906. He married Eunice Compton on September 22, 1928 and they had a daughter **Daffin** and a son who died stillborn. Eunice died April 29, 1935. Clarence then married Loretta Bennett on June 7, 1941. There were no more children. Clarence died in Navarro County on March 22, 1980. Loretta was a schoolteacher and was born January 12, 1914 and died in Navarro County August 27, 2005.

Lois Eva Putman born December 13, 1908 and died November 23, 1967. She married William Alexander Key on December 22, 1935. There were no children.

Cecil Putman born June 21, 1911. He married Virgie Rene Raley on December 22, 1934 and they had two daughters, Patsy and Peggy Putman. Virgie died on January 24, 1976 and Cecil remarried to Celestine Prendergrass Lanier on November 6, 1976. The daughter Peggy Jane Putman Cannon, is the one who supplied the information on this section. Thanks, Peggy. The children were:

Patsy Putman born May 20, 1940. She married Eddie Mahone.

Peggy Jane Putman born January 15, 1945. She married J. R. Cannon.

MALINDA H. PUTMAN born Tennessee April 5, 1870 and died December 14, 1889. She married James David McCulloch October 14, 1888. He was a son of William Harve McCulloch and Marguerite Lou Linton. They had one daughter:

R. Mae McCulloch born December 14, 1889.

WILLIAM ANSON PUTMAN born in Tennessee on June 4, 1872. He was home in 1910

and off somewhere by 1920. I don't think he married. He died in Dawson, Navarro County October 28, 1929.

JOSIAH HENNIS PUTMAN born June 4, 1873 in Tennessee. His wife was Martha Lou Raines. He married Martha in 1895. She was born in Alabama May 18, 1873 and died in Lubbock, Texas November 2, 1943. Joe died in Stamford, Jones County September 18, 1940. They had:

Charles Anderson Putman born October 10, 1896. He is married to Una Granville English in Haskell County in 1930. She was born March 6, 1901 and died in Lubbock August 11, 1987. Charles died there October 12, 1982. They had through 1930:

Carl Edwin Putman born January 10, 1922. He married Retta Madoline O'Neal. She was the daughter of Grandison Dellorian O'Neal and Retta Isalene Crow from Louisville, Kentucky. She was born in Lubbock May 16, 1919 and died in Pueblo, Pueblo County Colorado October 12, 2005. Edwin died in Castle Rock, Douglas County Colorado March 28, 1998. They had two sons and a daughter.

Charles Anderson Putman Jr. born September 27, 1923 and died in Lubbock June 6, 2010.

John Hennis Putman born February 26, 1925.

Eva Winnelle Putman born July 7, 1928 in Haskell and died in Lubbock November 9, 1999.

Laura Josephine Putman born October 6, 1929 in Jones County Texas and died in Lubbock July 16, 1997.

Daisy Ruth Putman born in January 1900.

Ora Lillian Putman born in 1904.

The following children are from the marriage with Mary Ann:

FRANCES ANN PUTMAN born August 19, 1882. She married James Wade Shaw July 17, 1898. He died in Dallas June 28, 1907. Frances was back with her folks in 1910 and she was there as well in 1920. Frances died in Navarro County May 3, 1959. The children were:

Mary Lou Shaw born September 15, 1899. She married Harvey Wilson.

John Frank Shaw born January 16, 1901. He married Grace Lee Smith.

Birdie Mae Shaw born July 8, 1903. She married Albert Anderson Sykes.

Hugh Lee Shaw born February 21, 1906. He married Inez Hagle.

MARTIN WESLEY PUTMAN born January 18, 1884 and died three days later.

IDA MAE PUTMAN born September 18, 1886 and died in the 1980s. She married William Oliver Nesmith in 1901.

