

PUTNAMS
of
Wabash County, Illinois

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ELDORADO, ILLINOIS



NOT FOR SALE

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ARMS OF
PUTTENHAM OF PUTTENHAM
and PENNE,
A. D. 1400.

and of
PUTNAM OF SALEM, MASS.

WILLIAM PUTTENHAM,

of Puttenham, Penne, Sherfield, and Warbleton, Bucks Co.,
England.

Born 1430; died 1492.

Married Ann, daughter of John Hampden of Hampden, Bucks Co., England. The Hampden family are decendents of a French line who came to England with the emigration of William the Conqueror. They trace their line through the Emperor Charle Magne. Also English Kings, Alfred the Great, and Edward I, 901 to 925 A. D.

Children:

Sir George, eldest son and heir.

Edmond.

Nicholas.

Frideswide.

Elizabeth.

Alionore.

NICHOLAS PUTTENHAM, or Putnam,

lived at Putnam Place in Penne, Bucks Co.

Born about 1460.

Wife unknown.

Children:

John.

Henry.

HENRY PUTNAM,

date of birth and death not known, but he was living in 1526.

Wife unknown.

Children:

Richard; of Eddlesborough and Woughton, born about 1500.

John; of Slapton and Hawridge.

Thomas; of Eddlesborough, died about 1638.

RICHARD PUTNAM,

of Eddlesborough and Woughton.

Wife named Joan.

He made a will dated December 12, 1556.

Children:

John; of Wingrave, eldest son and ancestor of the Danvers, Mass., family.

Harry; of Woughton.

Jona.

JOHN PUTNAM,

of Rowsham in Wingrave.

Buried in Wingrave October 2, 1573.

His wife's name was probably Margaret, who was buried January 27, 1568.

Children:

Nicholas; born about 1540 to 1550.

Richard; buried at Wingrave June 24, 1576.

Thomas; of Rowsham, buried at Wingrave July 2, 1576.

Margaret; married Godfrey Johnson June 14, 1573.

NICHOLAS PUTNAM,

Married Margaret Goodspeed June 30, 1577.

Lived in Wingrave until 1585 and moved to Stewkely.

His will was dated January 1, 1597.

Children:

Anne; bapt. October 12, 1578; married at Aston Abbotts
January 26, 1604 or 1605 to Wm. Arnett.

John; bapt. January 17, 1579; emigrated to America,
lived at Salem, Mass.

Elizabeth; bapt. February 11, 1581.

Thomas; bapt. September 20, 1594.

Richard; was living in 1597.

M. Edward Bettam, October 22, 1612.

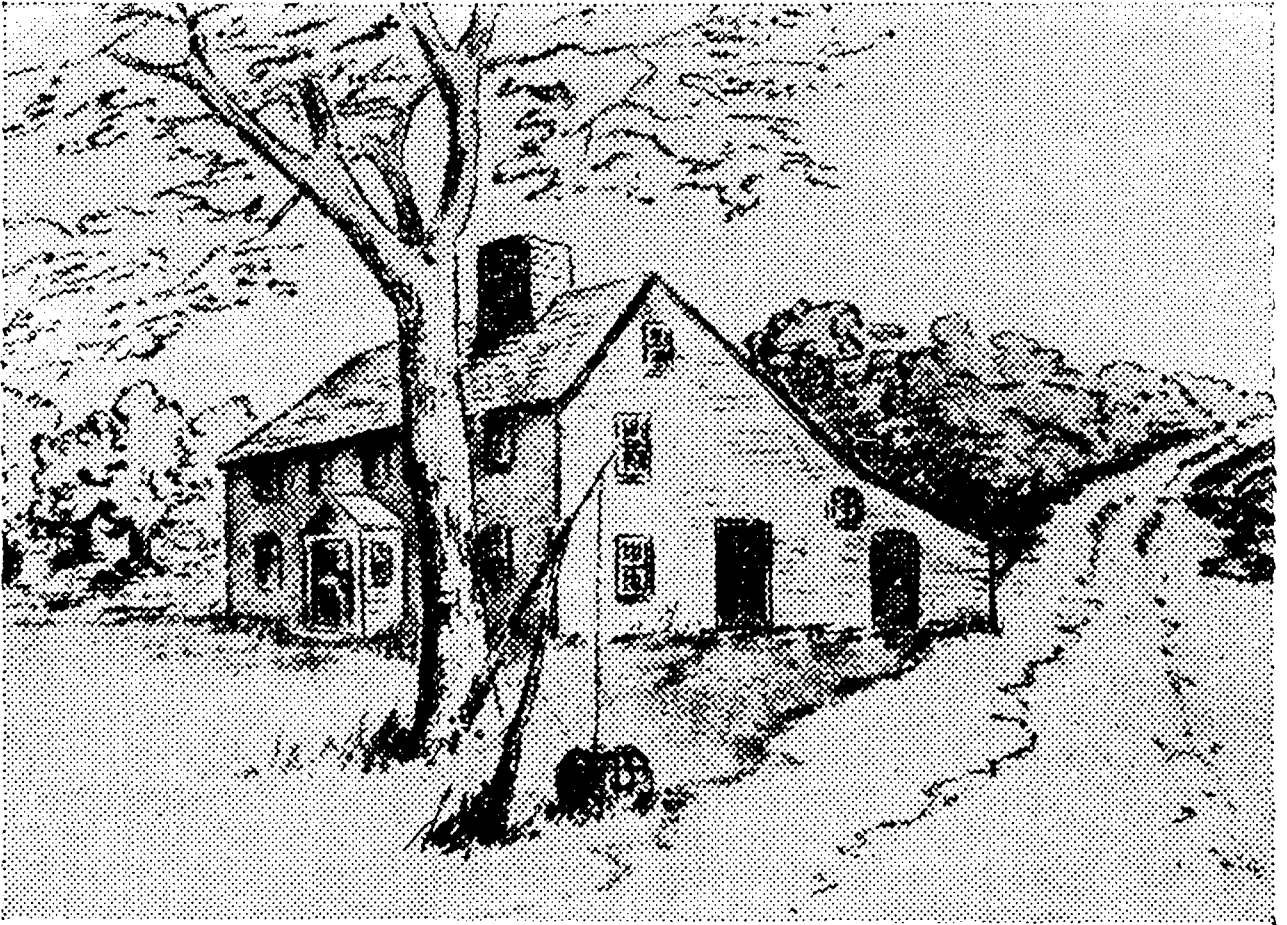
NICHOLAS PUTNAM, eldest son of John of Rowsham, above, probably born about 1540; married at Wingrave, 30 Jan. 1577, Margaret, daughter of John and Elizabeth Goodspeed. She was baptized at Wingrave, 16 Aug., 1556, Nicholas Goodspeed being godfather and Margaret Theed and Margaret Milne godmothers. Nicholas Putnam lived in Wingrave until about 1585 or later when he removed to Stewkeley. He inherited property from his father and from both his brothers, and undoubtedly for the times was exceedingly well to do. His will is dated 1 Jan., 1597, and was proved 27 Sept., 1598: It is given in full below:

"In the name of God Amen the first daye of Januarie Anno Dm 1597. I Nicholas Putnam of Stewkley being sicke in bodie but of a whole mind Pfict memorrie thank be to god doe dedeyn and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, first I bequeath my Sowle to Almighty god my bodie to be buried in Christen menes buriall,

It. I geve unto John my Sonne all my howes and landes being in the fieldes and towe of Abbots Aston when he cometh to age. It. I geve unto my wife all my goodes untill such time as my sonne John cometh to age and then he to have halfe (with her?). It. I will that yf my wife and my sonne cannot agree to dwell together that then my sonne John shall paye unto my wife VIb a yeare as longe as she liveth yf she keepe her widdowe, yf she marrye then my sonn to paye her VIb a year soe iiij years after her marriage and no longer. It. I geve unto my iiij children Thomas, Richard, Anne, and Elizabeth to everi one of them XIb to be payd them by my wife and my sonne John when they come to the age of xxi yeares, It I make my wife and Sonne John my executors jointley together to Receive my debts. Their hearing witness Wm. Meade, Bennet Conley and John Meade with others. Prov. xxij. Sept. 1598. (Arch. Bucks.)"

Margaret Putnam, married, second, at Aston Abbotts, 8 Dec., 1614, William Huxley, and dying four years later, was buried there 8 Jan., 1618-19.

From the record of marriage licenses granted at St. Albans it appears that license to marry was had by William Huxley of Aston Abbots, widower, and Margaret Putnam of the same place, widow. John Putnam of Aston Abbotts, husbandman, was surety.



Home of John Putnam Sr., Summer St., Danvers, Mass., Built 1641.
The Tree and Well Remain in 1947.

