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The Putman Family

Kentucky to Ohio to Vermilion Co. Illinois

Sometime in 1858, Nancy Grover Putman, the widow of Thomas James Putman, son of Henry Putman of Virginia and Kentucky, traveled from Ohio to east central Illinois and settled for a period in Vermilion County. She was accompanied by her three sons. They settled in Hoopeston, Illinois.

Thomas the father had died in Champaign County, Ohio in 1827. Nancy moved with her children first to Pique, Champaign County, Ohio and then to Clark County, Ohio in the 1840s. Nancy was born in Maryland January 11, 1791 and died in Vermillion County February 23, 1872.

The three sons of Thomas Putman and Nancy Grover that resided for several years in Vermilion County were:

Thomas James Putman Jr.

Thomas junior was born April 22, 1813 in Mason County Kentucky. He was in Clark County then in Vermilion County Illinois and finally to Carroll County Missouri where he died May 5, 1866. He married Elizabeth Weaver February 17, 1837 in Pique, Champaign County Ohio and they had four children. Elizabeth was born on September 10, 1813 in Springfield, Ohio and she died of pneumonia on March 5, 1885. Both are buried in Carrollton, Carroll County Missouri.

The children were:

JOHN PUTMAN, He was born in 1839 and he married Sarah Mossick on February 18, 1863. He died in 1879 at age 40 in Carrollton, Missouri. They had one daughter:

Florence Putman born in 1863. In 1870 and 1880 she was living with her grandmother Sarah Mossick in Ross, Vermillion County.

WILLIAM PUTMAN. He was born in 1844. He died on May 30, 1907 at age 63 in Carrollton, Missouri. He married Mary Jane LeMaster March 4, 1866.

HENRY PUTMAN born in 1848 and not in the 1860 census. I found a sheet that says he died in Chicago April 1, 1898. Not sure about that though.

MARY CATHERINE PUTMAN was born on May 22, 1850. She married Frederick H. Allison on August 1, 1869. Frederick was born May 1, 1841 in Danville, Vermilion County and died in Phelps County Missouri July 6, 1914. She died April 22, 1929 in Phelps County. They lived in Cold Spring, Phelps County from the 1870s on. They had:

Theodore Allison born June 28, 1870 and died Christmas Day 1951 in Cadde County Oklahoma. He married Rebecca Rhea and they had 11 children.

John Alfred Allison born October 12, 1871 and died December 31, 1947 all in Phelps County. His wife was Rosalie and they had 2 children in the 1900 census.

Mary Elizabeth Allison born and died in 1872.

Gertrude Arra Allison born September 3, 1873 and died September 30, 1930 in St. Louis and buried in Rolla, Phelps County. She married Pleasant Albert Anderson March 30, 1895. They had 7 children.

Otho G. Allison born November 25, 1877 and died in Wyandotte, Kansas in 1912. His wife was Mary.

Myrtle Margaret Allison born September 14, 1882 and died in Nucla, Montrose County Colorado on April 11, 1979. She married William Clarence Huntley. They had two daughters.

Albert Long Allison born in September 1884 and died November 16, 1912 all in Rolla, Phelps County. He married Addie Rhodes on September 6, 1903.

William Frederick Allison born August 25, 1885 and died in Lincoln, Logan County Illinois on September 22, 1962. He married Amelia Grace Jokisch in Cass County Illinois October 12, 1909. They were in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1910 and Mason City, Illinois in 1930. They had four sons.

Eddie Homer Allison born May 31, 1886 in Phelps County and died April 23, 1960 in Kansas City, Missouri. His wife was Ellen and they were Wyandotte County Kansas from the 1920s on. They had a daughter Mary in 1914.

George Elmer Allison born May 9, 1888 and died in Lecoma, Phelps County April 1, 1972. His wife was Mildred and they had 5 kids.

Lula May Allison born January 18, 1891 and died in Rolla, Phelps County February 22, 1959. I don't think she married.

Clarence E. Allison born June 25, 1893 and died still in Rolla March 25, 1966. He married Bertha Mae Gibson about 1910 and they had two children. Bertha was born March 28, 1893 and died in Rolla January 11, 1987.

Minerva Jane Allison born November 22, 1896. She was at home through the 1910 census.

