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MADISON PUTMAN

of LLANO COUNTY TEXAS

Madison DeKalb Putman is a son of Simeon Putman and Peggy Mercer and a grandson of the Reverend John Putman and Sarah Howard of Union County, South Carolina. The story of John is in the SOUTH CAROLINA Section. Simeon's life is in the KENTUCKY Section. Madison's life is contained here. Madison DeKalb Putman derived his middle name from the Bavarian Mercenary General that his grandfather, John Putman, served under during the Revolution, Baron Johannes DeKalb.

Madison Putman was born in Monroe County, Kentucky on August 6, 1809. He moved with his family to Hamilton County, Tennessee in the mid 1820s and then in the early 1830s moved to Randolph County, Alabama. He married Catherine Olivia Davidson either there or in Benton County, Alabama on March 26, 1835. Catherine was born in Georgia on January 11, 1817.

In about 1846 after Texas became a Republic, he came to the Robertson Colony in what is now Williamson County, Texas. In 1851, he received a grant in east Llano County, Texas and moved there. He later acquired land in southwest Llano and remained there until his death in 1882.

He first lived on a farm on Pecan Creek some 22 miles southeast of Llano, Texas. From a letter I find that the land in southwest Llano was owned by an Alvin Schneider and currently by Harold Preston and the original log house still is standing, though not used.

During the Civil War, Madison moved his family into Comanche Indian Territory to avoid being taken into the Confederate Army. He was a supporter of the Union.

There is a wonderful story in the March 1924 issue of the Frontier Times Magazine concerning a 1864 hunting trip that 'Cal' as he was known and his son Harve made up the Upper Llano and how they were attacked by Indians. Both were wounded, dad seriously. Harve went for help and both were saved by neighbors in the area. It was stated this wound ultimately caused 'Cal' Putman's death over a decade later.

Madison Putman died on April 21, 1882 and Olivia died on July 25, 1899. Both are buried on the family ranch in southwest Llano County. The cemetery, as well as the old cabin, are still standing today.

The children of Madison and Olivia Putman were:

John Washington Putman

John was born on August 2, 1837 in Randolph County, Alabama. He married Telitha Cumi Casner in about 1859. She was a daughter of Martin and Jane Casner and was born in Alabama in 1838 or 1839.

He and Cumi lived in Loyal Valley, Llano County until about 1872 when they moved to

Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas where he remained.

Cumi died sometime between February 1876 when Edward was born and the time the 1880 census was taken where John appeared as a widower. I don't find him in 1900, so probably died before that.

Their children were as follows. The Llano County Courthouse burned in 1892 and all records prior to that were destroyed. Without marriage records, most of the wives are listed by first names used in the various census returns and so it is hard to give a clearer picture.

LAURA JANE PUTMAN. She was born in 1860 in Llano County. She married a Mitchell and moved to California.

SILAS B. PUTMAN. Si was born December 10, 1861. His wife was named Nettie. He died in Houston, Harris County, Texas in 1940. In 1900 and 1910 he is alone in Dallas. They had two sons. It appears that Silas and Nettie were divorced, as in 1910 the two kids are with their mom and are stepsons of John Cronin in Bryan County, Oklahoma. In 1920, the kids are in Houston, living near their dad. Si died there May 9, 1935. The two sons were:

Fred B. Putman born in 1890. According to a descendant, he married Lena Corbell in 1909 and then Minnie Hunt, and then Ruby Crumpton. In 1920 he is in Houston and in Dallas in 1930 all with Ruby. They had through 1930:

Maggie L. Putman born in 1918.

Fred B. Putman Jr. born in 1922.

Edward D. Putman born May 22, 1892. In 1920 he and his wife Emma Blalock are living with his brother Fred in Houston. He died in Houston May 11, 1967. Emma was born October 26, 1893 and died September 22, 1961.

