

More on David Pottman's Line

William (John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Our great grandfather William C. Putman was born in NY in 1834 according to the 1860 and 1870 MI Censuses.

According to the 1880 MI Census, William was born in CAN and both his parent were born in New Jersey.

Williams' death record indicates his parents were John and Hosah Putman. Hosah is a very unusual name especially for a female . . . one I have not encountered before. As the date in the death record was misspelled from January to June, I think it is also likely that the name Hosah is a transcription error and her name was really Sarah.

There was a John and Sarah Putman in Delhi, Ontario, CAN, in the 1851 and 1861 CAN Census who were both born in New Jersey, were both in NY at the time that William C. Putman was born, and both John and Sarah removed to live in Ontario, CAN. William C. Putman came to MI about 1856 from CAN with a logging crew under the guidance of Thomas Foster. They would work with the lumberman James Lewis Ketchum who was from Mount Hope, NY.

William C. Putman married Mary Chambers the daughter of Robert Tolbert Chambers and Susannah Osborne.

After William C. Putman died in 1893, his widow Mary Chambers married a neighbor on Lee Hill Road named Frank James Frank Inscho. Frank's father was John Inscho in the 1830 NY Census of Wayne, Steuben Co., NY, was a close neighbor of John and Sarah Putman. They even may have been next door neighbors.

The only problem I seem with John and Sarah Putman being William C. Putman's parents is that Sarah was about forty years old when William C. Putman was born.

It is likely that William did not have much contact with his father and mother after moving to MI from CAN, and William would only have been about thirty years of age when his parents passed.

William C. Putman was the early founder of the Tuscola Co., MI, Putman family. There was another family in the area with a similar name, but they usually used the spelling Putnam.

William C. Putman was born about February 6, 1834, likely in Wayne, Steuben Co., NY, and during the summer of 1834 when Williams was only a few months old family whose parents were John Putman and Sarah Martin left Steuben Co. and removed to Delhi, then called Fredericksburg, Ontario, CAN.

We know very little about William's childhood except what we may surmise.

When he was old enough, he likely worked in the lumber woods during winter and in the summer worked on a farm. He may also have followed the stone masonry trade during the summer months to earn extra money.

Our family tradition indicates that William worked on the Welland Canal that connected Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The canal was located just west of Niagara Falls, CAN. William likely repaired was help enlarge the canal and did stone work. The Canadian government first dredged Welland Canal between 1824 and 1829. It seems very likely that William worked as a stone mason on the Welland Canal.

Stone masonry was the summer occupation of the Tuscola Co., MI, Putman family. Williams' two youngest sons, Claude and Lloyd, worked in stone masonry.

In the 1880's in an article in the *Tuscola Co. Advertiser*, William C. Putman was described as the "uncle" of Martha Ellis of Bay City, MI.

There was a Martha Ellis in the 1880 Census and 1900 Census of Bay City whose parents were Joshua Ellis and Amelia Hedge.

Joshua was born in NY, but his family removed to Houghton, Ontario, CAN, by 1851. Houghton Township is next to Middleton the township in which John Putman and Sarah Martin lived.

Amelia Hedge of Hedges was born in Port Colborne, Ontario, CAN. Port Colborne is a city that is on the Welland Canal. I followed the siblings of Joshua Ellis, his sisters, and none of them married a Putman, so I have concluded that William C. Putman may have married a sister of Amelia Hedges. Perhaps William C. Putman was married before he married Mary Chambers, but this is just my speculation that would have the newspaper story true.

During the 1850s, immigration from Ontario to MI increased due in part to unfavorable economic conditions in Ontario beginning in 1849. It caused a depression in CAN that encouraged emigration.

However, along with this depression, the pine woods around Delhi, Ontario, and nearby were becoming depleted of pine trees. It seems that the Putman family had followed the lumbering industry from New Jersey into NY and then into Ontario, CAN.

By the 1850s, Canadian loggers exhausted the virgin pine forests around Delhi, Ontario, and the loggers were immigrating to the Saginaw Valley and other places in MI in search of work in the lumber woods. The Cass River region was then the foremost area for logging.

As I mentioned, tradition says that William came to MI in 1856 with a group of loggers under the direction of Thomas Foster who was a logging camp foreman or "Boss of the Woods." Foster's group of "shanty-boys" according to tradition included William C. Putman's future brother-in-law John Chambers. These boys, nearly men, worked for James Ketchum, a lumberman, who by 1856 owned nearly all the pine woods along Sucker Creek between Harmon Lake and the Cass River in Tuscola Co., MI.

The shanty boys, supervised by Thomas Foster, cut down cork pine trees during the winter months and each spring floated the logs down Sucker Creek to the Cass River and then on to saw mills on the Saginaw River.

According to tradition, too, William came to MI with a brother who stayed a short time and then moved on to either Illinois or Missouri.

In 1886 the *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* said the following about W. C. Putman and another Putman who came to visit him:

Fred Putman was a pleasant caller at W. C. Putman's until Monday morning. (1-23-86)

Fred Putman seems to have been a relative of William C. Putman perhaps a grandson of John Putman and Jane Stoll of Schuyler Co., NY. This John Putman was a cousin of John Putman of Delhi, Ontario, CAN. 's brother or other relative.