SARAH ELIZABETH PUTMAN was born May 8, 1853 in Danville, Illinois. She married George Steven Burkhardt in 1870. Sade died in Carroll County Missouri on October 3, 1927. George was born in Carroll County April 22, 1849 and died there November 7, 1906. They had 14 children:

Genette 'Nettie' Burkhardt born June 19, 1871 and died in Wakenda, Carroll County on November 10, 1934. She married William M. Harden about 1888. He died May 2, 1901 and they had 4 children. She then married William Joseph Wilson on April 16, 1906 and they had three more kids. William Wilson was born in 1873 and died in 1973.

Lula Mary Burkhardt born August 25, 1873 and died in Carroll County November 25, 1956.

Martha Lena Burkhardt born in 1874-75 and died November 25, 1956 in Carroll County. She and her sister Lula were single in St. Louis in 1900.

William W. Burkhardt born about 1876.

Clara Burkhardt born about 1878 and died November 30, 1956, 5 days after her sister Martha. Wonder what happened.

Marshall Elden Burkhardt born September 27, 1879 and died in Carroll County September 2, 1956. His wife was Nellie and they had 4 children.

Wilfred Burkhardt born about 1880.

John Wesley Burkhardt born June 6, 1881 and died February 26, 1941 in Carroll County. He married Lucy Neet September 10, 1904. She was born June 18, 1899 and died August 24, 1953. They had 7 children.

Theodore Owen Burkhardt born December 16, 1883 and died in Centerville, Appanoose County Iowa in November 1976. His wife was Lida and they had 5 children. They lived in Putnam County Missouri.

Gilbert Oliver Burkhardt born September 10, 1885 and died in Carrollton, Missouri August 16, 1971. He married Beulah Barker about 1911 and they had 6 children.

Milfred Orange Burkhardt born October 20, 1888 and died in 1937. His wife was Maud.

Alva R. Burkhardt born June 3, 1890 and died in Orange County California February 9, 1963. His wife was Gladys. They were married about 1915 and had two children.

Nina Delpha Burkhardt born April 23, 1892 and died in Colorado Springs, Colorado October 7, 1972.

Roy Irvin Burkhardt born November 17, 1894 and died in Kansas City February 1, 1961.

Joseph Henry Putman

Joseph Putman was born November 10, 1819 in Champaign County, Ohio. He married Rebecca Rohl in Clark County, Ohio on January 18, 1847. She was born June 10, 1817 in Clark County, and died very soon after they were married on July 1, 1847. He married Elizabeth Slusser also in Clark County on May 19, 1853. Elizabeth was born November 13, 1827 in Warren County, Indiana, a daughter of John Slusser and Margaret Odewalt.

He was in Hoopeston Vermilion County, Illinois along with his brothers after that. He built a store and then added a second floor and then ultimately made it a hotel that was run by his daughter Martha. He died on July 30, 1892. Elizabeth was alive at age 72 in the 1900 census, and also there in 1910. She died on August 31, 1914. His children, all with Elizabeth were:

JOHN HENRY PUTMAN born in August 1854. In 1900 he is 45, Eva Kate Renard, his wife of 16 years (married January 7, 1885), is 35. He died January 28, 1931 and Kate died March 29, 1932. Their children were:

Cassandra Elizabeth Putman born November 1, 1885, died in January, 1968. She was home in 1920 and stayed there till she moved to Danville in 1964. She never married.

Flossie Putman born March 1888 and died in 1906.

Fred Renard Putman born July 26, 1890. He married Helen Alice Shockley in 1913. He died in Danville in December 1964. They had:

Clara Lois Putman born in 1913.

John Clayton Putman born July 22, 1915 and died October 19, 1915.

Cassa Lucille Putman born August 26, 1916. She married someone, and then Huron Wilson Henderson.

Blanch Putman born July 1893 and died in 1906.

MARY ELLEN PUTMAN born December 27, 1857. She is not in the 1870 census. Ed Putnam found this info on Findagrave.com. 'Mary Ellen was the second child born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Slusser) Putman in Warren County, Indiana in 1857. Her son, Ernest Wentworth Putman, was born October 5, 1875. Ernest was born out of wedlock it seems and before Mary Ellen got married. I have him listed shortly as I am not sure how to place him. She married Charles D. Prickett January 25, 1878 in Vermilion County, Illinois. She had four children in Illinois, two in Missouri, one in Iowa and her youngest in Nebraska.

She lived the next 30 years in Boone and then Wheeler County, Nebraska and died October 8, 1922 in Erickson, Nebraska and is buried in Pibel Cemetery in Wheeler County, Nebraska. They had these children:

Avy Franklin Prickett born March 27, 1878 in Vermilion County and died February 9, 1967 in Wheeler County Nebraska. He married Ruby F. Brown about 1913 and they had these children <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-66516262>

Joseph Orate Prickett born in Vermilion County about 1879.