(1) JOHN PUTNAM, the founder of the Salem family, was the son of Nicholas and Margaret (Goodspeed) Putnam, and was baptized 17 January 1579-80 at Wingrave, Buckingham shire, in which parish he was undoubtedly born. His father, Nicholas, had inherited from his younger brother Richard, an estate in lands in Wingrave bequeathed him by their father John Putnam. No record of the transfer of this property by Nicholas has been found, yet at the latter's death in 1597, he then being of Stewkley, there is no mention of the Wingrave property. Nicholas, however, gave to his son John his houses and lands in Aston Abbots, of which we have found no record as to how he became possessed. The Putnam farm was probably in Burstone, a locality adjoining Rowsham in Wingrave. John probably lived in Stewkley with his parents until his father's death, and then being of age capable to conduct a farm seems to have taken possession of the property given him by his father and to have continued in possession, occupying himself with its care, until his migration to New England. In 1614, when his name appears on his mother's marriage license as one of the sureties, he is described as husbandman. No further mention is found of him in England, except upon the occasions of the baptism of his children, who were baptized at Aston Abbots. Who his wife was can only be conjectured, but there is good reason to believe she was Priscilla Deason, of the family of that name of Corner Hall, in Hemel Hempstead. The arms of Deacon of Hemel Hempstead were, A chevron treillisse between three

roses. Crest: a demi eagle. This family has been of considerable note in Hertfordshire, deriving descent from Richard Deacon of Wyndruge, Herts., who died 1496, and whose three sons were in the service of the Crown, the elder as Secretary to Elizabeth of York, consort to Henry VII, and the other two in the military service. Their uncle Michael was Bishop of St. Asaph. John Putnam was perhaps married in 1611 or 1612. The marriage records for this period were missing from the Wingrave register, and the register for Hemel Hempstead is lost.

In 1658 (25 Nov.), Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield deputed "John Putnam of Salem, the younger, his cousin" to be his attorney, (Essex Court Records, IV, 100.). In an account book of John Gould, grandson of Zaccheus, born 1662, died 1726, is found an entry by him as follows, "Grandfather Gould lived in Buckinghamshire, and Grandfather Deacon in Hertfordshire, in Hempstead town in Corner Hall." In this same book are references to John Putnam, a contemporary, alluded to as "cousin." Jeremy Gould, a brother of Zaccheus, had wife (Priscilla Grover and was living in Aston Abbotts in 1631, but was in Rhode Island in 1638. Another brother of Zacheus Gould was John, who lived in Bovington, and had a daughter Priscilla (who married a Grover and had in turn a daughter named after her,) and also a niece Priscilla Ware. Neither of these were of suitable age to have married with John Putnam. Both John Putnam and Zacheus Gould named daughters "Phoebe." Cousin was the term in use in the early part of the 17th century to indicate nephew, and as there appears no opportunity for a Putnam-Gould marriage either way, the only alternative is to adopt the suggestion that John Putnam and Zacheus Gould had married sisters.

According to Prof. Gould, Phoebe, wife of Zaccheus Gould, was a daughter of Thomas and Martha Deacon of Corner Hall. Thomas Deacon of Corner Hall was the father of Thomas, born in 1609, who was B. A. Oxford, 1627, and grandfather of Lt. Col. Thomas Deacon, the Parliamentary soldier. It is probable that the Thomas Deacon of Corner Hall, called grandfather by John Gould, was born some years prior to 1585. Bovington the home of the Goulds and of the Deacons is part of Hempstead, and is but eight miles from Tring. It is an interesting coincidence that Richard Deacon, the Queen's secretary, purchased the two chief manors in Stewkley, Barns and Littlecote, in 1503, which in 1521 he gave by will to his son Richard who was of Marston Morteyn, Beds., and died 1543.

There is an entry in Lechford's Note Book under date of 22 Feb., 1640, "For drawing Articles for Mr. Cradocke & Gould and Putnam (6s)". Just what these articles related to is not revealed, but the reference is either to John Putnam or his eldest son Thomas. It was in 1640 that John Putnam settled in Salem. There is no record of his having been in any other part of New England prior to his appearance in Salem. His son, Thomas, first settled in Lynn, and his coming is thought to have preceded his father's. In 1685-6, Nathaniel Putnam deposed that he was aged sixty-five years and had lived in Salem for forty-six years, and his brother John made a like statement, giving his age as

fifty-eight years and his residence in Salem as about forty-five years, both of which statements agree with the date 1640 as that of the coming of their father. As it is not likely that the removal was affected in the winter season, either John arrived in the preceding year or else his son Thomas is the person referred to by Lechford. There is no authority for the date 1634, sometimes given as that of the arrival of John Putnam, other than family tradition, probably originating with Deacon Edward Putnam who left a brief geneology of the family compiled in 1733. In this same record is found the following account of the death of John Putnam, "He ate his supper, went to prayer with his family and died before he went to sleep."

Grants of land, were made by the town of Salem to John Putnam and to his sons on their own account. The first grant is not of record, and the land so granted was not occupied by him. The earliest recorded grant, which was that on which he established his homestead, was 100 acres, on the 20-11mo., 1640, or January, 1641 new style.

"At a meeting the 20th of the 11th month (1640), there being present, Mr. Endicott, Mr. Hathorne, John Woodbury, Jeffry Massy, the selectmen, there was "Granted to John Putnam one hundred acres of land at the head of Mr. Skelton's Farme between it and Elias Stilemen the elder his Farme, if there be an hundred acres of it. And it is in exchange of one hundred acres wch was graunted to the said John Putnam formerly & if it fall out that there be not such there then to be made up neere Lieutenant Davenport's hill, to be layd out by the towne. And tenne acres of meadow in the meadow called the pine meadow if it be not there formerly graunted to others." There was also "Graunted Fiftie acres of land unto Thomas Putnam and Five acres of meadow both to be layed out by the towne."

At a meeting of the selectmen, 17-3 mo., 1652, "There being formerlie graunted unto John Putnam Sen' 50 acres of land and complaint being made that the said land laid out to him is to soe much it is ordered that the layers out of the land shall make up what the said land shall want of his grant in land lying between his sonne Nathanaells land and Richard Huchisson."

At a meeting of the selectmen, 26-9 mo., 1649, there was "Graunted to Nathanael Putnam Fiftie acres of land lying beyond Elias Stileman Farme bounding, upon Mr. Thorndicke & some upon Captaine Hathornes Farmes."

At a meeting of the selectmen, 26-12mo., 1654-5, there was "Graunted to John Putnam Jun' 30 acres of upland neare adioyning to the Farmes of Captayne Hathorne John Rucke and William Nicols, being in exchang of the 30 acres he should have had at the end of Captaine Hathorne his Farme," and the same day it was "Ordered that wheras there is a small portion of rockie land adioyning unto the farm latelie in the possession of Captaine Hathorne but now possest by John Jutam Sen' Richard Huchisson Daniell Ray and John Hathorne upon the request of the said parties the said Rockie land is graunted unto them upon consideration of the summe of twenties shillings."

In deeds John Putnam is described as both husbandman and yeoman. He was a man of substance and probably of a much education as his contemporaries, but neither seeking or desiring public office. In 1653 he divided his lands between his sons Thomas and Nathaniel, having evidently already granted his homestead to his younger son John.

From the Salem Church Records we find that Priscilla wife of John Putnam was admitted a member of that church 21-1 mo., 1641, that he was admitted 4-2 mo., 1647, and his daughter Eliza in 1643.

There is no record of the death of his wife, nor settlement of either her or his estate. John Putnam died 30-10 mo., 1662.

At a general town meeting held the 7th day of the 5th month 1644 it was recorded "that twoe be appointed every Lords day to walke forth in the time of Gods worshippe, to take notice of such as either lye about the meeting house without attending to the word or ordinances, or that lye at home or in the fields, wihout giving good account thereof, and to take the names of such persons & to present them to the Magistrate, whereby they may be accordingly proceeded against.

John Putnam and John Hathorne were appointed for the ninth day. The others were Stileman, Verin, Batter, Downing, Molton, Ingersoll, Pettingall, Porter, Barney, Johnson, Clark, Haynes, Hutchinson, Bishop and Ray, all men of prominence and to whom the town people looked with respect.

Children of John and Priscilla Putnam, baptized at Aston Abbots, Bucks.:

- (2) Elizabeth, bapt. 20 Dec., 1612; "Eliza Putnam" admitted to the church at Salem, 1643.
- (3) Thomas, bapt. 7 March 1614-5; died in Salem Village, 5 May, 1686.
- (4) John, bapt. 24 July, 1617; buried at Aston Abbots, 5 Nov., 1620.
- (5) Nathaniel, bapt. 11 Oct. 1619; died in Salem Village, 23 July, 1700, aet. "about 79 or 80."
- (6) Sara, bapt. 7 March 1622-3.
- (7) Phoebe, bapt. 28 July, 1624.
- (8) John, bapt. 27 May, 1627; died at Salem Village, 7 April, 1710.

(8) CAPTAIN JOHN PUTNAM, baptized at Aston Abbots England, May 27, 1627; died at Salem Village, April 7, 1710; married, at Salem, 3-7-1652, Rebecca Prince, "step-daughter of John Gedney", and perhaps sister of Robert Prince, a near neighbor.

Children, born at Salem Village:

- (9) Rebecca;; born May 28, 1653; m. April 22, 1672, John, son of Thomas Fuller.