In another article from the *Tuscola Co. Advertiser*, John Chambers described the early activity on Sucker Creek:

John T. Chambers . . . of Wells came to Tuscola Co. from CAN with Thomas Foster to work in the lumber camps in 1856. The work was along Sucker Creek near what is now called Foster Dam. They worked three winters running logs down the creek to the Cass River and hence to the Saginaw River. In the spring following work in camps, John worked in sawmills in Saginaw. Later, he started lumbering operations near Cat Lake after bringing his father and mother to this Co. . . . (7-4-24)

Foster's Dam at the current intersection East Dayton and Bevan's Roads, which was likely "blown out" with dynamite each spring to create a flood that float logs down Sucker Creek. Mr. Ketchum probably paid shanty boys \$30.00 a month for their work, which was the going rate.

The Chambers family and Putman family seem to have been from the area around Bevens, NJ, and that place name may have been used to name Bevens Road that crosses Sucker Creek at what was once Foster's Dam.

February 10, 1857, William C. Putman bought 40 acres of land in Section 4, Dayton Township. It was four days after this William's 23rd. birthday.

On the deed, he listed his place of residence as Flint. When the clerk transcribed the deed a few years later, they first wrote Putnam and then reinserted Putman.

William C. Putman sold the lot in 1858 to George Stephenson who lived in Nankin, Wayne Co., MI. William was then also a resident of Nankin, which is just southeast of Plymouth, MI and not far from the homes of Dennis Harmon and James Wright, which were just across the county line in Washtenaw Co., MI.

During the 1860 MI Census, William resided at the James Wright Inn in Wells Township, Tuscola Co., MI.

In 1850, James Wright was a carpenter living near Nankin Mills. William's daughter Lilly would marry Philo Harmon a son of Dennis Harmon. Harmon Lake in Tuscola Co., MI, was named for The Harmon family.

As loggers and settlers cleared the dense forest near the border of the Wells and Dayton Township Lines, they built a small community called East Dayton. Later the small town was also known as Hurd's Corner.

Shortly after Wells Township was formed in 1858, the township elected William Putman as one of its first supervisors. William also served as road commissioner for a several years.

As I mentioned, in 1860 William was in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI, as a boarder with James Wright. That same year on July 3, William C. Putman and Mary Chambers who lived nearby were married. William was 26 years old, and Mary was 16 year old. Witnesses were Dennis Harmon and John Voorhees.

In 1868, William bought 40 acres of dense woodland in Section 32, Wells Township, from George Green and William Wills for \$50.00. This likely became the Putman Homestead.

In 1887, the *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* said that William Putman was building a new home. This may have been the framed Putman House that stood until the late 1970s; however, there was another William Putman who lived nearby in Dayton Township.

The 1870 MI Census shows William with \$400.00 in real estate and \$200.00 in personal property. He was a farmer.

In 1874 William purchased 80 more acres just southeast of the Homestead for \$200.00.

William and Mary had eight children all born in Wells Township, Tuscola Co., MI:

Children:

1. **William H.** He was born in 1861 and married Amanda.
2. **Anna May.** She was born in 1862 and married Eleazer Boynton or Byington.
3. **Robert John.** Robert was born in 1865 and married Alice Harrington.
4. **Lilly L.** Lilly was born in 1867 and married Philo Harmon, son of Dennis Harmon.
5. **Susanna May.** Susanna was born in 1869, married first George Anderson, and married second Edward Wiederhold.
6. **Maud A.** She was born in 1877 and married Cyrus Middleton.
7. **Claude Alexander.** Claude was born in 1879 and married Jennie Brady.
8. **Philo Lloyd.** Lloyd was born in 1889 and married first Catherine and second Theresa.

The following accounts come from "All Around the County" in *The Tuscola Co. Advertiser* that describes life in the late 1800s for the Putman Family:

James Chambers is building himself a house. (9-6-1884)

Robert Chambers is at present writing not any better Cholera Mertus is the trouble. Dr. Graves of Caro is in attendance. (9-13-84)

William Putman, Jr., went to the lumber woods last Monday where he expects to stay during the winter. (12-6-84)

Robert Putman had a very narrow escape while at the lake the other day, but fortunately his companions came to his rescue in time to save his live. (5-9-85)

Wash Knight, Philo Harmon and Mr. Burt have bought them a thrashing machine, the "pride of the west," with which they circulate. They can do better work than any other. (8-18-85)

The logging bee and dance last Friday at W. C. Putman's was a grand success. (10-31-85)

Samuel Knight, W. C. Putman, and James Chambers have lost grain, onions, and tobacco. They don't know who is doing the thieving (10-31-85)

Several of our men start for the lumber woods next Monday. (10-31-85)

Mr. [Robert] Putman is filling up a store here. It is just what we need, and we wish him success. (11-21-85)