Bessie May Prickett born in Hennings, Vermilion County June 10, 1883 and died in Crawford, Dawes County Nebraska April 22, 1964. She married Joseph Henry Daugherty and had 5 children. He died in 1912 and she then married Robert Earl Long and had one more child. <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-66517198>

Lena B. Prickett born in January 1885 and died in Nebraska in 1911.

John Delbert Prickett born August 7, 1885 in Missouri and died in Spalding, Greeley County Nebraska in November 1970.

Harley W. Prickett born in Iowa December 27, 1888 and died in Council Bluffs, Iowa in April 1968. He married Nora M. Morris about 1912 and they had these children:

<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-66515850>

Prudence Mary Prickett born in October 1893 in Boone County Nebraska. She married Samuel Harrison Payne in Nebraska in November 1909. He was born in Ashland, Wheeler County Nebraska on July 21, 1888. They had 3 children: **Mable Irene Payne** born in May 1910. **Gerald Edwin Payne** born June 4, 1912, **Wayne Delbert Payne** born September 28, 1916.

Isaac H. Prickett born in April 1895.

Floyd H. Prickett born in 1902 in Missouri.

LEWIS FRANKLIN PUTMAN born October 14, 1859. He died in a wagon accident on August 21, 1872.

MARTHA (MATTIE) A. PUTMAN was born October 13, 1860 and was still single at age 39 and with her mother who was 72 in 1900. She ran a hotel that her father had started. She died unmarried on December 24, 1911.

WILLIAM T. PUTMAN born December 27, 1862 and died October 7, 1863.

NANCY JANE PUTMAN was born on May 23, 1865. She married William Andrew Douglas Hollowell on October 13, 1881. They are listed in the 1900 census in Vermilion County. She died on May 12, 1955. Their children were:

John Lee Hollowell born July 23, 1882 in Vermilion County and died in Montana October 17, 1960. He married Ella Lee Wilson September 19, 1906. She was born in Collison, Illinois June 29, 1887 and died in Forsyth, Montana October 7, 1937. They had eleven children: <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-579602437>

Chauncy Clyde Hollowell born February 12, 1885 and died October 22, 1966. He married Olivena Walter. She was born in Vermilion County June 20, 1888 and died in Hollowell, Vermilion County November 7, 1968. They had seven children all in Hollowell <http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/10505342/person/-579602424>

Pearl 'Purley' Hollowell born June 19, 1887 and died July 10, 1909.

Nora Hollowell born October 23, 1889, died November 3, 1923 all in Vermilion County. She never married.

Verna Hollowell born March 10, 1893 and died May 27, 1955. She married William

Carlson December 1, 1915. He was born in Vermilion County June 14, 1890 and died there November 24, 1957. I don't have any information on kids.

Frank Hollowell born January 29, 1896. He first married Esther Wilbur January 27, 1926. She was born July 4, 1900 and died June 1, 1952. After she died he married Ethel Lucille Tully December 13, 1967. She was born September 7, 1906 and died April 26, 1993. Frank died in Danville, Vermilion County April 28, 1988. He had a son Charles.

Thomas Floyd Hollowell born May 26, 1900 and died December 4, 1954.

ERNEST WENTWORTH PUTMAN was born October 5, 1875 and died on March 8, 1961. He was married to Cora Elizabeth Wilson on June 26, 1894. Cora was born June 15, 1872 and died January 3, 1968. She was a daughter of William Rice Wilson and Catherine Deck. Now Ernest was not shown in the family in the 1880 census, and in the 1910 census Elizabeth stated she had six children of which four were living. This would seem to eliminate Ernest, except his death certificate lists Joseph and Elizabeth as his parents. Relatives seem to think he may be someone's illegitimate child simply raised in the family. Ed Putnam found this info on Findagrave.com. 'Mary Ellen was the second child born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Slusser) Putman in Warren County, Indiana in 1857. Her son, Ernest Wentworth Putman, was born October 5, 1875. She married Charles D. Prickett January 23, 1878 in Vermilion County, Illinois.' I list him here, as there is nowhere better to place him. His children were:

Hazel Ernestine Putman born October 29, 1894. She married Clarence H. Wilson on May 9, 1925. He was born March 24, 1886 and died May 28, 1968. Hazel died December 9, 1979. They had one daughter.