- (10) Sarah; born Sept. 4, 1654; m. July, 1672, John, son of Richard and Alice Hutchinson of Danvers; died August 2, 1676.
- (11) Priscilla; born March 4, 1657; died Nov. 16, 1704;; m. Joseph Bailey;; killed by Indians at Kennebunk, 1723.
- (12) Jonathan; born March 17, 1659.
- (13) James; born Sept. 4, 1661.
- (14) Hannah; born Feb. 2, 1663; m. May 17, 1682, Henry, son of Henry and Abigail Brown.
- (15) Eleazer; born 1665.
- (16) John; born July 14, 1667.
- (17) Susanna; born Sept. 4, 1670; m. prev. to 1695, Edward, son of Edw. Bishop of Danvers.
- (18) Ruth; born August, 1673; bapt. 1st Ch., Salem, Aug. 1673.

On the 14th of May, 1667, the following children of John Putnam were baptized at the First Church in Salem: Rebecca, Hannah, John, Sarah, Priscilla, Jonathan and James.

John Putnam was made freeman in 1665. He was constantly to the fore in all matters relating to town or church government. In 1668 and 1670, he with both his brothers signed a petition to be allowed a minister at the "Farms." His name occurs among the following Putnams on a petition of the Village to be set apart from Salem, dated March 14, 1681-2,

"Thomas Putnam senior John Putnam Nathaniel Putnam John Putnam jr.	Jonathan Putnam Thomas Putnam jr. Edward Putnam."
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November 10, 1689, the following members of the church at Salem were set off to form the church at Salem Village, now the North Parish in Danvers. They had had preaching for some years.

"Bray Winkins and wife Nathaniel Putnam John Putnam and wife Joshua Ray and wife Nathaniel Ingersoll Thomas Putnam Ezekiel Cheever Peter Prescott	Peter Cloyce John Putnam jr. and wife Benjamin Putnam and wife Deliverance Wolcott Henry Wilkins Jonathan Putnam and wife Benjamin Wilkins and wife Sarah Putnam wife of James."
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Summing up the connection of John Putnam with church affairs we have the following: He was not connected with the church in any official capacity except as occasion might arise when his influence was needed to collect rates, etc., for the minister; he himself was generous in providing for the wants of the minister and the church. He was a man of decided opinions, naturally supported Bayley, who was the brother of his son-in-law, opposed Burroughs bitterly, accepted Parris. His house was oc-

casionally the meeting place for the church meetings. He did not hesitate to invoke the law where the affairs of the church were concerned.

In his business career we find many interesting facts. Under date of 1678, John Putnam testifies to having heard a conversation in 1643 between Governor Endecott and one of his men, the deponent being then on the Endecott farm, and in 1705 he testifies that he had fifty years before been a retainer on Governor Endecott's farm and was intimately acquainted with the Governor. It is evident that his father had sent him to the Governor's farm to learn the science of agriculture, as this farm was known throughout the colony as a model place, where the latest and most approved theories were in practice. From this school of agriculture he seems to have gone forth well prepared to clear a farm for himself, for in 1658 he deeds some twenty acres of meadow land on north side of Ipswich river to Robert Prince, styling himself "Planter." As he was married in 1652 he probably remained with Endecott some time between his fifteenth and twenty-first years. From this time to his death he was constantly acquiring property, following the calling of a farmer of the highest and most intelligent class. He also entered more or less into the speculative enterprises of his time.

In 1674 at Rowley Village (now Boxford) Simon Bradstreet, Daniel Dennison and John Putnam established iron works. These were constructed and carried on upon a large scale, on contract, by Samuel and Nathan Leonard.

In this connection the following extract is interesting: "John Gould his book of accounts 1697 an account of the weight of the iron plates that cozen Putnam had. Thomases weighed 260. Samuells weighed 330. Samuell Smith weighed 170."

That John Putnam was successful in the management of his affairs is shown by his tax rate. He paid 8 lbs. in 1683 and until a few years before his death was among the heaviest tax payers in the Village. Some years previous to his death he gave his property to his children, always with reservations as to his maintenance, and the last year of his life his property was rated only for a few shillings.

It was in the military affairs and witchcraft delusion that his character is best shown. In 1672 he is styled corporal; on the 7th of October, 1678, he was commissioned lieutenant of the troop of horse at the Village; after 1687 he is styled "Captain". As late as 1706 "Capt. John Putnam in company with Capt. Jonathan (his son) was empowered to settle town bounds." He served in the Narragansett fight and retained his military manners throughout his life. In 1679 and later he was frequently chosen to present Salem at the General Court to settle the various disputed town bounds. He was selectman in 1681.

He was deputy to the General Court in May, 1679, to succeed Mr. Martholomew Gedney and again for the regular terms of 1680-1686-1691-1692, previous to the new charter. On the 12th of May, 1686, he received the following order from the town of Salem: "In case Mr. Dudley &c. said to be nominated and authorized by his Majesty to Edict another Government here, do publish

a Loyal Nullification of the charter and a commission from the King for their acceptance of the Government. Here then our instruction to you is—That you give no countenance to any resistance, but peaceably withdraw yourself as representing us no longer.” This was just previous to the Andros administration. It is seen above that he was returned to the General Court again in 1691, after the Revolution, but of the part that John Putnam played during the intervening time we know nothing.

That he was alive to the needs of education among the growing generation while absorbed in military and political affairs and his own business, the following entry shows: Jan. 24, 1677, “ordered and empowered to take care of the law relating to the catechising of children and youth be duly attended to all the Village.” He is desired to have “a diligent care that all the families do carefully and constantly attend the due education of children and youth according to law.”

We come now to the part he took in the witchcraft delusion; the same causes alluded to under Nathaniel were active in his case. Family pride, the strong feeling of kinship, his stern education, quick temper and obstinate nature, all tended to influence his action which was excusable according to the ignorant and narrow superstitions of the time. One side of his character is known by the following extract from Upham:

In 1683, the Court order Rev. George Burroughs to settle with the parish at Salem Village. This settling was interrupted in a most arbitrary manner, as the following deposition shows:

“(County Court, June, 1683—Lieutenant John Putnam versus Mr. George Burroughs. Action of debt for two gallons of Canary wine, and cloth, &c. bought of Mr. Gedney n John Putnam’s account, for the funeral of Mrs. Burroughs.”)

“Deposition”.

“We whose names are underwritten, testify and say, that at a public meeting of the people of Salem Farms, April 24, 1683, we heard a letter read, which letter was sent from the Court. After the said letter was read, Mr. Burroughs came in. After the said Burroughs had been a while in, he asked ‘whether they took up with the advice of the Court, given in the letter or whether they rejected it.’ The moderator made answer, ‘Yes, we take up with it,’ and not a man contradicted it to any of our hearing. After this was passed, was a discourse of settling accounts between the said Burroughs and the inhabitants, and issueing things in peace, and parting in love, as they came together in love. Further we say that the second, third and fourth days of the following week were agreed upon by Mr. Burroughs and the people to be the days for every man to come in and to reckon with the said Burroughs; and so they adjourned the meeting. . . . We further testify and say, that May the second, 1683, Mr. Burroughs and the inhabitants met at the meeting house to make up the accounts in public, according to their agreement the meeting before; and just as the said Burroughs began to give in his accounts, the marshall came in, and after a while went up to John Putnam, Sr., and whispered to him, and said Putnam said to him ‘You know what you have to do; do your office’. Then the marshall came to Mr. Burroughs and said ‘Sir, I have a writing to read to you’. Then he read the attach-

ment and demanded goods. Mr. Burroughs answered 'that he had no goods to show and that he was now reckoning with the inhabitants, for we know not yet who is in debt but there was his body.' As we were ready to go out of the meeting house, Mr. Burroughs said, 'Well, what will you do with me?' then the marshall went to John Putnam Sr. and said to him 'What shall I do?' The said Putnam replied, 'You know your business.' And then the said Putnam went to his brother Thomas Putnam, and pulled him by the coat; and they went out of the house together, and presently came in again. Then said John Putnam 'Marshall take your prisoner, and have him up to the ordinary (that is a public house) and secure him till the morning'."

(Signed) "Nathaniel Ingersoll, aged about fifty.

Samuel Sibley, aged about twenty four."

"To the first of these, I, John Putnam, Jr., testify, being at the meeting."

Again—Thos. Haynes testified, "after the marshall had read John Putnam's attachment to Mr. Burroughs, then Mr. Burroughs asked Putnam what money it was he attached him for. John Putnam answered 'For five pounds and odd money at Shippen's at Boston, and for thirteen shillings at his father Gedney's and for twenty four shillings at Mrs. Darby's;' then that Nathaniel Ingersoll stood up and said, 'Lieutenant, I wonder that you attach Mr. Burroughs for the money at Darby's and your father Gedney's when to my knowledge, you and Mr. Burroughs have reckoned and balanced accounts two or three times since, as you say, it was due, and you never made any mention of it when you reckoned with Mr. Burroughs.'"

John Putnam answered "It is true and I own it." John Putnam as chairman of the Committee the previous year represented the inhabitants. "As there was really no case against Burroughs and as there was even while these proceedings were taking place, a balance due Burroughs, the case was withdrawn."

From the above we learn the obstinate character of John Putnam and those who sided with him.

Upham says, writing of the scene at the above described meeting, "We can see the grim bearing of the cavalry lieutenant, John Putnam, and of his elder brother and predecessor in commission.... But the chief figure in the group is the just man who rose and rebuked the harsh and reprehensible procedure of the powerful landholder, neighbor and friend though he was. The manner in which the arbitrary trooper bowed to the rebuke, if it does not mitigate the resentment of his conduct, illustrates the extraordinary influence of Nathaniel Ingersoll's character and demonstrates the deference in which all men held him." Burroughs lived with John Putnam nine months in 1860 after his first coming into the settlement.