MARION DANIEL PUTMAN. He was born about 1863. He was known as Dan. He was in Prescott, Arizona widowed in 1920 and 1930. He died while prospecting in the desert near Blythe, California on August 15, 1939.

NETTIE OLIVIA PUTMAN. She was born in 1865. She may have married a Quinn or Quince.

SARAH JOANNA PUTMAN. Annie was born June 6, 1867. She married George Clyde Earwood on January 6, 1889. She died on February 13, 1957 in Del Rio, Texas. Clyde was born in Lavaca County, Texas November 17, 1865 and he died in Del Rio, Texas February 2, 1950. Their children were:

Ada Earwood born January 9, 1886 in New Mexico and died November 20, 1979 in Sonora, Texas. She married James A. Cauthorn January 6, 1907.

Bertha Earwood born September 1, 1887 in Junction, Texas and died in Del Rio November 8, 1979. She married Calvin R. Word.

Raymond H. Earwood born in Kimball County, Texas on April 4, 1889 and died in Del Rio January 28, 1975. He married several times, a Lois and Mattie Brooks and I think some other gal.

Ollie Earwood born May 21, 1891 and died August 8, 1919.

Fred Thomas Earwood born April 13, 1893 in London, Texas and died in Sonora, Texas on November 18, 1968. He married Mary Annette Amer November 1, 1920.

Elsie Earwood born January 29, 1895. She married Byron Earl Wilson.

Marye Earwood born April 6, 1901 and died June 4, 1980. She married Glynn C. Pass.

Lloyd C. Earwood born April 6, 1901 and died June 4, 1980. He married Mary Dan Wilson on February 4, 1929.

Macye Annette Earwood born January 13, 1906, and died February 12, 1925. She married Gilbert Cottrell Marshall in San Antonio on November 12, 1925.

WILLIAM M. PUTMAN. He was born in Llano County in 1869. He died in Washington State.

MINNIE LAVINIA PUTMAN. She was born August 8, 1870, the last child born in Llano County. She married James Brown Manning on March 7, 1889. They moved to Oklahoma where she died February 25, 1909 in Ryan, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

QUINNIE CUMI PUTMAN. She was born May 26, 1874 in Coryell County. She married John Horn Walters on September 14, 1890. She died in Vivian, Louisiana in November 1960.

EDWARD HUGH PUTMAN. He was born February 14, 1876 in Coryell County. He married Mary Corrine Allsup on March 4, 1896. In 1900 he was alone in Ward County, Texas. He was shot by a Texas Ranger on December 6, 1906 in Del Rio, Texas. It seems he was a sheep rustler. His picture is in a book titled, Album of Gunfighters. They had one child:

Georgia Eloise Putman born October 16, 1897 in Christoval, Texas and died October 28, 1974 in Brady, McCulloch County. She married Silas Alee Wooten on December 25, 1919.

John Washington Putman later remarried to Lou Quigg in the early 1880s. They then moved clear across the state to Del Rio in Val Verde County, Texas on the Mexican border. Here they had two sons. Lou died in 1891 and John in 1896, both in Del Rio.

The two children in the second marriage were:

DANIEL ISAAC PUTMAN born August 2, 1886 in Comanche, Texas. He married Cora Olive Culpepper on August 20, 1911 in Juno, Val Verde County, Texas. Cora was born in Lavaca, Texas on January 12, 1887. Daniel died in Paris, Lamar County, Texas on August 26, 1946. Cora died in Lebanon, Boone County, Indiana on November 26, 1964. They had four children:

Elva Zora Putman born June 20, 1912 in Del Rio and died August 28, 1936 in Sumner, Lamar County, Texas.

Harvey Isaac Putman born September 24, 1916. He married Marion Louise Summers on August 10, 1940. Marion died September 4, 1982 and Harvey November 27, 2005. I have info on one son:

David Lynn Putman born August 8, 1948 in Corpus Christi. He married Katherine Ann Janek in Dallas January 20, 1970. They had three children: David Shawn Putman, Stephanie Lyn Putman, Daniel Paul and Kenneth Allen Putman.