Mrs. Eunice Chambers of Wahjamega is visiting her mother Mrs. Wells and sister-in-law Mrs. W. C. Putman. (11-21-85)

The road running north by E. Byington has just received some needed improvements making it a good road. (11-21-85)

W. H. Putman and George Anderson are home from the lumber woods. They concluded that they could make more cutting cordwood. They are keeping bachelor's hall in the house just vacated by I. Anderson and are cutting wood on Mr. Hunter's place. (9-5-85)

George Anderson and W. H. Putman intend giving a Christmas dinner in their new hall. (11-19-85)

A load of people from Wells were guests at Putman's Sunday afternoon and evening. (11-19-85)

Fred Putman was a pleasant caller at W. C. Putman's until Monday morning. (1-23-86)

Byington's Mill yard is being filled with logs again. (1-30-86)

George Anderson and Ms. [Susanna] Putman were married at Kingston on the 21st. (2-27-86)

Philo Harmon has gone to Vassar to stay the summer. (5-6-86)

Philo Harmon started for the north woods Monday. (11-20-86)

Martha Ellis of Bay City is visiting at her uncles, W. C. Putman. (11-20-86)

Robert Putman has come home from the woods. (3-10-87)

There was a dance at Wm. Putman's Thursday night. (3-10-87)

William Putman is building a new house this summer. (5-19-87)

Lilly Putman has gone to Mayville to work. (6-16-87)

Robert Putman has gone to the north woods to work. (9-1-87)

W. C. Putman has purchased 40 acres of land in Section 5, Dayton. Consideration \$550.00. (3-8-90)

W. C. Putman has let the job of cutting eight acres of brush on his new farm. (3-15-90)

Report of school district No. 1, fractional, for the month ending October 21 number of pupils enrolled, 65; number of days taught during the month 19 ½; examination well attended. Following are the names of pupils whose average standing exceeded 85 percent: . . . Maud Putman . . . Those who averaged more than 85 percent in reading, spelling, and primary arithmetic work were . . . Claude Putman. (11-15-90)

William C. Putman filed a will November 17, 1892, in Wells Township and passed January 10, 1893.

His *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* obituary reads as follows:

William C. Putman who had been suffering for several months from a complication of diseases died on the 11th, age 60 years. He was buried in the East Dayton Cemetery January 15. Mr. Putman came from CAN in 1861 [1856] and was therefore one of the settlers of this township. He was elected as one of the first supervisors of the township after its organization and served as highway commissioner several terms. He died on the same farm that he had by hard labor cleared out of a heavy forest. He leaves a widow and eight children five of who are married.

A few years after William died, Mary Chambers married second James Frank James Inscho who lived across the road. James Inscho was born in the Town of Bradford, Steuben Co., NY, a couple of miles from where John Putman and Sarah Martin lived.

James Inch's father was a neighbor of John and Sarah Putman in 1830 in the Town of Wayne, Steuben Co., NY.

During the 1900 MI Census, Mary and her son Lloyd lived with James Inscho. James Frank Inscho passed December 25, 1902.

Mary Chambers Putman Inscho lived the final years of her life with her son, Claude Putman, on the Putman Homestead on Lee Hill Road.

Mary passed February 11, 1922, and the *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* printed her obituary on the front page of the newspaper that read as follows:

Mrs. Mary Putman Inscho

Leaves 50 Direct Descendants

Settled in this county in 1856 coming from Port Nelson, CAN.

Mrs. Mary Putman Inscho who died Saturday, February 11, is survived by 50 direct descendants—7 children, 24 grand children, and 19 great-grand-children. She was born in Port Nelson, CAN June 3, 1845, and at the age of 11 years she came with her parents to MI and settled on the Brumley Place, formerly the Julie Hurd Farm in Dayton Township. In 1860 she was married to William Putman and to this union were born eight children, seven of whom are living. They are R. J. Putman of Caro, William of Lupton, Mrs. Eleazer Byington of Prescott, Mrs. E. J. Wiederhold of Mayville, Mrs. Philo Harmon of Caro, and Claude and Lloyd of Wells Township. Mrs. Cyrus Middleton, another daughter, died last November. Some years after William Putman's death she was married to Frank Inscho who died 19 years ago. She is also survived by two brothers, John T. and James Chambers of Wells.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Bethel Church with burial in East Dayton Cemetery.



The above picture is likely the wedding of Maude Putman and Cyrus Middleton that shows the Tuscola County Putman family with the exception of the patriarch William C. Putman. Left to right the members appear to be William H. Putman, Maude Putman and Cyrus Middleton in white, Lloyd Putman, Mary Chambers Putman sitting, Jennie Brady and Claude Putman in the tree sitting, above them Susanna Putman and Edward

Wiederhold, sitting with child Lilly Putman, Anne Putman, and standing at the right Robert Putman.

William (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

William H. Putman was born in 1861.

This was one year after William and Mary Chambers Putman were married. Perhaps, "H." stands for "Henry."

William H., after growing up in Wells Township, Tuscola Co., MI, removed to Lupton, MI, where he worked in the lumber woods, became a sheriff, and also was a farmer.