Another trouble in which John Putnam took a leading part was the matter of the bounds between Salem and Topsfield. There was a strip of territory claimed by both towns. This land had been granted to settlers by Salem who had taken up their farms in good faith. Topsfield claimed these lands, unimproved and improved, as part of its commons and refused to acknowledge the titles given by Salem. There were many fights in the disputed territory between the people of the towns and much bad feeling existed.

John Putnam with two of his sons had land there and had two houses, orchards and meadows in the disputed territory. He maintained his ground throughout the dispute, resisting force with force. The records are full of this dispute: it was finally settled by a separate township being formed, called Middletown. The action taken by John Putnam in these matters shows him to have been a man without fear and tenacious of his rights.

His opponents in both of these cases were, however, among the accused during the witchcraft delusion, but I do not think that John Putnam used his influence against them. He does not seem to have appeared as a witness of any moment during the proceedings, although he was more or less prominent as shown above, in the quarrels immediately preceding the trials. That he did not believe in all of the statements of the afflicted children is evident, as his name, with that of his wife, occurs on the document testifying to the good character of Rebecca Nurse, and on testimony favorable to others of those accused, but he seems never to have spoken out in open opposition, as did his nephew, Joseph Putnam.

The will of John Putnam is not on record; he seems to have disposed of his property by deed to his children. As early as 1690 he deeds one hundred acres to Jonathan and to James, and in 1695, ninety acres to John.

His residence was on the farm originally occupied by his father, now better known as Oak Knoll, the home of the poet Whittier.

Rev. Joseph Green makes the following note in his diary: "April 7 (1710). Captain Putnam buried by ye soldiers."

The graves of both Captain John and of his father are unmarked. The present Wadsworth Cemetery was originally the Putnam burial place and in some of the many unmarked graves probably their remains lie. Here are buried the families of his sons James and Jonathan and many others of his descendants in later generations. The oldest stone is dated 1682, and is that of Elizabeth the first wife of Jonathan Putnam. All of the graves seem to have had at some time head stones and foot stones but most are now broken off level with the ground. Many of these still standing are broken. Although the cemetery was presented to the parish by Rev. Mr. Wadsworth, no care was taken to preserve the ancient memorials of the dead.

In 1947 R. G. Putnam erected a granite marker on this plot. This plot is quite small—about 12 by 30 feet.



(15) ELEAZER, born Salem Village, 1665; died there 25 Jany., 1732-3; Married, first, Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Hutchinson) Boardman, born in Ipswich, 18 Feb., 1670-1; married, second, 14 Nov., 1711 (published 19 Oct., 1711), Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Benj. and Apphia (Hale) Rolfe of Newbury, born there 15 Dec., 1679; died 2 Jan., 1752. She was a sister of Abigail, wife of Nathaniel Boardman, a brother of Eleazer Putnam's first wife.

Children:

- (19) Hannah, born 8 Dec., 1693; bapt. Topsfield, 16 Sept., 1694.
- (20) Eleazer, born 8 Sept., 1695; bapt. Topsfield, 9 Aug., 1696.
- (21) Sarah, born 26 Sept., 1697.
- (22) Jephtha, born 24 Aug., 1699; bapt. Salem Village, 25 Aug., 1700.
- (23) Joseph (not mentioned by Savage, and of whom we know nothing.)
- (24) Samuel, born 30 May, 1707; bapt. 15 June, 1707.
- (25) Henry, born 14 Aug., 1712; bap. Salem Village, 17 Aug., 1712; killed 19 April, 1775.
- (26) Apphiah, born 8 July, 1716.

In the possession of the family in Cortland, N. Y., are papers once the property of Henry (born 1712) and among them is the following account of his immediate relatives:

"On Jany. 25th, 1733, Eleazer Putnam Departed this Life about 16 minutes after 3:00 the clock in the afternoon in ye 65 year of his age. Mother died Jany. 2nd 1752 between 7 & 8 in ye morn."

Again "The age of Hannah is 50 in 1749.
The age of Eleazer is 54.
The age of Jephtha is 30.
The age of Samuel is 42."

Eleazer Putnam lived in Danvers and was more prominent in town and church affairs than his brother, James. He settled on a farm north of the Gen. Israel Putnam house and near the Topsfield boundary on the present Preston place. He was a farmer and probably well off.

Eleazer and Hannah Putnam were admitted to the church in Salem Village, 7 May, 1699, and on 31 Jan., 1717-18, he was made deacon of this church. In 1700 he was chosen tythingman for the Village and again in 1705. He was constable during the year 1708 and surveyor of highways on Topsfield road in 1711.

In 1690 Eleazer Putnam had been one of Captain William Raymond's company enlisted for the "Canada Expedition." The General Court thought so well of this command that in 1725 a grant of land was made to the officers and soldiers, or their

heirs, in Merrimack. Afterward this grant, being found to be in New Hampshire, was located on the Saco river. During the witchcraft delusion Eleazer Putnam "drew his rapier" and punched at an imaginary devil or two which seemed to be torturing one of the afflicted girls. According to the ancient depositions his thrusts were as effective against the witch as against the French and Indians a couple of years before.

His will is dated 3 Oct., 1732, and probated 9 April, 1733; in it he mentions his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Hannah Peabody and her children, Nathan, Hannah and Elizabeth; his sons Eleazer and Jephtha and daughter Apphiah Putnam; his sons Samuel and Henry to be executors. An inventory of the estate was returned by Samuel Putnam, executor, 22 Jan. 1733-4.

(22) JEPHTHA, born Salem Village, 25 Aug., 1699; died in Sutton 23 Apr., 1772; married, first 11 Mar., 1728, Ruth Fuller, who died 1742-43, or, according to the History of Sutton, Ruth Ray; married, second, at Beverly, 8 Jan., 1746, Mrs. Ruth Hayward of Beverly, born, 1727; died Jan., 1779.

Children, probably all born in Sutton:

- (27) Benajah, born 27 Aug., 1725; d.y.
- (28) Samuel, born 19 May, 1727.
- (29) Hannah, born 13 Aug., 1728; m. 28 May, 1748, Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Ruth Woodbury of Sutton.
- (30) Ebenezer, born 22 Feb., died 5 Mar., 1730.
- (31) Ruth, born 18 Oct., 1732 or 33; m. 5 Nov., 1751, Stephen Holman of Sutton.
- (33) John, born 27 July, 1738.
- (34) Mary, born 23 Oct., 1741.
- (35) Benajah, born 7 Sept., 1747.
- (36) Gideon, born ———.

Jephtha Putnam probably moved to Sutton as early or earlier than 1725. 26 Dec., 1723, John Hutchinson of Salem, husbandman, sold for £150, to Jephtha Putnam of Salem, carpenter, a farm of 129 acres, more or less of said farm being in town of Sutton. This grant bounded on the west on Cornelius Putnam's land. This deed was done at Salem; but on 14 Dec., 1726, Jephtha Putnam "of Sutton or living on the farm formerly Mr. Davenport's of Boston that adjoins to the town of Sutton" for £180, sells to Isaac Putnam of Topsfield, yeoman, thirty-three acres of Davenport's farm which bounded on said Isaac's land. This was done at Sutton and Elisha Putnam and Jonathan Fuller were witnesses. Both Jephtha and his wife Ruth were admitted to the church at Sutton, 6 Oct., 1728. His son Fuller inherited the farm and lived there.

(28) SAMUEL PUTNAM, May 19, 1727. His family moved to Sutton, Mass.

Married to Kenzia Hayward Sept. 22, 1757.

To this union there was only one child of record:

(37) Howard; born February 10, 1762.

SAMUEL PUTNAM, enlisted in the Revolutionary army May 1st, 1775, in Capt. Arthur Daggets Co. of Col. Ebenezer Learned's Regiment. Marched to vicinity of Boston, took position of Roxbury where they were on duty at the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill, forming a part of the right wing of the army under General John Thomas, whose duty it was to prevent the British from making a flank attack on Cambridge. Quite a number of casualties occurred in this regiment at this time. He was discharged January 1st, 1776, and reenlisted in Capt. Putnam's Co., Col. Jonathan Holman's Regiment (5th Reg. Mass. Inf.), part of the "Sutton Regiment". This regiment took part in the action around Boston up to the time of the evacuation of Boston by the British. From there they proceeded to Rhode Island; thence to Long Island where they engaged in battle; thence across Manhattan Island and up the Hudson where they were again engaged in a hard-fought battle, where they proved to be the best in the American army. They were next ordered to Vermont to assist Gen. Stark hold back the British, under Gen. Burgoyne, where they engaged in the Battle of Bennington. They were next ordered to join Gen. Gates near Saratoga where they were engaged in this battle. They took Fort Edward and held it against the British counter-attack. After this they were discharged and returned home. He again enlisted about January 3rd, 1778, in Col. Math Wade's Regiment and served until January 1st, 1779.

