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WILLIAM MARTIN PUTMAN

North Carolina to Alabama to Collin County Texas

William Martin Putman was born in Morgan County Alabama on January 18, 1837. He was a son of William Putman and Susan Stephens of North Carolina and a grandson of Griggs and Sarah Putman of Rutherford County North Carolina.

His parents, William and Susan, left Rutherford County North Carolina and was briefly in South Carolina and Georgia before going to Lawrence and then Morgan County Alabama in the 1820s. It was there on January 21, 1831 that he married Susan Stephens. Young William married Alice A. Crow in Morgan County Alabama on October 25, 1857. Alice was born in Decatur, Morgan County Alabama on October 22, 1838.

Their first child, Sarah, was born in Alabama in 1858. They then moved along with his parents to Pontotoc County Mississippi and were there by the 1860 census time.

William and Susan Putman, his parents were there in the 1860 census, but I do not find them afterwards, but there was no index for 1870, and if they were still alive in 1880, they would not be shown unless they had children 10 or younger. William and Alice remained in Mississippi and were in Lee County in the 1880 census with three sons. Their two daughters had married by then.

William M. Putman served in the CSA Army during the Civil War. He was injured and then captured at the Battle of Gettysburg (Pennsylvania).

In about 1890 or 1891, William and Alice and their three sons, John, James and Frank, moved to Copeville in Collin County Texas just north and east of Dallas. William and Alice were to remain there until they died. They were both with their son James in 1900 in Collin County. In 1910 and 1920 Alice was still living with James. I believe they ran an inn or hotel in Copeville.

William Putman died in Copeville on August 22, 1905 and Alice died there May 29, 1921.

Their children were:

Sarah Jane Putman

She was born in Morgan County Alabama in very late 1857 or early 1858. She was married or at least gone from the family by 1880. Now, I later find out that the upcoming Elizabeth was actually named Sarah Elizabeth. Therefore this Sarah and the coming Elizabeth may well be one and the same person. I think I would lean that way right now.

Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy) Putman

She was born July 28, 1858. But, as mentioned she may be the Sarah mentioned above, especially if her name is Sarah Elizabeth. Just not certain, probably the same gal.

Betsy married John Franklin Knowles in Guntown, Mississippi January 25, 1874. He was born in Pontotoc County Mississippi September 26, 1854, and died in Paris, Lamar County Texas December 6, 1924. They moved to Texas in 1889, and lived in Paris, Texas where she died December 11, 1933.

Their children were:

MARTHA ANN KNOWLES born September 26, 1874. She married George Griffin Wade April 2, 1890. He was born in Lee County Mississippi July 22, 1869 and died in Copeville, Collin County Texas June 2, 1952. Martha had died there July 12, 1902. There is a family group sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-165590196>

MARY LEONA KNOWLES born September 17, 1876, and died October 30, 1876 in Lee County.

WILLIAM 'BILLIE' ELIHU KNOWLES born November 5, 1877 and died March 7, 1952. He married Delphia Armetta Riley March 2, 1890. She was born in Texas February 10, 1883 and died in Clarendon, Donley County Texas December 24, 1967. They had six children. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-165590190>

LAURA ELLEN KNOWLES born November 14, 1879 in Tupelo, Lee County Mississippi and died January 20, 1980 in Garland, Dallas County Texas. She married Tipton Lorenzo Denton on October 13, 1895. He was born in Lee County in 1875 and died in Collin County Texas December 12, 1952. They were in Collin County Texas from 1900 on. They had six children. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-165590186>

MARY ALICE KNOWLES born February 18, 1882 in Lee County Mississippi and died in Paris, Lamar County Texas March 4, 1977. She married Leonard L. Brinson in Texas on September 2, 1900. He was born in Texas in 1877 and died in Paris, Texas March 15, 1918. See the family group sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-164405116>

EFFIE MAEBELL KNOWLES born November 17, 1883 in Lee County Mississippi and died April 20, 1948 Crosby County Texas. She married Hulett Hollowel September 28, 1902 in Collin County Texas. He was born in Lafayette County Mississippi April 19, 1882 and died in Lubbock County Texas December 15, 1943. They had five daughters and 3 sons. See the family group sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-164369251>

JAMES SAMUEL KNOWLES born September 17, 1885 in Lee County Mississippi and died in Sand Springs, Tillman County Oklahoma in November 1961. He married Deliah Parker August 2, 1905. She was born about 1892 in Tennessee. He was a railroad worker. They had six children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-164323309>

FOUNT LEWELLEN KNOWLES born November 18, 1887 in Lee County and died in 1890.

LULA IDA FLORENCE KNOWLES born March 20, 1889 in Texas and died in McAllen, Hidalgo County Texas November 11, 1972. She married James Yancy Speir in Cooksville, Texas on December 19, 1906. He was born in Arkansas April 9, 1884 and died in Hidalgo County Texas July 1, 1949. They lived in Kaufman County in 1910, Lamar

County in 1920 and Donley County Texas in 1930. He was a farmer and they had six children. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-163733856>

JOHN FRANKLIN KNOWLES Jr. born November 11, 1891 and died in 1900 in Lamar County Texas.