In 1888 at the age of about seventeen, William married Amanda who was born in MI in 1867. Her parents were both born in CAN.

William and Amanda lived in Lupton at least until 1922 and reportedly later removed to the Detroit area. William H. Putman died before 1932.

Children:

- 1. Claude.** He was born in June 1890. Claude Putman served in World War I in Italy.
- 2. Violet.** She was born in February 1892.
- 3. Forrest.** He was born in 1893.
- 4. William C.** William's parents named him after his grandfather. William was born in October 1896 in Lupton, MI, and *MI in the World War* says that William served in World War I:

William C. Putman (R-261833) private, Headquarters Detachment, Provisional Cavalry Squadron, American Forces in German. Italian Croce di Guerra. Residence at enlistment was Lupton.

- 5. Arthur.** Arthur was born in Lupton, MI, in 1904

Anna (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Anna Putman was born May 17, 1863, in Wells, Tuscola C. MI, and married Eleazer Byington December 24, 1878.

During the 1900 MI Census, they owned a home on Byington Rd. just north of Harmon Lake.

Their neighbors were son-in-law Robert Middleton and daughter Mattie Byington.

The 1902 Atlas of Tuscola Co., MI, describes the family as follows:

Byington, Eleazer: Son of James and Eliza Byington, born December 8, 1849, in Macomb Township, St. Lawrence Co., NY. His parents came to Wells Township, Tuscola Co., in 1858 and settled on Section 32. He married Anna A. Putman December 24, 1878. She was born Mary 17, 1863, in Wells Township, Tuscola Co., MI. They have four children Martha M. . . . ; Robert J. . . . Mary E. . . . and Lulu E . . .

By 1910, Eleazer and Anna Byington had removed to Prescott, MI, a few miles from William H. Putman.

Eleazer worked at a saw mill, and he and Anna lived with Robert and Mattie Middleton.

Anna May Putman passed June 25, 1924, at her home in Wells Township.

The Tuscola Co. Advertiser printed an obituary.

Children:

1. **Martha.** Martha was born September 18, 1879, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI. She married Robert Middleton.
2. **Robert J.** He was born January 18, 1881. He died in infancy.
3. **Mary E.** She was born April 8, 1885. She married Fred Mathews of Watertown, Tuscola Co., MI.
4. **Lilly E.** Lilly was born June 19, 1886. She married Joseph Wells and worked as a Registered Nurse at Caro Regional Center in Wahjamega, west of Caro, MI.

Robert (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Robert John Putman was born August 21, 1865 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

When he was young, *The Tuscola Co. Advertiser* reported that he nearly drowning at Harmon Lake but his companions were able to rescue him in time.

By the late 1880's, Robert was filling up a store at East Dayton, MI.

He also was developing and interest in politics that was nurtured by debates as a young man.

Robert later was the Chairman of the Tuscola Co. Democratic Party.

In 1890, Robert was in Mayville, MI, working at the new F. L. Waltenbrook's Grocery. (12-1-90)

In Caro, June 23, 1892, Robert married Alice Harrington who was a dressmaker.

Soon, afterward, they built a grocery again in East Dayton.

The new building being erected by R. J. Putman is nearly completed. The upper story will be finished for a hall, which is very much needed. (4-94)

Robert John Putman became Postmaster of East Dayton at his new store.

The second floor of the hall was a popular place for entertaining.

By 1910, Robert had acquired C. E. Cross' grocery and dry goods business in Caro, MI, where he had removed.

The store was at the corner of State Street and Burnside Street, and Robert and Alice lived at 712 N. State in Caro.

In 1912, the wooden-framed grocery burned, and afterward Robert built a brick building that had its grand opening August 16, 1913.

This section of town containing the Putman establishment became known as the "Putman Block".

Robert and Alice had two daughters: Hazel Cable and Lena Hitchcock.

Robert passed in 1932 after a number of strokes. He died at his home at 209 W. Grant Street in Caro March 9, 1932, and was buried at East Dayton Cemetery in Wells.

Alice died a few years later and was also buried at East Dayton Cemetery.

The *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* printed Robert's obituary on the front page:

R. J. Putman, Leader of Democrats, Called

Was the Victim of Five Paralytic Strokes Before His Death Wednesday Morning.

Robert J. Putman, chairman of the Tuscola Co. Democratic Committee for many years, died at his home on West Grant St. Wednesday morning at 10:40 after a long sickness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about two years ago, but within the past few months four other strokes followed the last causing his death. For many years a Mason, members of Mount Moriah Lodge F. & A. M. will have charge of the funeral and burial service. The funeral will be held at the home Saturday at 2:30 under the direction of Huston Collins, with Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating. Burial will be made in East Dayton Cemetery. Born in Hamilton, Ontario, [this is likely incorrect], August 21, 1865, Mr. Putman was about a year old when he was brought to Wells Township by his parents. His early life was spent on the farm, but when a young man he started a general store at East Dayton, which he moved to Caro and bought the C. E. grocery store. Fire destroyed his building in 1912, but the following year he built the Putman Block and continued in the grocery business until seven years ago when he retired . . .