Ida Corrine Putman born April 15, 1919. She married Donald Raymond Rutherford on September 24, 1942 in Idabell, McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

Lynn Putman born August 20, 1924 in Lamar County and he married Novalene Mercedes Fuller on July 26, 1942 in Paris, Texas.

JOHN WASHINGTON PUTMAN JR. was born in 1888 and died in Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas on April 28, 1930. He is probably the John W. Putman living as a ranch

hand in Bosque County, Texas in 1920. He was single at that time.

Margaret Susan Putman

Susan was born January 29, 1839 in Randolph County, Alabama. She married George Scott in about 1855. They had 5 children before he died. She then married Frank Moody. Margaret died in Mason County, Texas on January 29, 1892.

The children were:

SAVANTHA SCOTT born 1858 and died in Houston, Texas in 1945.

GEORGIA SCOTT born 1860 in Mason County. She first married Calvin Williams and later a Getz. She died in 1939 in Altadena, California. The children were:

June Williams

Calvin Williams

3 Getz Children, no names that I have.

IDA SCOTT born 1863. She married Green Flowers. They lived in Oklahoma City. Their two children were:

Clarence Earl Flowers born 1885.

Ralph Cecil Flowers born in Big Springs, Texas in 1887.

JOHN SCOTT born 1867.

KATHERINE `KATE' OLIVIA SCOTT born March 23, 1868. She married John Byrd on November 18, 1884 and died February 27, 1956 in Oklahoma City. Their children were:

Ethel Estelle Byrd born November 24, 1885 and married S. Weldon Morrison on February 5, 1905. She died December 2, 1979 in Rochester, New York.

Maude Mae Byrd born August 3, 1888 in Plano, Texas and died May 15, 1975 in Los Angeles, California. She married John McGibony.

John Homer Byrd born December 10, 1890 in Vernon, Texas and died October 17, 1961 in Oklahoma City.

Bera Idell Byrd born April 8, 1892. She married Walter Ridpath in Edmond, Oklahoma on August 5, 1913. She died June 4, 1969 in Oklahoma City.

Maggie Olivia Byrd born January 29, 1895 and died in Oklahoma City on December 13, 1972. She married Charles Dome on August 3, 1918.

Vada Velma Byrd born November 24, 1897 in Greer County, Oklahoma. She married Charles Donovan on November 16, 1924 and died in Oklahoma City on June 29, 1979.

Clifford Patrick Byrd born in Greer County on March 26, 1900 and died in Oklahoma City November 29, 1975. He married Mayme Marshall in 1935 and later married Mary Ruth Morris in 1945.

Murl Marie Byrd born September 12, 1902 and married F. L. Arnot in May 1926.

Georgia Helen Byrd born June 22, 1904 and died in Oklahoma City August 30, 1949. She married Frank Stockton in 1930 and then Benjamin Krass in 1939.

Dorothy Katherine Byrd was born August 17, 1912 in Edmond, Oklahoma and still (1992) lives in Oklahoma City. She married Edward Cox January 14, 1931 and they had

one child:

Gary Edward Cox.

Margaret Susan Putman later married Frank Moody and they had four more children:

BENJAMIN MOODY

MAUDE MOODY who married Willie Hall.

NEVA MOODY who married Hedgeman Wingfield.

FRANK MOODY JR.

Madison Dekalb Putman Jr.

Madison Junior or *Cal* was born in Alabama on December 15, 1841. He enlisted in the Texas Frontier Cavalry (Confederate Army) during the Civil War on February 20, 1862. He served for three years at Camp San Saba. This regiment served only in the State and was not in conflict with the Union Army. It was a '*compromise arrangement*' for those opposed to the Confederacy.