Bulah Bell Putman born August 17, 1896 and died April 11, 1991. She married Ralph Hoover Elliot on August 17, 1917. He was born April 21, 1894 and died October 25, 1988 in Vermilion County. They had one son.

Henry Putman born and died July 14, 1900.

June Elizabeth Putman born June 20, 1902. She married Walter Raymond Simmons December 1, 1920. He was born June 4, 1902 and died February 24, 1931. June then married Elvis Merritt on April 1, 1934. Elvis was born November 4, 1899 and died February 17, 1991. June died in Vermilion County on June 28, 2000. There were two Simmons children and one Merritt child.

Forest Lee Putman born May 6, 1905 and died February 14, 1982 in Henning. He married Mary Magdaline Carter November 20, 1926. She was the daughter of William O. Carter and Gertrude Gahen. She was born October 10, 1907, and died May 29, 1998. They had two daughters, Joan and Patty.

Dale Wilson Putman born September 23, 1907 and died January 25, 1976. He was married on January 1, 1934 to Ruth Fowler. She was born June 16, 1914 in Vermilion County and died there December 27, 1995. They had three children.

Zachariah Putman

Zachariah Putman, was born in Champaign County, Ohio August 5, 1824. He married Mary Ann Bolton June 15, 1848. Mary Ann was born October 12, 1831 in Erie County Ohio.

They were in Fountain County, Indiana for the 1860 census and in Vermillion County in 1870 and 1880.

Zach died in Vermilion County December 4, 1887. I have a reference that Mary Ann died in Vermilion County September 30, 1910, but I don't find her in 1900 or 1910 in the censuses. I would assume she died before 1900.

They had nine children:

DAVID C. PUTMAN born June 10, 1848 in Champaign County. He married to Susan Irene Bennett November 11, 1869. He was a clerk in a grocery store. Through 1910, there was only one child listed in the census returns:

Elmer C. Putman born October 12, 1871. He married Ada May Smyth on May 23, 1891 in Vermilion County. In 1900 they are in Ayer, Champaign County, Illinois. They are in Warren County Indiana in 1910. In 1920 and 1930 they are in Logan County, Ohio. He died in 1947. Ada May was born October 89, 1870 and died in 1935. They had these children:

David Smith Putman born in Illinois May 4, 1899. He was with his folks in 1920. He married Florence A. Krock in 1921. He simply took off and disappeared in 1924. Rumor was that the Mafia were looking for him, not a good thing. He seems to be in Rockwell, Illinois in the 1947 and 1951 directories. Florence was born October 16, 1899 and died November 13, 1926. They had two sons that were living with his folks Elmer and Ada in the 1930 and 1940. They were:

David Clark Putman born in Toledo November 14, 1922 and died in Cresskill, New Jersey on December 13, 1969. He married Margaret Jean Preston January 17, 1945. She was born January 7, 1925 and died January 4, 1982. They had two children, Sue Ann and Richard David Putman.

John William Putman born December 8, 1923. He married Betty Jeanne Wilson January 26, 1948. She was born June 28, 1921 and died in Ohio December 8, 2001. He is the one who supplied info on this part of the family. They had two children Jo Anne and John Mark Putman. John and his son John Mark and his wife Lori came out to visit here at the Inn in June 2009. Really nice to see kinfolk in the flesh!

John Spreng Putman born in Indiana January 7, 1904, and died January 29, 1996. He was a brakeman for the railroad. He married Mayme Jo Cartwright May 1, 1926, and is in El Paso Texas in 1930. She died in November 1945, and he later married Faye McKinley. She was born March 18, 1918 and died May 17, 1996. He had three children, the first two with Mayme:

Barbara Lee Putman born in Houston, Texas October 24, 1931. She married Harold D. Turney September 3, 1949.

James Putman born in El Paso, Texas October 15, 1934.

John Spreng Putman Jr. born in Detroit, Michigan on March 11, 1949. He married Mary Dianna MacNeil July 9, 1977.

Barbara Irene Putman born in Illinois January 1, 1912. She married Lorne Edward Keys July 19, 1946 and they lived in Fort Lauderdale Florida. She died there August 19, 1993. There were no children.

JACOB PUTMAN born March 20, 1850.

HATTIE PUTMAN born November 24, 1853.

DOROTHY A. PUTMAN born June 22, 1856.