Children:

1. **Hazel.** She was born in 1894. Hazel married R. E. Cable and removed to Kalamazoo, MI. Later, they may have removed to Cass City, MI.
2. **Lena.** Lena was born in 1899 and married S. B. Hitchcock of Lansing, MI. They were said to have removed to Detroit.

Lilly (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Lilly Louise Putman was born in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI, in 1867.

Lilly Putman married Philo D. Harmon March 20, 1889 in MI.

Philo was born March 15, 1862 and was a son of Dennis Harmon, who witnessed the wedding of Lilly's parents Mary Chambers and William Putman.

In 1900, Philo and Lilly Putman Harmon lived on Lee Hill Rd. in Dayton, Tuscola Co, MI, on the old Harmon Homestead at the summit of a hill just southeast of Lee Hill.

This was likely the home that appears in the picture of the "Putman Family Wedding" that occurred about 1908.

The *Tuscola Co. Advertiser* indicated that Philo and Lilly Harmon removed to Wahjamega where Philo worked at the MI State Farm Colony.

In 1913, Lilly took possession of her new store at Bethel on Lee Hill Road. (1-13-13)

Philo passed February 7, 1931.

Lilly died in 1941, possibly, at her son's home in Flint, MI.

Children:

1. **Clyde D.** Clyde Dennis Harmon was born August 20, 1890, in Tuscola Co., MI, and married Julia Walker September 2, 1915 in Tuscola. They lived in Flint where Clyde died in the Flint Tornado about 1954.

Children:

1. **Wayneta Thema.** She was born January 25, 1917, in Detroit, MI, and married Fred Woodrow in March 1954 in Angola, Indiana. Child: Kathleen
2. **Harriet Louise.** She was born October 2, 1919, in Mayville, MI, and married Bruce Gordon Knickerbocker April 16, 1938, in Flint, MI. She passed away February 24, 1980.

Children:

1. **Jerry.**
2. **Bruce.**
3. **Dennis Clare.**
4. **Lynn Gordon.**
5. **Barbara Mae.**
6. **Steven Wayne.**
7. **Debora Jo Ann.**

3. **Marjorie Arlene.** Marjorie was born January 16, 1923, in Mayville, MI. She married Robert E. Tuttle August 2, 1941, in Flint, MI, and lived in Flint. Marjorie passed February 24, 1980.

Children:

1. **Marjorie Arlene.**
2. **Clyde Edward.**

3. **Suzanne Deforest.**
4. **Keith Charles.**
5. **Edna Grace. She died young.**

4. **Edna Grace.** Died in infancy.

5. **Philo James.** Philo was born August 19, 1925, and married Lucille Elaine Clukie(?) June 1, 1946, in Angola, Indiana. They lived in Flint, Flint, MI, and later Remus.

Children:

1. **Marsha Ann.**
2. **Rita.**
3. **James Bryant.**

6. **Janette Anne.** She was born March 19, 1932, and married John Shenkle June 15, 1968, in Flint. They lived in Flint where Janette died February 20, 1972.

Child:

1. **John Dennis.**

2. **Peter.** Peter Hercules Harmon was born July 2, 1910, in Caro, MI, and married Dorothy Duncan August 28, 1948. Dorothy was born August 4, 1914. They lived in Marysville where Peter died May 18, 1981.

Child:

1. **Jane.** She was born October 15, 1953, and married Richard Jakubiak. Children: Eric Peter and Adam Richard.

3. **Anna Olea.** She died in infancy.

Susanna (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Susanna May Putman was born February 4, 1869 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

She married first George Anderson February 21, 1886, in Kingston, and second Edward Wiederhold May 15, 1896, in Wells. Edward was born in 1872.

Susanna lived her entire life in Tuscola and died at her home in Dayton Township April 9, 1933. *The Advertiser* printed her obituary.

Edward died in 1951.

1. **Maud.** Maude Anderson was born in 1888 and married Roy Livermore. They lived in Wahjamega, MI, west of Caro but removed to Iron Mountain where Maude died in 1962.

Child:

1. **Dorothy.** Dorothy was born in 1924 and died in 1957. She was adopted.

Maude (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Maude A. Putman was born July 8, 1877 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

She married first Jake Roth and second Cyrus Middleton who was born in 1867.

Cyrus owned forty acres on Lee Hill in 1902 on Byington Rd. next to Eleazer Byington.

In 1917, Cyrus and Maud removed to Flint, MI.

All Maud's children were by Jake Roth.

Maud died in November 1921. She was buried at the East Dayton Cemetery.

Children:

1. **Lee.**

Child:

1. **Cecil** . He lived in Flint, MI.

2. **Carl.**

Child:

1. **Dorothy May.**

3. **May.** May Roth married Mr. Barton and lived in Flint, MI.

Child:

1. **Clifford F.** He lived at Cat Lake, Mayville, MI.

4. **R. J. Roth.** He did young.

Claude (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Claude Alexander Putman was born December 25, 1879, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married Jennie Brady September 18 or 22, 1904 in Sebewaing, MI.