(37) HOWARD PUTNAM, born at Sutton, Mass., February 10, 1762. Served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting May 27, 1777, from Worcester, Co., Mass. Was first assigned to Captain Burbeck's Co. of Col. Crane's Regiment, which was the Third Continental Artillery. Was later transferred to Captain David Cook's Co. of the same regiment. He was discharged March 15, 1780, and reenlisted July 1, 1780, in the Sixth Mass., Regiment at Springfield, Mass. His age when given at this time was 19 years; height 5 feet 8 inches; complexion light; home address Sutton, Mass. His Captain's name was Samuel Flower; his Colonel, John Groaton. They were first sent to Camp Orrington, then to Camp Totoway, where they were under command of Brig. Gen. Paterson. He was then transferred to Captain Jos. Crocker's Co. of the same regiment. They were then sent to Camp West Point, N. Y., where he was discharged Dec. 5, 1780. During his service he was actively negaged in the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown, Mud Island, where he was wounded in the left arm; Red Banks and Monmouth.

Married Hannah Green of Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass., March 25, 1784, who was born December 28, 1764, and died in Wabash Co., Illinois, then Edwards Co., Illinois, December 30, 1814.

Children:

- (38) Mary (Polly); born December 3, 1784, at Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass.; died Wabash Co., Illinois, December 25, 1814.
- (39) Samuel; born September 11, 1787, at Newbriton, Columbia Co., N. Y.; died Wabash Co., Illinois, March 10, 1846.
- (40) Hannah; born October 1, 1789, at New Canan, Columbia Co., N. Y.; married Geo. Claypoole of Knox Co., Indiana Territory, May 13, 1813; died December 19, 1850, at Lee Co., Iowa.
- (41) Lucinda; born December 15, 1791, at Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y.; married Edward Brians.
- (42) John; born May 5, 1794, at Delaware Co., N. Y.; married Nancy Chaffee; died July 12, 1834, Wabash Co., Illinois.
- (43) Eber; born April 12, 1796, at Delaware Co., N. Y.; married Tryphosa Ballard August 28, 1817.
- (44) Martha (Patty); born May 24, 1798, at Chenango Co., N. Y.; married Joseph Ballard Decmebr 29, 1815; died October 26, 1866.
- (45) Howard; born April 29, 1800, at Orid, Cayuga Co., N. Y.; married July 11, 1815, to Cora Jones; Married July 24, 1824, to Rosey (or Roey) Washburn, at Knox Co., Indiana, by F. Graeter; died December 1, 1829.
- (47) Rebecca; born July 18, 1807, at Knox Co., Indiana Territory; married Jno. Frair; died January 4, 1871, at Wabash Co., Illinois.

Howard Putnam married after the death of his first wife a widow whose name was Caroline Jones. She was born in 1782, and had three children when she married Howard. To this union were born two children:

- (48) Sarah; born 1818; married February 24, 1834, to Wm. R. Sprague, as per records at Vincennes, Indiana; married second James Evans.
- (49) Rufus; born February 24, 1822; married January 20, 1843; died June 5, 1898.

The records at Vincennes, Indiana, show the following:

Jacob Jacobus, Sr., married Mrs. Caroline Putnam on January 13, 1835;

Henry Fisher married Ropa Putnam November 21, 1835.

After the Revolutionary War, the next record of Howard Putnam is his marriage to Hannah Green of Leicester, Worcester Co., Mass., on the 25th day of March, 1784. They lived at Leicester a short time where a daughter, Mary, also called "Polly", was born. They moved to New Briton, Columbia Co., N. Y. where Samuel was born in 1787. From there they moved to New Canan in the same county, where Hannah was born in 1789. From there they moved to Franklin in Delaware Co., where Lucinda was born in 1791, John in 1794, and Eber in 1796. From there they moved to Chenango Co., N. Y., where Martha (also called "Patty") was born in 1798. From there they moved to Orid, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where Howard was born in 1800 and Daniel in 1802. From there they moved to Knox Co., Indiana Territory, perhaps about 1804, and were living in Knox Co., when Rebecca was born in 1807. In 1814 we find them living in Edwards Co., Illinois Territory, where Mary died December 25 and her mother died five days later, December 30th. It is not known at this time just what part of Edwards Co., they live, or where they were buried. In 1807 Knox Co., Indiana, included the territory that now is Wabash Co., Illinois. It is reasonable to conclude that Howard Putnam lived at or near the fort built by Levi Compton in 1802, or the one not far built by John Stilwell in 1804. Both of these forts were located in Township One North Twelve West and not far from the present town of Allendale, so when Rebecca was born it was then Knox Co., Indiana Territory, instead of Wabash Co., Illinois. From 1809 to 1824 this territory was included in Edwards Co., so when Mary and her mother died in 1814 naturally they lived in Edwards Co., Illinois Territory, while in fact they lived in same place all the time.

Palmyra was not the first settlement in this part of the state as some have claimed. It was located on the site of an old Indiana village. Just north of where the town was, there are a number of Indian mounds that mark the last resting place of the Indians who died of an epidemic that later drove the white people from this section. There are still to be found in the field, signs of buildings such as brick from the chimney of the old government land office building. The location of this can be found by going north from the bridge over the Crawfish Creek about one-half mile, then east to the bank of the Wabash River.

The next record of Howard Putnam we have is when he wrote his consent for his daughter, Patty, to marry Joseph Ballard, dated December 25, 1815. The original is in the old files in the county clerk's office at Albion, Illinois.

In 1818 while living in Knox Co., Indiana, Howard Putnam applied for pension. The claim was allowed. (Claim S.17032).

In a report to the Bureau of Pensions in 1825, he referred to his second wife, Caroline, age 43 years, and her three children; and his own children, Sarah, age 7, and Rufus, age 3 years.

Howard Putnam likely lived in the vicinity of Claypoole Hills in Knox Co., Indiana, about due east of Old Palmyra, where he died January 24, 1834. It is said that at the time of his death the Wabash river was frozen over, and that the body was taken to the Illinois side by horse and sled and buried in the Illinois Cemetery, no doubt by the side of Hannah and Mary. After the death of Howard, little is known of the Indiana part of the family.

The records at Vincennes show that Caroline married Jacob Jacobus, Sr., January 13, 1835; Sarah married Wm. R. Sprague February 24, 1834; Ropa Putnam married Henry Fisher November 21, 1835.

(43) EBER PUTNAM, lived in Wabash Co., Illinois, southwest of Mt. Carmel.

Born April 12, 1796, at Delaware Co., N. Y.; died April 29, 1846.

Married Tryphosa Ballard August 28, 1817; the records at Albion, Ill., show that they were married by Jervase Hazleton, J.P., of Palmyra, Edwards Co., Illinois Territory; born July 2, 1799; died February 12, 1862, age 62 years 7 months, 10 days—buried at Bethel Belmont Cemetery.

Children:

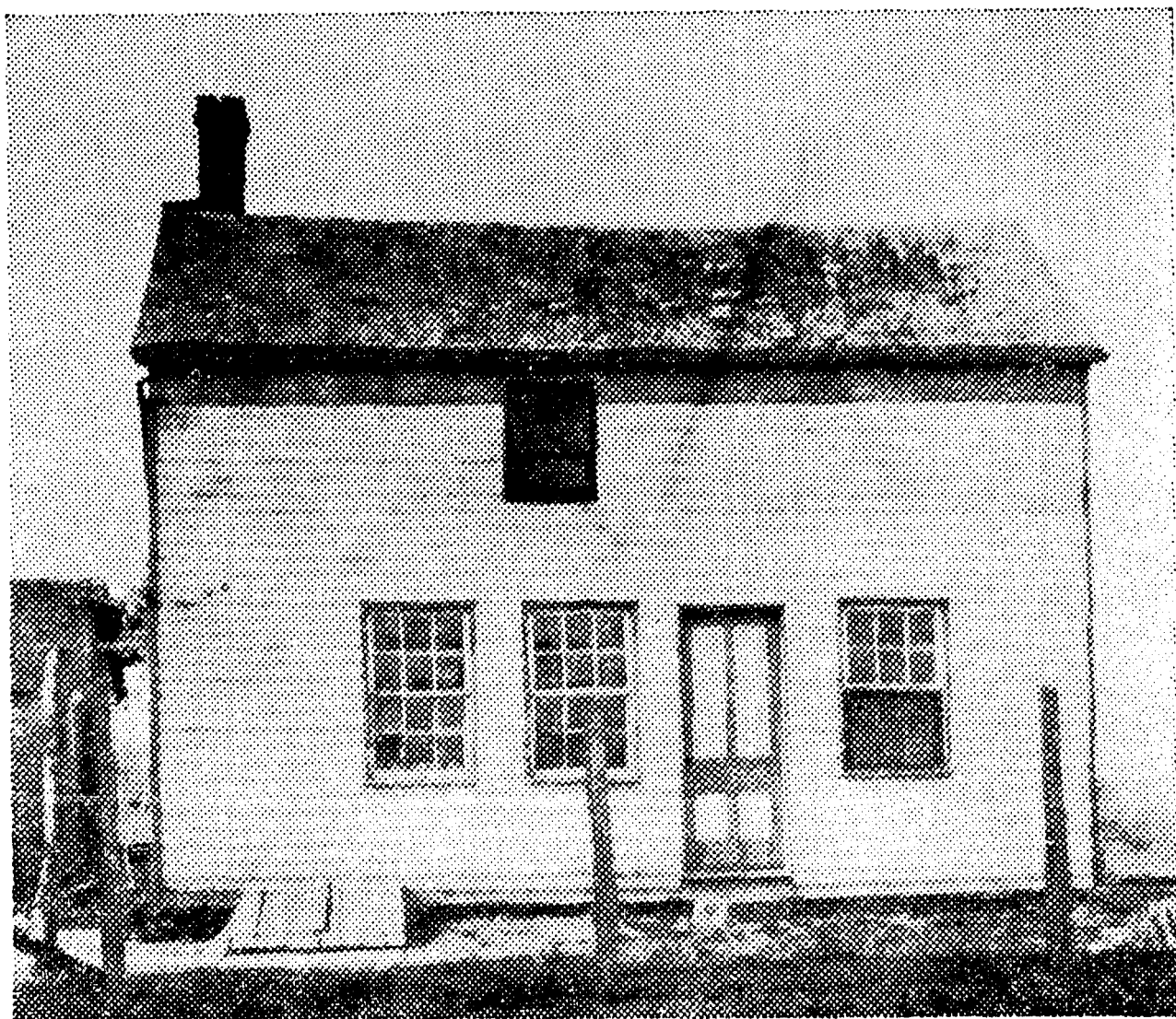
- (50) Amreta; born August 16, 1818, at Wabash Co., Illinois; married February 5, 1835, to Jno. Cash; lived in Sharp Co., Arkansas; had a son in Confederate Army, and one daughter by name of Wolf; died September 27, 1903, at Sharp Co., Arkansas.
- (51) Ann; born July 20, 1820, in Wabash Co., Illinois; married March 20, 1842, to Wm. McClain; married February 18, 1862, to Chas. McClane; had two sons by first husband—Eber died May 31, 1868, age 21 years, 5 months, 17 days, buried at Belmont Cemetery; she died November 2, 1893, buried in Belmont Cemetery.
- (52) Alfred; born September 15, 1822, at Wabash Co., Illinois; married August 16, 1853, to Rebecca McClane; died April 4, 1876.
- (53) Lester, born February 13, 1825, Wabash Co., Illinois; did not marry; died December 3, 1850, in California.
- (54) Hannah; born October 12, 1826, at Wabash Co., Illinois; married March 18, 1846, to James Talbott; lived at Hartford, Iowa, 1880, also at Ford Warren Co., Iowa; had a son named Marion, daughter Allie.
- (55) Nancy J.; born May 18, 1830, Wabash Co., Illinois; married August 5, 1854, to Henry Parmenter; died May 14, 1904.
- (56) Lafayette; born April 11, 1832; died January 28, 1842.
- (57) Benjamin F.; born March 22, 1834; died October 13, 1837.
- (58) William H.; born August 19, 1841, Wabash Co., Illinois; married March 22, 1866, to Mariam King; died February 8, 1890, buried Friendsville, Ill., Cemetery.

Tryphosa Putnam was one of the first members of the Church of Christ at Coffee Creek, later known as the Keensburg Christian Church.

Eber Putnam lived southwest of Mt. Carmel on what is now known as the Lutz place.

On this farm there is a house in which they lived that was in excellent state of preservation. It was built with a basement under the north two rooms, made of brick. The main house was frame and weatherboarding, two stories. This house was built before Eber Putnam bought the farm in 1832, so it is well over 100 years since it was built.

This farm is described as the south end of the west half of northeast quarter, Section Number One, Township Number two, South Range Number Thirteen West, for the sum of \$86 dollars and 85 cents. This deed was made by Jarus Fordyce and Susan Fordyce, his wife, to Eber Putnam. Witnessed by Andrew F. Dyar and Elizabeth Dyar. Andrew F. Dyar (J.P.) (Seal).



EBER PUTNAM HOME ON FARM. BUILT BEFORE 1832

ALFRED PUTNAM (Eber, Howard). Born Sept. 15, 1822, in Wabash Co., Illinois. Lived northwest of Belmont on his farm at Kitchens Bridge. Died April 4, 1878. Buried in Bethel Cemetery at Belmont, Ill. Married Rebecca McClane, Aug. 16, 1853.

Children:

Louida T.; born Sept. 13, 1854. Married John Groff.

Lester; born Aug. 27, 1857. Married Hannah Buchanan. Died Feb. 19, 1882, left one child, Lulu, who married James Long, no children.

Alfred G.; born Nov. 25, 1859. Died Jan., 1890. Wife, Nora Sherer; had two boys, Lester and Forest.

Lafayette F.; born Oct. 26, 1861. Died ————. Married Clara Barker; had children, William, Retta, Bertha and Nina.

David Zolley; born Jan. 25, 1868. Died ————. Married Kate Epler; children, Grace, Cleo and Carol.

Elton P.; born Nov. 30, 1869. Married Georgia E. Britian. Children Gladys and Lyle. Lived at Wichita, Kans. He is not living in 1948, as mail directed to him is returned.

JEREMIAH BALLARD. Moved into Wabash County about 1813 when the territory was Edwards County, bought a quarter section of land described as the N.E. Quarter of Section 3 in One North Thirteen West. This is one mile east of Lancaster, and includes what is now the farms of Isaac Gisewhite, Emil Shoaf, and the William Gisewhite place. They lived on the farm until the death of Jeremiah, likely in 1823. He was buried on the farm. A stone marked his grave until recently someone has removed it and has cultivated over the grave. His wife, Elizabeth, was the administrator of his estate and on Dec. 3, 1824, she sold the farm to John Key for \$120.

Children of record are as follows, but I am sure there were more:

Joseph; born May 25, 1792. Married Martha Putnam.

Died May 27, 1858. Buried in Bethel Cemetery near Belmont, Illinois.

James; born 1796. Died 1875.

Tryphosa; born July 2, 1799. Married Eber Putnam. Died Feb. 12, 1862.

JOSEPH BALLARD (Jeremiah) Born May 25, 1792. Died May 27, 1858. Buried at Bethel Cemetery near Belmont, Ill. He was a farmer and New Light Preacher. Married Martha (Patty) Putnam (daughter of Howard Putnam), Dec. 29, 1815.

Children:

Ira; born 1819. Married Ellen Miller. Lived in Wisconsin.

Asiel; born 1822. Lived in Wisconsin.

See p. 28 * Jeremiah; born 1822³. Married Nancy Rigg. Died 1904. Buried in Bethel Cemetery near Belmont, Ill.

Howard; born 1825. Married Mary Jane McClain. Died 1874. Buried in Bethel Cemetery near Belmont, Ill.

Barton; born 1836. Married, 1st Eliza Rigg, 2nd Earilda Bratton. Died 1905. Buried in Bethel Cemetery, near Belmont, Ill.

Daniel; born 1828. Married Eliza Milburn.

← James; born 1828. Married Jane Baird.

Mary J.; born . Married John McCleary Rigg.

Rebecca; born 1832. Married 1st Wm. Brumfield; 2nd Wm. Rigg.

JAMES BALLARD (Jeremiah). Born about 1796. Lived near Friendsville, Ill. Died about 1875. Buried in Friendsville Cemetery.

Q. A. Ballard lived at Friendsville, Ill. Buried in the Friendsville Cemetery. Born about 1832. Died . Had three boys that are known:

Ora Ballard; born ; died . Lived in Friendsville, Ill.

Walter Ballard; born ; died . Lived in Friendsville, Ill.

Burns Ballard; born ; died .

Burns Ballard lives away from here, do not know just where.

The Q. A. Ballard family are related but do not know just how, likely Q. A. Ballard was a son of James Ballard.

RUFUS PUTNAM (Howard). Born Knox County, Indiana, Feb. 24, 1822. Married, first, Syntha Bradley, Jan. 20, 1843, born Sept. 18, 1827, died July 13, 1862, at Epworth, Iowa.

Children:

Howard B.; born Dec. 14, 1844. Died July 8, 1924.

William F.; born Sept. 1, 1846.

John; born April 7, 1848. Died June 2, 1931.

Albert; born March 16, 1850.

Polly C.; born June 11, 1852. Died April 6, 1854.

Asa Lloyd; born April 6, 1854.

Sarah; born June 24, 1856. Died Oct. 24, 1882.

James Rufus; born March 10, 1859.

Married, second, Rosina Eastman, Oct. 5, 1863, born June 15, 1844, died Oct. 29, 1915.

Children:

Syntha Ann; born Aug. 31, 1864.

Charles E.; born Jan. 8, 1867.

Mary Ida; born Jan. 7, 1869; died Jan. 15, 1885.

Bertha A.; born Sept. 22, 1871.

Frank E.; born Feb. 10, 1879.

Myrtle B.; born Feb. 16, 1882.

Richard V.; born Dec. 21, 1885; died Jan. 1, 1893.

Rufus Putnam lived at Epworth, Iowa, in the Civil War times and at Oakland, Iowa, when he died on June 3, 1898.

WILLIAM F. PUTNAM (Rufus Howard). Born Sept. 1, 1846. Married Mary Ann Rizor Sept. 19, 1866. Born July 22, 1848, died June 24, 1926, at Knoxville, Iowa.

Children:

Vilena Belle; born June 4, 1867.