TINA LUE PUTMAN born May 28, 1890. She married Edmund Sykes. They had these children:

Edward Sykes

Juanita Sykes

Betty Sue Sykes

R. C. Sykes

Elby Ray Sykes

GEORGE W. PUTMAN born February 23, 1892 and died February 10, 1984. He married Izora French on December 16, 1917. Izora was born July 23, 1898 and she died April 13, 1984. They had:

Buel Lee Putman born October 10, 1920. He married Virginia Juanita Hollifield.

Roberta Putman

Margaleene Putman

PEARLIE PARLEE PUTMAN born December 8, 1894. She married Davis David Phillips. They had:

Robert Oneal Phillips

Billy Joe Phillips

Joy Phillips

ULYSSIS E. PUTMAN born June 9, 1897. He married Virginia Marie Chunn. They had:

Laverne Putman

BETTY JANE PUTMAN born August 7, 1901, and died December 13, 1901.

GENILA PUTMAN born February 27, 1904. She married Floyd Sykes. And lived in Corsicana, Texas. He died in 1956, and she never remarried. She died in 1989. They had two daughters:

Mary Frances Sykes

Martha Jayne Sykes

Sarah Ann Putman

Sarah was born in 1843. She married Edmund S. Cooper in Maury County Tennessee on March 24, 1867.

I have nothing more on her.

Charles Anderson Putman

Anderson was born in Morgan County Alabama February 17, 1846. He fought on the Confederate side in the Civil War, while others in his family fought for the Union.

He married Susan Elizabeth James in Maury County Tennessee on December 19, 1866 with a Justice of the Peace and again on December 20th in a Methodist Church. Anderson's brother John had married Susan's sister, Rachel James.

The carpetbaggers that came South after the Civil War made life unpleasant for the Southerners, so the family headed off to Texas to homestead. In Texas they first settled near Hubbard and then in 1897 they moved to Dawson where Anderson built and operated a cotton gin.

Anderson died in Dawson on June 5, 1912 and Susan died there on March 12, 1938.

Their children were:

WILLIAM HENNIS PUTMAN born in Tennessee May 16, 1868 and died of tuberculosis in Lynn County Texas May 15, 1949. He married Lou Ellen McCullough. She was a daughter of William Harve McCullough and Margaret Lou Linton and was born in Decatur, Alabama

April 5, 1877 and died February 7, 1969. They were in Navarro County through 1940, but are buried along with some of their children in O'Donnell, Lynn County Texas. They had:

Susan A. L. Putman born July 14, 1894 and died August 20, 1895.

Charles Anderson Putman born June 17, 1896. He is still in Navarro County in 1940 and married to Ollie Mae Garland. She was a daughter of Lewis Garland and Modena Parker. They will be here all their lives. She will die in the 1970s and he January 23, 1980. They had:

Margaret Putman born February 15, 1923. She married Thomas Johnson. She died in February 2007.

Charles Anderson Putman Jr. married Angeline Walkoviak. He died in a car accident in 1979. Angeline died of cancer in 2000.

Nellie Putman married Elmer Letney. She died in the 1980s.

Dorothy Putman born November 3, 1935. She married James Alexander. She died November 18, 2007.

William Clary Putman born May 27, 1898 and died in a car accident May 15, 1949. His wife Janie was born April 3, 1902 and died November 19, 1989.

Susan Effie Elizabeth Putman born in 1901.

Jesse Dean Putman born May 1, 1903 and died January 6, 1983 in Dawson County Texas. He married Rosie Morgan. She was born February 5, 1908.

Otis Lee Putman born in 1905. He married a cousin Oleta Putman, born in August 1916 and died in 1992.

Audie Taft Putman born March 14, 1909 and died January 1983 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County.

MARY M. (MOLLY) PUTMAN born November 2, 1870 and died May 26, 1955. She married W. L. French, born January 10, 1852 and died December 8, 1934.

HESTER JANE PUTMAN born 1872.