Jennie Brady was a daughter of Sarah Rosella Knight and Michael Brady and was born in Koylton, Tuscola Co., MI.

Michael Brady was born in CAN in October 1839 the son of Edward Brady of Ireland.

Sarah Knight's parents were Samuel Knight and Philema Byington. Samuel was born in CAN in 1819, and his father was born in England. Philema's father was James Byington of Mayville, MI.

By 1910, Claude and Jennie Brady Putman were residents of Dayton, Tuscola Co., MI.

The 1910 MI Census listed their children as William Delos age one, Stanley A. age 3, and Claude Osborn, Jr., age 4 years.

Claude was a well-known stonecutter and mason. His stone work included many large homes around the Caro area and the countryside south of Caro.

Many of Claude's children continued in the masonry trade .

Claude's father spelled his last name Putman while Claude decided to change his name to Putnam because he was receiving mail the mail of another Claude Putman. By changing his name to Putnam, he received the correct mail.

Jennie Brady Putman was known as a baker. She would often bake eighteen loaves of bread a day, and many of her meals often included bean soup, fried potatoes, rabbit, and pheasant.

Claude Putman inherited the Putman Homestead on Lee Hill Rd. from his father William C. Putman. A horse stable was located behind the Putman Homestead,, and a garden was also

just to the north of the Homestead on the south 20 acres while a pasture was located on the north 20 acres.

Claude passed away February 18, 1955, and was buried at the East Dayton Cemetery.

Claude Putman was his whole life was a farmer and mason.

He and Jenny had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary the year before his passing in 1954.

Jenny Brady Putnam died September 28, 1975, at the age of 89.



This is a picture of the Putman Family Homestead threshold with Jennie Brady and Claud Putman at the door . . . the girls may be the Kelly girls.

Children:

- 1. Osborn Claude Putman.**
- 2. Stanley A. Putnam.**
- 3. William Delos Putnam.**
- 4. Hobart John Putman.**
- 5. Austin Putman.**
- 6. Clifford M. Putnam.**
- 7. Marjorie Putnam.**
- 8. Peter Walton Putnam.**
- 9. Ford Earl or Bob Putnam.**

Lloyd (William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

The youngest child of William Putman and Mary Chambers was Lloyd Philo Putman who was born August 25, 1889, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

Lloyd worked as a mason contractor and lived in Tuscola much of his life; however, he often traveled to and once lived in NY.

Lloyd Putman married Catherine Quinn February 14, 1917, at Wahjamega, MI.

Catherine Quinn was born in Indianfields, Tuscola Co., MI, January 9, 1896.

She passed away February 29, 1946.

All Lloyd's children were by Catherine Quinn.

Lloyd married second Teresa.

Lloyd passed away December 1971 in Caro, MI.

Children by Catherine Quinn:

- 1. Roberta L. Putman.**
- 2. Mary I. Putman.**
- 3. Jean Putman.**
- 4. William E. Putman,**

5. **Lloyd Patrick.**

Osborn (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Osborn was born in September 18, 1905, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married Orpha Luella Kelly May 24, 1929 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

Osborn Putman passed on October 31, 1968, in Saginaw, MI.

Children:

1. **Betty Putman.** Betty was born in 1928 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI, and married September 8, 1951, Clare Highlen.

Children:

1. **Joyce Highlen.** She was born June 29, 1952.
 2. **Wilma Higlen.** Wilma was born February 21, 1854.
 3. **Dale Highlen.** He was born May 1, 1956.
 4. **Eva Highlen.** Eva was born 29 May 1959.
 5. **Darwin Higlen.** Darwin was born September 23, 1963.
 6. **Marilyn Highlen.**
 7. **Delbert Highlen.**
2. **Wayne Leroy Putnam.** He was born on June 2, 1942, in Pontiac, MI . He passed away March 15, 2003, in Cleveland, OH.

Child:

1. **Waynette Putnam.**



The above is Wayne Leroy Putnam.

Stanley (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Stanley Putman was born January 20, 1907, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married Olive Kelly September 14, 1931.

Stanley passed away May 23, 1986 in St. Louis, Gratiot Co., MI.

Children:

1. **Stanley Putnam.** Stanley was born in MI and married Charlotte. He died August 16, 1988 in Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI.

Child:

1. **Brenda Putnam.** She was born in 1952 in MI.
2. **Cecil Putnam.** Cecil passed in Jun 2008.
3. **Deloris Putnam.**
4. **Shirley Putnam.**
5. **James Putnam.**
6. **Robert Putnam.**
7. **Jack Putnam.**
8. **Daniel Putnam.**

Delos (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Delos was born September 23, 1908, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married Retta Fisher who was born April 20, 1914.

Delos passed away March 5, 1974 in MI.

Children:

1. **Marlene Putnam.** Marlene married Milfred Knight.