He married Louisa Jane Casner in Llano County in 1866. Their first child was born in Llano County in 1867 and was named California or *Callie*. Soon afterward, he led a wagon train to California and settled north of the Mexican border in Julian, San Diego County.

Their next child, John, was born in Hatfield Creek, San Diego County, California in 1869.

Madison and his family remained in San Diego County and he died there in San Marcos, San Diego County on February 3, 1915. Louisa had died in Julian, California on February 18, 1906. Both are buried in Ballena, San Diego County, California.

Their children were:

CALIFORNIA CORDELIA PUTMAN. She was born July 27, 1867 in Texas. She married Theodore Ulrich on August 15, 1894.

JOHN EDWARD PUTMAN. He was born in Hatfield Creek, California on June 9, 1869. He married Myrtle Bell Bay on May 5, 1895 in Perris, Riverside County, California. He was a miner, a farmer and a barber. He died in San Diego on December 30, 1948.

MARTIN M. PUTMAN. He was born May 25, 1872. He was last mentioned in the 1880 California census.

JAMES RANDOLPH PUTMAN. He was born March 6, 1874. He married Mildred L. Parsons in 1898.

DAVID FRANKLIN PUTMAN. He was born January 15, 1876. He was married to Magdaline Mendival in Santa Cruz County Arizona in 1920. He moved later to San Diego California near his folks. He died there in 1931.

HARVEY DEKALB PUTMAN. He was born in April 1886. He married Deltah

Billingsley on June 2, 1907 in Ramona, California. He died in Stockton, California on May 4, 1963.

More will be found on this family in the section on CALIFORNIA PUTMANS.

Martha Emaline Putman

Martha was born in Randolph County, Alabama on October 10, 1843. She was the last child born before the trip to Texas.

She married William Carrol Billingsley and in 1872, they moved by train, stage and ship to California to be with her brother Madison. She lived in Ramona and Santa Isabel, California.

Here they owned vast orchards of fruit trees and William also was a Justice of the Peace.

She died in Ballena Valley, San Diego County, California in 1923.

Their only child was:

MARTHA OLIVIA BILLINGSLEY. She was born on May 30, 1868 in Llano, Texas and lived in California. She married Zaccheus Quincey in Ballena on December 23, 1886. She died there in 1945. Their children were:

Naomi Effimeline Quincey born January 18, 1888.

Amelia Olivia Quincey born January 4, 1890.

William Zacchia Quincey born December 5, 1891.

Evangeline Elizabeth Quincey born April 21, 1893 and married to Cecil Howard.

Cecil Alvin Quincey born June 21, 1895.

Virgil Ebenezer Quincey born March 16, 1897.

Gershom Easter Quincey born April 2, 1889.

Zachia Homer Quincey born October 26, 1901.

Ivan Barnard Quincey born March 23, 1904.

Cecelia Evelyn Quincey born July 22, 1906.

Felicia Ruth Quincey born October 21, 1907.

Milton Wright Quincey born January 13, 1909.

Alma Lou Quincey born February 6, 1911.

William Harve Putman

William was born October 9, 1848 in Williamson County, Texas. He was married twice. First to Harriet C. 'Hattie' Teague on November 7, 1874 who was the mother of all four of their children, and then to Annie Teague, Hattie's sister and the widow of an Applewhite.

He ranched not only with his father, but owned the adjacent ranch. He may also have been a Texas Ranger.

He died in Llano County on April 9, 1914. All the children were by his first wife, Hattie.

CARRIE PUTMAN. She was born in 1876 and married Jim Wycoff.

MADISON DEKALB PUTMAN. He was born September 9, 1877 and died as a child on March 22, 1882.

WILLIE JEFFRIES PUTMAN. She was born April 8, 1881 and married a Walsh.

RUBY MAE PUTMAN. She was born March 2, 1882 and died November 16, 1888.

Rachel Olivia Putman

She was born in Williamson County, Texas on March 11, 1851. She married John Houston Billingsley July 26, 1870 and remained in Llano, Texas.