Frank Cambron; born June 16, 1869. Died July 13, 1871.

Tessa Estella; born Sept. 3, 1871. Married Caulkins.

William Delmer; born July 21, 1874. Died July 28, 1897.

Loren Rezin; born May 1, 1878.

Mary Bertha; born Feb. 5, 1883.

Chester Lloyd; born Sept. 19, 1886.

William F. Putnam was living at Epworth, Iowa, when he enlisted in the service in the Civil War and served in the 21st Iowa Volunteer Infantry from Aug. 5, 1862, until mustered out on July 15, 1865, at Baton Rouge, La.

WILLIAM H. PUTNAM (Eber, Howard). Born Wabash Co., Illinois, Aug. 19, 1841; died Feb. 8, 1890. Married March, 1866, to Mariam W. King of Claremont, Ritchland Co., born Sept. 1, 1849, died April 28, 1896.

Children:

Simeon King; born Richland Co., Illinois Dec. 21, 1866, died Nov. 25, 1925, at Lancaster, Wabash Co., Illinois.

John Abraham; born Wabash Co., Illinois, Aug. 19, 1869, died Aug. 28, 1896; buried at Friendsville, Illinois.

Emma Maude; born Jan. 23, 1872; married W. E. Courtner Jan. 24, 1890; married, second, G. W. Rose, Jan. 9, 1901; died Aug. 20, 1940.

Chas. Wilmer; born July 21, 1874; married Clara V. Tauquary March 31, 1897; died July 16, 1933; buried at Mt. Carmel.

William Thomas; born March 23, 1877; married Zella Davis Dec. 18, 1912; died at Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 4, 1917; buried at Friendsville, Illinois.

Frank Alfred; born Oct. 23, 1880; married Bessie Keen March 29, 1903.

Ross Griffith; born March 11, 1883; married Kate E. Milligan Sept. 1, 1907.

Ira Ballard; born March 19, 1886; married Cecelia Howell Jan. 10, 1915; died June 15, 1938; buried, Bartow, Fla.

William and Mariam Putnam were members of the Barney Prarie Church, the eldest church of Disciples in the state of Illinois. They lived northwest of Friendsville three miles, one mile west of the Nathaniel Brown place. Both are buried in the Friendsville Cemetery on the same lot with John and William.

After the death of William H. Putnam, Mariam married William H. Gould who lived about one year and is buried the first grave north of her. William H. Putnam is buried the first grave south of her.

William H. Putnam enlisted October 25, 1861, in Co. G, 48th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Description as follows: Born in Wabash County, Illinois; 5 feet 7½ inches height; light complexion, blue eyes, light hair; occupation, farmer.

Company G was assigned to the 48th Illinois Infantry mobilized at Camp Butler near Springfield. They left Mt. Carmel by wagon, drove to Bridgeport, where they took the train for Camp Butler. After training there, they moved to a camp near Cairo, Illinois; from there they moved in Kentucky; were engaged in combat at Columbus, Ky., in January, 1862; then at Fort Henry, Tenn. February 7, 1862; Fort Donelson, Tenn., February 13 to 16th; Shiloh, Tenn., April 6 and 7, 1862; Seige of Corinth May, 1862; Seige of Vicksburg, Miss., June 15 to July 4, 1863; Black River, Miss., July 5, 1863; Jackson, Miss., July 10th to 16th, 1863; Mission Ridge, Ga., November 24th and 25th, 1863; Seige of Knoxville, Tenn., December, 1863; Ringgold, Rebecca, Dallas, New Hope, Big Shanty Station, Little Kenesaw Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Sand Town, Peach Tree Creek, Decatur, and

at Atlanta, Ga., July 21, 1864, where he was wounded in the right chest. He was in the hospital for a long time and on wounded furlough, and rejoined his regiment at Raleigh, North Carolina. He then remained with the regiment in their march through to Washington, D. C., where they took part in the Grand Review in May, 1865. They were then sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they were discharged August 15, 1865.

William H. Putnam home was located in Lancaster Precinct in Wabash County, Illinois, in Section 11 Township 2 North 13 West, 91 acres, also 120 acres in Section 10 adjoining this land on the west, making 211 acres in all.

The part in Section 11 was purchased from William Liddle in the fall or winter of 1866. William moved to this farm in the late winter of 1866 or spring of 1867. At that time there was a log house on the farm, one very large room and one slightly smaller, one large room on the second floor. There was a porch on the east of the large room with a small bedroom enclosed. The entrance to this room was from the porch. On the north of the smaller room there was a frame kitchen and a porch. Just west of this kitchen there was open space with a roof connecting the storage room that was usually called a smoke house.

When this farm was purchased it was said there was no water available, but William soon proved this to be false for he soon sank two everlasting wells.

When William was in his teens he lived with relatives in Pittsburgh, Ind., who was in the nursery business. Here he learned horticulture which was very useful in after life.

He developed a fine orchard, not very large, but of good variety. He prepared piles of brush and logs on the north and west of his orchard to be fired on cold nights to prevent fruit being killed at critical times.

He was the first in that country to grow grass strips to control erosion. He had a fine lot of stock and produced large grain crops. He used a Buck Eye binder and mower.

In 1888 he built a new, modern home for that day. The house was built with a solid brick foundation with a cellar under one room used for storage of provisions, three rooms and hall on the second floor. A picture of this is shown.

In those days most families had dinner bells, used to call the folks to dinner or to be used for many uses. One night William was awakened by an unusual light to discover that the house of Ebenezer Couch was on fire. He rushed out and rang the dinner bell which awakened the entire neighborhood.

In those days there were very few watches. Nearly everyone had clocks, many run by weights. We had a one-day Seth Thomas clock that struck the hour. Our house was built in line with the north star, so we could always tell the correct time at noon when the sun was shining.

We cleared land to be added to the cultivated fields. Each year the timber from this clearing furnished material for picket and wire fences, rails for rail fences, also fuel for cooking and heating. My father had a power saw he used to saw stove wood. The power was furnished by horses hitched to the machine to travel in a circle. The poles were hauled to the wood pile and sawed into stove length in a very short time.

MARIAM W. KING was of a family of friends who lived in Little Britain Township, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of

Thomas R. King; born June 17, 1811, died Nov. 20, 1891.

Wife Violetta L. Griffith, Burks Co., Pa.

Son of

Joshua King; born 1776, died 1838.