Children:

1. **Timothy Knight.**
 2. **Jeffrey Knight.**
 3. **Greg Knight.**
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2. **Patricia Putnam.** Patricia married Basil Simpson.
 3. **William Putnam.** Bill was born December 21, 1951 in Caro, MI. After graduating from high school, Bill went to work for the Saginaw Grey Iron Foundry. Bill retired from Chevrolet Metal Castings in 1995 to pursue his love of golf and fishing. February 1871, Bill married Rose Wroble who was born in 1952. Rose worked for Caro Finance and Dick Hardwick. Later in

1977 the business was sold to Oliver Credit Corporation, and Rose worked as an assistant manager before going to Community Bank where she was a Vice-president and loan officer. Rose started with the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival in 1987 and served as co-chairman. Rose was the first president of the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown, MI. In 1995, Rose was the Caro Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Children:

1. **Mathew Delos Putnam.**
2. **Lucas Alan Putnam.**

Hobart (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Hobart John Putnam was born August 23, 1910, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married first Onalee Brown and second Ellen Pearsall.

Mary Ellen Pearsall was married to Hobart J. Putman April 3, 1956 in Detroit by Mary Ellen's uncle, Rev. Frank Cooley.

Hobart passed away April 27, 1979, in Saginaw, MI.

Mary Ellen passed away on Monday October 18, 2010 in Tawas at the age of 90 years.

Children:

1. **Delmar Putman.** Del married June. He passed away in July 2013 in MI.

Children:

1. **Steven Putman.** Steve was born in 1951.
2. **Melissa Putman.**
3. **Sheryl Putman.**

2. **Donald Putman.** Donald was born July 20,, 1933. He married Roberta Jean. He passed December 9, 2008.

Children:

1. **Sheila Putman.** She married Gary McMullen.
2. **Julie Putman.** Julie married Philip Chambers.

3. Jeffery Putman.

4. Randy Putman. Randy Putman put on the Putman family reunion or many years that was held mostly at Darby Park in Caro, MI.

3. Hobart Putman. Hobart married second Connie Wallace.

Child:

1 Mark Putman.

Children:

2 Forest Putman.

3 Elizabeth Putman.

4 Joshua Putman.

5 Titus Putman.

6 Jeremiah Putman.

4. Gary Putman.

Children:

1. Danielle Putman.

2. Christopher Putman.

Children:

5. Dale. Putman.

6. Rickey Lee Putman. He died in 1978.

7. Catherine Putman.



A picture of Hobart J. Putman, II

Austin (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Austin was born in 1916 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He passed October 5, 1942 in a military accident in NJ.

Clifford (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

He was born in June 24, 1922, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married Edna Nokes June 22, 1941, in Garden City, Delta, MI.

Clifford Putman was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II. Until his retirement, he was a self-employed contractor, woodworker, stone mason and stone cutter.

Clifford also worked at Saginaw Steering Gear.

Edna passed June 1, 1995. All of Clifford's children are by Edna.

Clifford Putman married second Madeline Hamilton on January 4, 1997, in Farwell, MI.

Clifford passed away September 17, 2002.

Children:

1. **Austin H. Putnam.**
2. **Arthur Michael Putnam, I.** He married Janet Jacob December 31, 1961 in Caro, MI. Janet Jacob was born March 12, 1944, and died November 19, 2004.

Children:

1. **Arthur Michael Putnam, II.**
2. **Tina Putnam.**
3. **Sherry Linn Putnam.** Sherry passed away.
3. **Clifford A. Putnam.** Married Ann and lived in Reese, MI.
4. **Dorcas "Dee" Putnam.** She married a Mr. Smith and lived in Caro, MI.
5. **Claudette Putnam.** Married Keith Talcott and lived in Cadillac, MI.
6. **Joyce Putnam.** Married Arthur Stark and lived in Flint, MI.
7. **Gladys.** Gladys married Jim Bills and lived in Mayville, MI.
8. **Leroy Putman.** He lived in Land O'Lakes, FL.

Marjorie (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Marjorie Putnam was born in March 1927 in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

Marjorie married first Harold Johnson by who she had children and second Mr. Martindale.

Children:

1. **Harold.**

Children:

1. **Cynthia Johnson.**
2. **Mark Johnson.**
2. **David.**
3. **Dianna.**
4. **Debbie.**

Peter (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Peter Walton Putnam was born September 29, 1929, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

He married June Shirley Flory in 1950.



Peter and June Putnam

Children:

5. **Aaron Lee Putnam.** Aaron was born March 31, 1951, in Caro, MI. Aaron married first Karen Smith and second Linda. Aaron did not have children.
6. **Mark Roger Putnam.** Mark was born in 1952 in Caro, MI. Mark was salutatorian of his high school class, graduated from Michigan State University and Wayne State University and worked in pharmacy, college instruction, government accounting, and in hospitality. He was the Chairman of the Caro Historical Commission and secretary of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board. Mark did not marry nor have children.
7. **Timothy Wayne Putnam.** He was born in 1954 in Caro, MI. He attended Michigan State University and graduated from Michigan Technological University. Tim worked as a geo-petrol engineer for a numbers of businesses

and worked in, Alaska, Kuwait, Russia, and Saudi Arabia. He married twice. Tim did not have children.

Child:

a. **Adrianna Putnam.** Adopted.