She died March 7, 1930 in Kingsland, Llano County and is buried in the Honey Creek Cemetery there.

Their children were:

A SON born in 1871 and died soon afterwards.

CATHERINE BILLINGSLEY. Born August 16, 1873 and died in infancy.

CORA BILLINGSLEY. Born September 3, 1874 and married George Washington Moseley September 29, 1901. She died in Llano, Texas April 29, 1952.

Their children were:

Esther Alberta Moseley born September 29, 1904 and died January 4, 1982. She married William Clifford Haynes September 23, 1923.

Mildred Izora Moseley born July 14, 1914 and married Charles Gordon Conrad on May 28, 1932. She was still alive in a nursing home in 1993.

LEONIDAS BILLINGSLEY. Born June 7, 1876. He never married.

MAY BILLINGSLEY. Born July 1, 1878 and married R. W. Martin. Their children were:

Eldred Earl Martin born in 1903.

Houston Hardie Martin born in 1905.

Zula Faye Martin born in 1907.

Vera Martin born in 1909.

Robert Weldon Martin born after 1911.

JOHN D. BILLINGSLEY. Born April 29, 1880 married Pearle Hale. Their children were:

Dorothy Pearl Billingsley born February 21, 1917.

Everett Hale Billingsley born May 27, 1926.

EDNA BILLINGSLEY. Born June 27, 1882 married G. M. Arendale in Llano County October 28, 1900. They had no children.

DELTAH LLANO BILLINGSLEY. Born May 11, 1884. She moved to California and

married Harvey DeKalb Putman in Ramona, San Diego County on June 2, 1907. She died February 7, 1925 in Segundo, Los Angeles County. The children are listed under Harvey DeKalb Putman elsewhere in this section.

VELMA BILLINGSLEY. Born April 16, 1886. She married James Henry Long and lived at Kingsland, Llano County, Texas. Their children were:

Delbert Durwood Long born April 22, 1904. He married Lola Jennings.

Leslie Lee Long born January 7, 1906. He married Mildred Alice Word on November 8, 1942.

Mary Pauline Long born June 10, 1909. She married Andrew Powledge on October 4, 1940.

MARTHA BILLINGSLEY. Born August 31, 1888 married J. Slader Luckey on June 12, 1910 in Kingsland, Texas. She divorced and moved to Los Angeles and died in the 1960s. The children were:

John Harold Luckey

Edith Luckey

Iva Helen Luckey

Simeon Mercer Putman

'Doc' Putman was born December 15, 1854. He married Adeline Victoria Stone on October 15, 1877. She was a daughter of Reuben Gilmore Stone and Celia Scott. She was born in Llano County on April 13, 1861.

Doc moved to Webb County, Texas and was there in 1910 and 1920 and 1930. He died in Laredo, Webb County on May 23, 1936. Adeline died in Laredo on December 26, 1952.

Their children were:

CORDELIA PUTMAN born and died in August 1878.

CAROLINE VELMA PUTMAN born June 23, 1880 married Virgil Applewhite.

EFFIE LOU PUTMAN born April 25, 1882 married Ernest Jones in September 1886 and died in Columbia, South Carolina in 1937.

MAY LUCILLE PUTMAN born April 13, 1884 in New Mexico and married Jesse Alford Blanton on January 2, 1907. Children were:

Lera Lee Blanton born March 9, 1908 and married Charles Shanklin.

Darius Alpha Blanton born June 29, 1910. He never married and died in the invasion of Normandy in 1944.

Jessie Ruth Blanton born December 24, 1912. She married Elmer Simpson on January 26, 1930 and later married Francis Parks on February 14, 1948.

Mary Magdaline Blanton born August 5, 1916. She married William Alton Maudlin on December 14, 1935.

James Alford Blanton born December 6, 1923 and married Raynell Woods in Del Rio,

Texas on May 6, 1948.