MARTHA ANN (Mattie) PUTMAN born February 17, 1876. She married Jule Scales Slater. She died in Navarro County December 5, 1962. Their children were:

Harvey Slater

Joe Jack Slater married Elizabeth Fort

Kirksey Slater

Jewell Slater Junior

Zena Slater

Hester Slater born October 9, 1895 and died September 12, 1983. She married Floyd Raley about 1911.

Minnie Slater

William Slater who married Arabelle Moody.

RACHEL PUTMAN born April 7, 1879. She married James Walter Sykes on October 25, 1896 in Dawson. He died there May 21, 1935, and she on October 28, 1961. Children were:

Albert Anderson Sykes born August 14, 1898 and died in Corsicana. Navarro County Texas February 5, 1975. He married Birdie Mae Shaw about 1821.

Effie Dee Sykes born November 20, 1901 and died in Dawson, Navarro County February 7, 1992. She married William Floyd Hagle.

Joseph Jack Sykes born in Spring Hill Navarro County October 4, 1903 and died in Dawson, Navarro County May 2, 1893.

Doc Hill Sykes born June 3, 1906 and died in Corsicana, Navarro County April 1, 1971. He married Ila Ruth Taylor.

Alex Sykes born about 1907.

Blossom Sykes born August 15, 1908 and died in Limestone County Texas May 6, 1994. She married Gabe Michaels.

Minnie Lee Sykes born about 1913.

Wendell Sykes born about 1919.

JESSE S. D. PUTMAN born December 31, 1882 and died October 6, 1900.

EFFIE D. PUTMAN born June 17, 1886. She married Alfred R. Slater.

Malinda E. Putman

Malinda was born August 8, 1848 in Morgan County Alabama. She died in Lynn County Texas July 23, 1939.

She married George Griffin. This comes from her brother, Josiah's obituary. She had first married William Spencer who died. On October 16, 1881, she married Wiley Tadlock, also recently widowed. He too died in 1893, and she married, for the last time George Washington Griffin on April 9, 1896.

Wesley B. Putman

Wesley Putman was born in Lawrence County Alabama July 6, 1851. He married Minerva C. Hardin in Maury County Tennessee on July 29, 1869. Minerva was a daughter of William H. Hardin and Elizabeth Counce. The Hardin family was originally in Lawrence County Tennessee, but went to Mississippi by 1845. Minerva was born there December 17, 1849. After William Hardin died in the late 1850s, the family returned to Tennessee where Minerva married Wesley.

In 1880 Minerva was listed as 30 from Mississippi, and they had a daughter Ella. Minerva died in Navarro County September 18, 1882. In 1900 his wife was Sarah Ann Chatman. They were married February 1, 1884. She was born in January 1848 in Tennessee, and they had two sons.

They were in Navarro County through 1930 living with their son William then. He was 78 and she was 82. Wesley died March 10, 1931 and Sarah died December 30, 1931.

In 1884 there was an Estate suit or case back in Maury County Tennessee. It was filed by all the Hardin children against their mother's (Elizabeth) estate. In that suit, there was listed Ella Putman, heir of Minerva Hardin Putman, one of the Hardin kids. Of the first five children, only Ella survived. Wesley married Sarah Ann Chatman in Navarro County on February 1, 1884. In 1885, William Wesley was born and was a child of the second marriage.

Wesley and Minerva had the first five children, and the last three were by Sarah Ann. These children were:

ELLA PUTMAN born August 17, 1872 and died September 17, 1904.

J. L. PUTMAN a son born March 21, 1877 and died September 28, 1877.

WALTER PUTMAN born October 28, 1879 and died November 17, 1879.

T. L. PUTMAN a daughter born August 1, 1881 and died in October of the same year.

EATHEY PUTMAN born July 17, 1882 and died August 18, 1882.

WILLIAM WESLEY PUTMAN born June 17, 1885. He married Willie Belle Duke about 1918. Willie Belle was born in Texas January 5, 1891 and died in Hill County January 10, 1983. Wesley died June 15, 1970. They had these children.