SUSAN ESTELL KNOWLES born January 6, 1893 in Titus County Texas and died January 27, 1978 in Lamar County. She married Clyde Bell September 4, 1913. He was born September 3, 1880 and died in Paris, Lamar County Texas August 6, 1941. They had three children. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-163554877>

LILLIAN ZELMA KNOWLES born February 18, 1894 and died in 1896.

THOMAS BRYAN KNOWLES born October 8, 1896 in Paris, Lamar County Texas and died July 22, 1980 in Copeville, Collin County Texas. He married Bessie Roberts January 19, 1919. She was born in Atlas, Lamar County Texas October 18, 1902 and died in Paris, Lamar County October 12, 1982. They were in Collin County in 1900 & 1910 and Lamar County after that. Kids were <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-163538656>

ESTA CAROL BEOLA KNOWLES born May 23, 1899 in Collin County Texas and died in Mt. Pleasant, Titus County Texas July 29, 1989. She married Charles Horace Walker December 2, 1913. He was born in Texas April 10, 1894 and died in Mt. Pleasant November 11, 1961. See the sheet at <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-163529398>

GEORGE HORACE KNOWLES born April 15, 1901 and died April 26, 1935. He married Vera Ringwald on December 10, 1924. She was born about 1906. They had three children. See <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-163521299>

Susan Putman

She was born in Pontotoc County Mississippi in 1859. She too was not around at census time in 1880. Again, I assume she married and moved out.

John Putman

John was the eldest son, born July 27, 1862. He married Ida Rosilie Wingo in Lee County Mississippi in about 1882 or 1883. She was born in Mississippi in September 1867.

John died in Copeville, Collin County Texas in 1904 at age 41. Ida remarried to Oliver P. Trueblood and lived in Snyder, Scurry County Texas. I do not know when Ida died.

Their children were:

FOUNT LEWELLEN 'FRANK' PUTMAN born November 10, 1883 in Lee County Mississippi. He never married and died in December 1903.

OLLIE PUTMAN born January 17, 1886 in Lee County Mississippi. She married William A. Prescott on January 26, 1902 in Nevada, Texas. They had ten children and lived in Big Spring, Texas.

CORA PUTMAN born 1888 in Mississippi and died in Collin County Texas in 1899.

LULA MAUD PUTMAN born July 29, 1891. She married John L. Greene on July 22, 1911 in Snyder, Texas and remained there. They had four children.

BERTIE PUTMAN born and died in 1893 in Collin County Texas.

LOTTIE VIVIAN PUTMAN born February 13, 1897 in Collin County. She married Harvey F. Shuler on July 26, 1912 in Snyder, Texas and remained there.

LONNIE PUTMAN born in August 1899. He died in February 1904.

LYNN RAYMOND PUTMAN born April 26, 1902 in Collin County. He married Wilma Crenshaw on December 17, 1921 in Dallas, Texas. He lived in Snyder, Texas and had one son:

R. L. Putman born June 20, 1925.

James David Putman

James was born March 22, 1865 in Lee County Mississippi. He married a cousin Carrie Ellen Phillips in January 1890. Carrie's parents were Cicero Phillips and Mary Putman. Her mother Mary was a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Putman from Scott County Mississippi and South Carolina before that. She was born in Mississippi in December 1871.

He died in Copeville, Collin County Texas on April 21, 1949. Carrie was born December 15, 1871 in Falls County Texas and died January 28, 1940 in Floyd, Hunt County Texas. Their children were:

ARTHUR GRAHAM PUTMAN born March 6, 1891 and died August 18, 1962. He was still living at home in 1920. He married a widow Stella Hawkins in 1920 and was with her and two of her daughters in Collin County in 1930.

LIZZIE PUTMAN born June 27, 1893 and married Claude Wood and lived in Dallas, Texas. She died there January 22, 1972.

MELVIN REX PUTMAN born February 1895 and died in July 1895.

RAYMOND CUEL PUTMAN born April 1, 1897 and died November 30, 1959. In 1920, he is living at home and has a wife named Eula (born 1895) and one son:

Eugene Putman born in 1917.

FRANK CARL PUTMAN born September 7, 1911. A relative tells me that he married a sister of Ruth Short who married Richard A. Putman, Thomas Franklin's son. Found an obit that he married Zelma Pauline Short February 14, 1934 in Copeville. She was a daughter of Martin Wise and Ora Myrtle Short and was born June 23, 1916 in Covington, Tennessee and died in Longview, Texas on May 11, 2011. Frank died in Marshall, Texas July 13, 1987.

Thomas Franklin Putman

Frank was born in Lee County Mississippi in January 9, 1872, and died in Copeville on March 14, 1948. He married Estella Jones in Lee County in 1900. She was born in Tennessee February 17, 1879, and died in Copeville August 10, 1956.

Their children were:

JEWEL PUTMAN born July 8, 1901. She married Charles Vaughan.

RICHARD ALBERT PUTMAN born March 2, 1912. He married Ruth Elizabeth Short in Copeville on September 1, 1934. Ruth was born September 10, 1918 in Covington Tennessee. They lived in Longview, Texas. He died there March 19, 2002. They had one child:

Lois Janice Putman born June 5, 1952 in Mount Pleasant Texas. She married Joe Ansel Nowell in Longview Texas on July 15, 1976. They live in Longview and have three daughters.

Rachel Elizabeth Nowell born July 15, 1980.

Sarah Anne Nowell born August 4, 1984.

Lydia Ruth Nowell born November 10, 1987.