LEE ROY PUTMAN born in 1886 Llano County. She married Robert Robinson.

MURIAL PUTMAN born September 20, 1891 married Breeze H. Burr and died June 1963.

AMZY PUTMAN born September 19, 1896. He married Rebecca Trujillo on March 31, 1918 in Juarez, Mexico. He was a Texas Border Ranger and died in Laredo April 8, 1931. In 1930 they were in Harris County with these children:

Ruby Putman born in 1920.

Arthur Putman born in 1922.

ONA OLIVIA PUTMAN born April 10, 1893 married Dr. John J. Packard.

BEULAH PUTMAN born April 13, 1901 and died unmarried December 28, 1961.

D. J. 'JOHNNY' PUTMAN born May 21, 1903 married Nora Pullin. For some reason Johnny and his sister Beulah were not in the 1910 census, but were in the 1920 and 1930 ones.

Sarah Camzady Putman

She was born in Williamson County, Texas on December 18, 1856. She married William Small Edwards in 1874. William was born March 12, 1849 in Bexar County, Texas. He was a son of Charles George Edwards from Massachusetts and Christina Kollman from Germany.

Sarah died July 28, 1937 and is buried at the Valley Springs Cemetery in Llano County. William died there June 18, 1944 and is buried by her.

Their children were:

CORDELLIA EDWARDS born December 20, 1875 married Monty Small in 1909. She died May 1934 in Valley Springs, Texas.

ELIANA EDWARDS born March 22, 1877 married Lou Moseley in August 1897. She died January 1917 in Valley Springs, Texas.

EGBERT EDWARDS born November 21, 1879 married twice, Stella and Ann. He died in Texas.

CLAUDE EDWARDS born November 13, 1881 married Lulu Balkun and died in Stockton, California.

RAY EDWARDS born September 21, 1883 wife Bertha and died in California.

TIM EDWARDS born February 16, 1885 and never married.

MADISON HARVE EDWARDS born March 21, 1887 married Harriett Penthier and moved to Stockton, California.

DEAN EDWARDS born September 18, 1889 never married and died May 25, 1965 in Valley Springs, Texas.

DAYMON BARNETT EDWARDS born December 31, 1890 married Opal Freemand and later Stella Ackers. He died in Llano County, Texas.

MONTESUMA EDWARDS born December 2, 1892 married Roy W. Siden, Jr. She died in San Francisco about 1990.

RUTH EDWARDS born July 17, 1897 married Martin Kuykendahl and stayed in Texas.

RUBY EDWARDS born May 22, 1910 died 1933 Texas and married Louis McMillan.

Arizona Lee Putman

She was born March 18, 1859 in Llano County, Texas. She married James R. Jackson in Stockton, California in 1879. She died September 1938 in California.

Their children were:

ERA LEE JACKSON born January 17, 1879 married Thomas E. Foster.

FRED EARL JACKSON born October 4, 1880. Wife was Martha, their children were:

Leetyle Jackson born June 25, 1903.

Olivia Jackson born November 27, 1905.

MAUD ELLA JACKSON born November 17, 1883 married S. A. Stevenson on December 2, 1901. Their two children were:

Essa Ruth Stevenson born 1903.

Sanborn Stevenson born 1905.

OVEA REED JACKSON born February 5, 1886.

LURA ETTA JACKSON born November 2, 1887.

UNA BERNICE JACKSON born January 5, 1891. She married W. L. Barker March 8, 1908. Their only child was:

Isla Gayle Barker born in Llano February 19, 1909.

RUBY OLIVIA JACKSON born January 5, 1891.

BERTINE LESLIE JACKSON born August 5, 1894.

NOEL PORTER JACKSON born July 3, 1895.

THOMAS LEVILLE JACKSON born December 22, 1900.

The above information was mostly taken from the work of Mary Lou Bonsal of California and Jeri Putman of Denver, Colorado. I have the next generation or two, if anyone needs further details on these families.