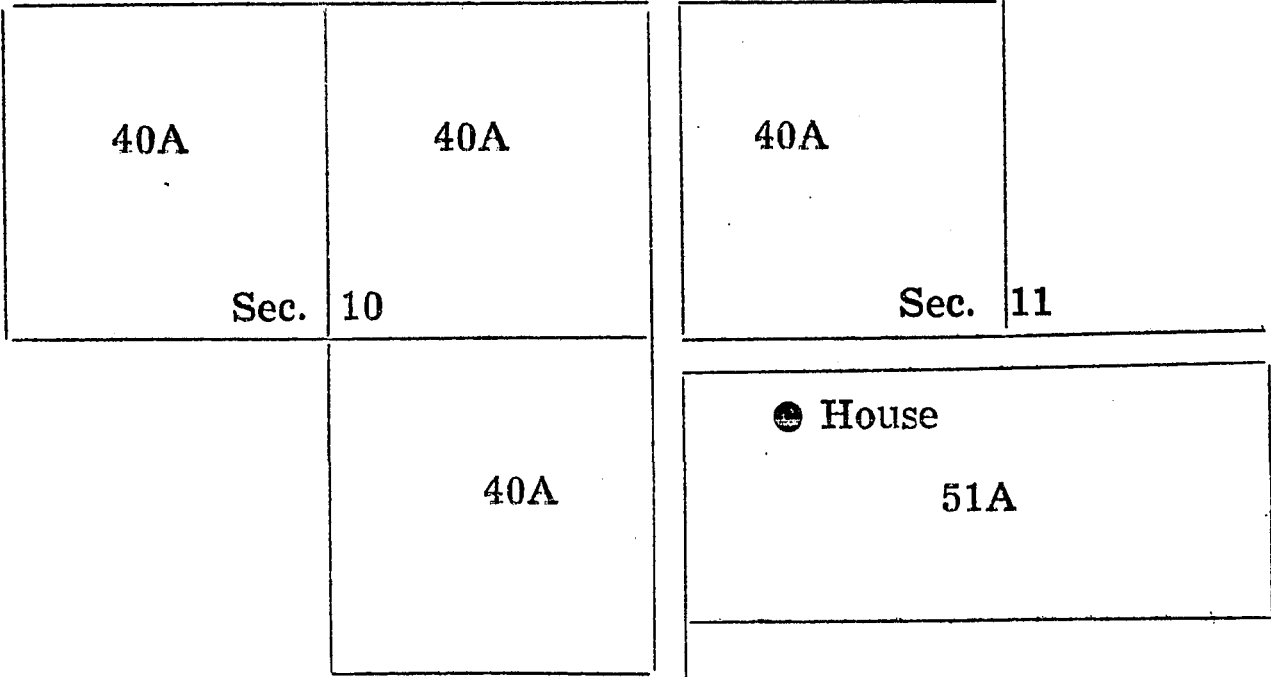
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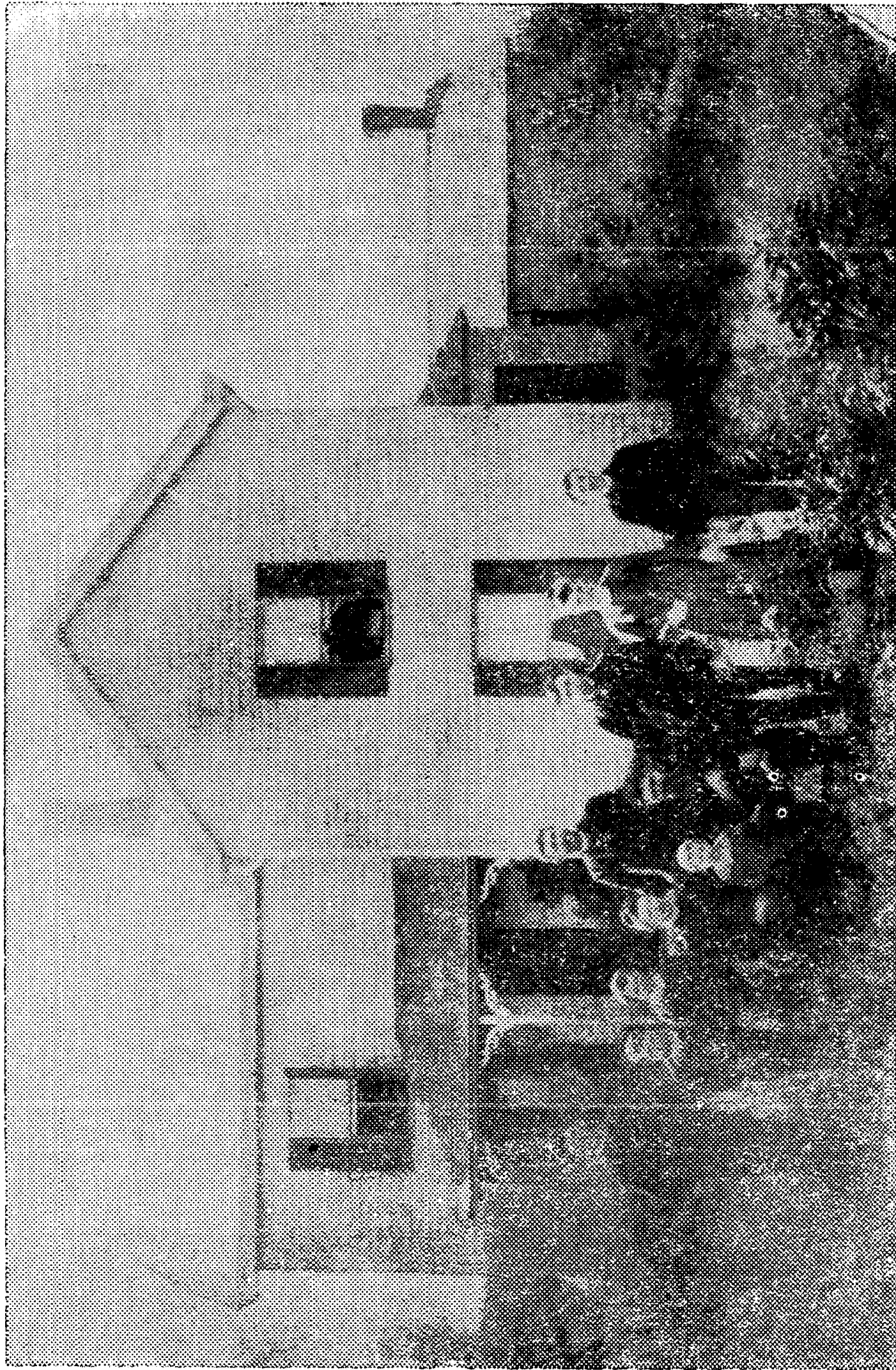
Vincent King; born May 5, 1720, died Oct. 4, 1801.

Son of

James King; born 1673, died 1768.

WILLIAM PUTNAM FARM, WABASH COUNTY, ILLINOIS





WILLIAM H. PUTNAM HOME, BUILT 1888

SIMEON KING PUTNAM. Born Dec. 21, 1866. Died Nov. 2, 1925. Married Sarah L. Courter, Feb. 23, 1888.

Children:

William Hugh; born March 10, 1889.

Mariam Elizabeth; born July 11, 1892.

Emma Jane; born Feb. 21, 1894. Died Nov. 2, 1905.

Inez Mary; born Sept. 27, 1896.

Lester Mayo; born Jan. 12, 1900.

Harry Percy; born Feb. 15, 1902. Died, 1941.

Carl Donivan; born Oct. 15, 1905.

Clifford Courter; born Oct. 8, 1908.

CHARLES W. PUTNAM (William, Eber, Howard). Born July 21, 1874. Died July 16, 1933. Married Clara V. Tanquary March 31, 1897.

Children:

Violet, born August 30, 1898.

Sharon R., born November 12, 1900.

Arthur T., born Septembere 26, 1902.

Hannah Lucille, born December 16, 1905.

Mark A., born February 27, 1910.

Emma Laura, born February 20, 1912.

FRANK ALFRED PUTNAM. Born Oct. 23, 1880. Married Bess O. Keen, ~~Nov.~~^{May} 29, 1903.

Children:

Leo Alfred; born May 18, 1904. Married Nova Wagoner.

Beulah Maud; born Nov. 12, 1905. Married Paul Wagoner.

Gladys Ethel; born Nov. 18, 1907. Married Frank Baker.

George W.; born April 14, 1910. Married Edna Aline Berkshire.

Eber A.; born Sept. 10, 1913.

Mary Alma, born July 10, 1919. Married Charles Putnam.

ROSS GRIFFITH PUTNAM (William, Eber, Howard). Born March 11, 1883. Married Kate E. Milligan, Sept. 1, 1907, (born Oct. 28, 1886). Graduate of the St. Louis Watchmaking School, Dec., 1904. Worked as watchmaker at Harrisburg for the Grant Jewelry Co. from 1905 to 1908, when he went to Eldorado where he went into business. Continued there until Dec. 31, 1941, when the business was transferred to his son, William H. Putnam, who continues. During the Spanish-American War he served in the army, Co. 1 29th U. S. Infantry, in the Philippine Islands for nearly two years in the latter part of the Philippine Insurrection. In Eldorado, he served several years on the Board of Education as a member and as its president, also one term as Mayor of Eldorado. He has been active in the Christian Church, serving as Deacon, Elder and Chairman of the Church Board.

Children:

Miriam J.; born Aug. 19, 1910. Married Lorin Wright of Eureka, Ill. Live at Lawrenceville, Ill. Engaged in the jewelry business. Have two children, Miriam Esther, born Sept. 21, 1933, and Elizabeth Jane, born April 23, 1946.

William H.; born Sept. 30, 1913. Married Helen Milburn June 8, 1933. Children, William M., born Dec. 4, 1938, and Ross E., born Feb. 20, 1945. Live at Eldorado, Ill.

Katherine Elizabeth; born July 20, 1924. Lives at 440 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

IRA BALLARD PUTNAM ((William, Eber, Howard). Born March 19, 1886. Married Cecelia Howell at Keensburg, Illinois. Died at Bartow, Florida, June 15, 1938.

Children:

Fern F.; married Raphiel Beach. Children, Robert and Earlyne. Live at 324 Rio Vista Ct., Tampa 4, Fla.

Earl; born ————. Died when about 17 years of age at Bartow, Fla.

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Jeremiah Ballard

Born 18 May, 1823 Bellmont, Ill.

Died 22 Dec, 1904 Buried Bethel Cemetery, Bellmont.

m. Nancy Rigg, dau. of John + Mary (Hunter) Rigg

Children:

Roseline M. b. 1850

Benjamin b. 1855

William b. 1861

Henry E. b. 1863

Sarah b. 1852

John R. b. 1857

Augusta b. 1867

Henry Ellsworth Ballard

b. Mar. 25, 1863 Bellmont, Ill.

d. Nov. 5, 1922 Buried Bethel Cem., Bellmont

m. Harriette M. Coale, dau. of Phillip + Eliz. Coale
on Nov 3, 1880.

Children:

Grace Edna b. 1883

Dale Iradell b. 1885

Noel Jeremiah b. 1891

Lelia Vaughn b. 18__ "Pink"

Noel Jeremiah Ballard

b. Aug. 9, 1891 Bellmont, Ill.

d. Feb. 8, 1958 Buried Anderson, Ind.

m. 1st Florence Mae Howe, dau. of Morris
and Kathryn Howe of Brook, Ind.

Children:

(1) Loei Harriette b. 1916 Valparaiso, Ind.

(2) John Ellsworth b. 1918 Indianapolis, Ind.

(1) Loei H.

b. Mar. 10, 1916

m 1st James M. Miley of Anderson, Ind.

Children:

Judith Vivian b. 1940 Dixon, Ill.

James Manning Jr. b. 1943 Dixon, Ill.

m. 2nd Ralph Chambers

(2) John E.

b. Aug. 2, 1918

m. Norina Brown of Anderson, Ind.

Children:

Nancy Joanne b. 1946

Barbara Anne b. 1948

John Ellsworth Jr. b. 1953