CHARLES THOMAS PUTMAN born April 2, 1858, and died May 11, 1923. His wife was Mollie Emma Myers born January 3, 1862 in Warren County Indiana. They were married January 13, 1881. In 1900 through 1930, the only child at home was:

Lila M. Putman born August 16, 1886. She died in Pontiac Illinois October 1, 1979, still single I think.

FLORENCE PUTMAN born December 3, 1864.

GEORGE PUTMAN born August 2, 1865. In 1900 and 1910, his wife is Edith Elizabeth Cook born in Indiana in February of 1870. They were married in Vermilion County July 14, 1887 (another source says April 15, 1887). Their children were:

Earl Samuel Putman born October 2, 1888.

Glenn George Putman born August 14, 1894. His wife was Beatrice M. They were in Chicago, Illinois in 1920, Waukegan Illinois in 1930 and in Chicago in 1942 when he registered for the draft. He died in Barry, Illinois at age 78 in March 1973. Beatrice was born May 30, 1892 and died in March 1973 also in Barry, Illinois. Wonder if they died in an accident or something.

Anna Putman born May 26, 1904.

CARRIE B. PUTMAN born April 20, 1867.

EDWARD PUTMAN born June 1869, and died May 20, 1880.

The New Englanders in Vermilion County

Actually, the first guys into this County were not ours. I'll give some info on these folks as they and our gang all lived in the same neck of the woods and this may help sort out the Census reports.

Thomas J. Putnam

Thomas was born about 1823 in Logan, Fountain County, Indiana. His father was Reuben Putnam from New York and then Indiana. Reuben had been in Indiana since the 1830s. He was married to a Mary M. Cedars in the early 1840s. They were in Fountain County in 1850 and in Ross Township of Vermilion County, Illinois by the 1860 census, arriving about 1859. They were in Grant Township of Vermilion County in 1870. Thomas and Mary were there through the 1880 census and Thomas was there in Ross Township in 1900 at age 80.

Their children were:

WILLIAM T. PUTNAM born in Indiana in 1842. He is with his folks in 1850 and 1860. In 1870 he is married to Melissa Slusser and is back in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. I lose them after that. He married Melissa November 10, 1864. In 1870, they had:

Mary E. Putnam born in Illinois in 1866.

James H. Putnam born in Illinois in 1868.

JAMES POLK PUTNAM born in Indiana in about 1845. He was with the family through 1860. He married a girl named Jane, and briefly returned to Fountain County, Indiana and was there in 1870. Then they were back in Vermillion County by the 1880. He was a barber.

EMMA PUTNAM born in about 1852. She was home through 1870, and then married John W. Westfall April 22, 1873.

BELL PUTNAM born in October 1853 in Indiana. He is in Rossville until his death October 17, 1929. His wife was Malissa in 1880 and he appears to have a second wife Malinda Ellen 'Ella' Reitzel in 1900 through 1920. Ella was in Lake Couny Indiana in 1940 and died February 10, 1941. There was one child listed in 1900:

Stella Putnam born in July 1888.

ANDREW JACKSON PUTNAM born in 1855. He is with his folks through 1880, and was single then. He married Frances A. Schafer November 22, 1890. He was widowed or at least single in Grant, Vermilion County in 1900. By 1910 he was in Chicago.

RACHEL ELIZABETH PUTNAM born in Indiana in 1857. She is home through 1880.

CHARLES PUTNAM born in February 1857. His wife was missing in the 1900 census, so have no idea who she was. The only children listed in the 1900 census report were:

Mary E. Putnam born in Illinois in November 1891.

Elizabeth M. Putnam born in February 1893.

LOUISA PUTNAM born in 1860 and home through 1880. She married Richard T. Phillips here April 23, 1882.

MARY M. PUTNAM born in 1863. She was with her brother Campbell in 1880 and then gone.

THOMAS J. PUTNAM born in 1877, home in 1880 and then I don't find him. He did marry Gertrude B. Jewell May 23, 1888.

Death Records in Vermillion County

The following were taken from the listings of Illinois death records. Right now, I do not know with whom they connect.

Leona Anne Putnam	Pilot Township	March 16, 1916
Hugh William Putman	Danville	January 2, 1932
Jonas Putman	Danville	October 23, 1921 He's from Ohio.
Rosie Valentine Putman	Danville	April 11, 1923
Margery Ruth Putman	Danville	December 24, 1935 Age 39
Matilda Putman	Danville	June 17, 1929
William Putman	Danville	February 12, 1925