Annie Belle Putman born November 3, 1909 and died in Hillsboro, Hill County February 7, 1998. She married William Dewey Coffey in Navarro County December 6, 1930. He was born in Tennessee May 25, 1898 and died in Hill County Texas March 29, 1974.

William Wesley Putman born in 1911.

Audrey Putman listed as a son born in 1913.

Rose Putman born in 1914.

Tina Mae Putman born in 1916.

James D. Putman born in 1920.

Catherine M. Putman born in 1923.

Kirksey Melvin Putman a son born April 8, 1924 in Dawson, Navarro County and died November 7, 2002 in Waco, McLennan County. He married Willie Faye Murphy August 9, 1947.

MYRTLE D. PUTMAN born July 16, 1887 and died January 17, 1892.

NEWTON KIRKSEY PUTMAN born April 20, 1890. He was still at home in 1910. In 1920 and 1920 through 1940, he is in Smith County Texas with his wife named Myrtle Cofer born in Missouri. There were no children. Mertie was a daughter of William H. Cofer and Nancy L. Babb and was born August 21, 1895 and died in Fairview, Oklahoma February 4, 1973. He died in Smith County Texas May 4, 1972.

William Anson Putman

William was born October 1854 in Lawrence County Alabama. In 1880 he was single and living in Hill County Texas and in 1900 we find him still there but married to Tyna Daffan born in Texas in November 1856 with two nieces living with them. The nieces were Roberta Putman born in New Mexico in March 1888 and Alline Oram born in Texas in February 1884. They are the daughters of his brother Josiah Green Putman who was recently widowed.

He was still living in Hubbard Hill County in 1930, and died there November 10, 1934. Tyna died there April 2, 1938. There were no children.

Josiah Green Putman

Josiah was born May 10, 1857 in Lawrence County Alabama. He attended Webbs School in Bellbuckle, Tennessee. He came to Texas in 1877 with his family and became a Methodist Circuit Rider covering most of Northern Texas. He was licensed to preach at age 16. In 1880 he is in Wise County Texas traveling around as a minister.

He married Martha Coutts of Wetherford, Texas on December 24, 1883. He retired in 1915 and died October 6, 1934 at his daughter's home in Mexia, Texas and was buried in Weatherford, Texas. Martha died earlier in the 1890s, and is also buried in Weatherford, next to Josiah.

In 1920, Josiah is in Limestone County Texas and living with his daughter Roberta and her husband John H. Sweatt. I have a copy of his obituary.

The only children were:

ALLINE ORAM (CORA?) PUTMAN born in Texas in February 1884. She had died by 1934 as she was not mentioned in Josiah's obituary.

MARTHA ROBERTA PUTMAN born in New Mexico March 19, 1888. She was married to John H. Sweatt of Mexia, Limestone County Texas. She died in Dallas February 28, 1965. I have no info on children, if any.

Mary Frances Putman

Mary or Mollie as she was called was born in Lawrence County Alabama on May 24, 1859. She was single age 23 in 1880 living with her mother and brother John Putman. She was married on December 29, 1881 to Joseph Shelburn Renfro of Dawson, Texas as mentioned above in the obituary of her brother Josiah Putman.

Joseph Renfro was born December 2, 1858 and he died December 14, 1921. Mollie died March 30, 1935.

Their children were:

SAMUEL FRANKLIN RENFRO born January 6, 1883 in Navarro County and died January 9, 1958 in McLennan County. His wife was Stella May, and they had some 5-6 children.

SHELburn ANSON 'SHELBY' RENFRO born August 26, 1891. He married Anna Belle Crider.

ALICE RENFRO born about 1893.

MINNIE RENFRO born in April 1895.

DEWEY RENFRO born May 11, 1898 and died in Dawson, Navarro County February 16, 1970. He married Jennie Miller.