8. **David Allen Putnam.** David was born in 1955 in Caro, MI. He married Mary Gibbs in Caro, MI. He attended Northern Michigan University. Mary and David Putman lived in Caro, the Upper Peninsula of MI, and Wasilla, Alaska. David worked as a Contractor, and Mary worked in education in Wasilla, Alaska.

Children:

1. **David Putnam.** David lives in WA.
 2. **Hillary Putnam.** Hillary was an actress while in high school and attended an acting school in Los Angeles, CA. She was in the movie "The Biggest Miracle" with Drew Barrymore.
5. **Melody Anne Putnam.** She was born in 1957 in Caro, MI. Live in Hemlock and Caro, MI. She married Clifford Crossett.

Child:

1. **Nathan Putnam Crossett.** He was adopted by Clifford Crossett.

Children:

1. **Luke Crossett.**
 2. **Kara May Crossett.**
6. **Daniel James Putnam.** Dan was born in 1958 in Caro, MI. He married first Joanne Samuelson and second Jill.

Children:

1. **Samuel Putnam.**
2. **Zackary Putnam.**



This is a picture of the three oldest Putnam brothers Aaron, Mark, and Tim Putnam taken at Tim's farm near Caro, MI.

Ford Earl (Claude, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Bob Putnam was born February 6, 1931, in Wells, Tuscola Co., MI.

Children:

- 1. Claude P. Putnam.** Claude was born April 2, 1952, in Caro, MI.
- 2. Lyle Austin Putnam.** Lyle was born September 21, 1955, in Caro, MI.

Children:

- 1. Krystal Putnam.**
- 2. Amber Putnam.**

3. **Larry Shirl Putnam.** He was born October 31, 1956, in Caro, MI.
4. **Kimberly Charlene Putnam.** She was born October 29, 1958, in Caro, MI.

Children:

1. **Jennifer**
2. **Demetria.**

5. **Lynn Terry Putnam.** Terry was born September 28, 1959, in Caro MI.

Children:

1. **Timothy Putnam. He was born in 1986.**
2. **Lynn Putnam. Born in 1988.**

Roberta (Lloyd, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Roberta was born in 1919 and married Ray Goodwin.

She died before 1975.

Mary (Lloyd, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Mary Isabelle Putman was born on December 4, 1920, in Caro, MI.

She lived most of her life in Caro and graduated from Caro High School.

Mary Putman married William G. Arthur, II.

She was a nurse at the Caro Regional Center.

Mary married second Mr. Bauman.

Mary Putman died September 25, 2008, in Caro, MI.

Children:

1. **William G. Arthur, III.**

2. **Janet Arthur DeCoe.**
3. **Pia Arthur.**
4. **Thomas Robin Arthur.**

Jean (Lloyd, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Jean Putman was born in 1924 in MI.

She married Lester Stein.

They lived in Fairgrove, MI.

William (Lloyd, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

William E. Putman was born in 1926.

After World War II, William met and married Lillian Peters who was Lebanese lady.

They lived in Utica, NY, where their son Michael Putman was born in 1949.

Eleven years later another son William E. Putman, II was born in 1960 in Hartford, NY.

In 1969, Lillian, Lulu, died of cancer, and William headed back to MI and finally settling in Caro, MI.

William died in 1989.

Children:

5. **Michael Putman.** Michael was born in April 1949. He married Susan and lived in Vassar, MI.
6. **William E. Putman, II.** William was born September 23 1960 in New Hartford,, NY. Bill married Barbara J. Wasik January 23, 1983. After living in a number of places in Mid-MI fixing houses, they settled in Caro, MI, in 1986. In August 1986, they purchased Gunsell's Furniture Store in Caro, MI. In 1996, Bill and Barb expanded Gunsell's with Mattress Connection an expansion into six different cities in MI. Wanting to focus on the bedding

business, in 2000 they decided to close Gunsell's. Bill was also a member of the Caro School Board.

Children:

1. **William E. Putman, III.** He was born August 22, 1983.
2. **Brandon J. Putman.** He was born July 31, 1986.
3. **Blake A. Putman.** He was born May 25, 1988.
4. **Blair Putman.** She was born October 9, 1990.

Patrick (Lloyd, William, John, Peter, Victor, David, Johannes)

Patrick Lloyd was born in September 23, 1929, in MI.

Pat married Bedia in Africa where their children Catherine and Patrick Lloyd, Jr. were born.

Patrick died March 9, 2006, in Jackson, MI.

Children:

2. **Catherine Lillian Putman.** She was born August 23, 1956.
3. **Patrick Lloyd Putman, Jr.**
4. **Mindy Young Lootens.** She was born September 11, 1973 and adopted by the Young family.
5. **Amy Lynne Young McRae.** She was born November 7, 1974, and was adopted by the Young family.
6. **Steven Andrew Young.** He was born October 9, 1975, and was adopted by the Young family.
7. **Justin Matthew Young.** He was born May 12, 1998, and was adopted by the Young family.
8. **Deola Maya Putman.** She was born December 13, 1981 and died May 1982.