

DESCENDANCY  
of  
**JOHN PUTNAM (b 1515) and MARGARET [PUTNAM]**

John's parents are not known to us

Margaret's parents and birthdate are not known to us

Note 1: Material in larger type is from our family history database maintained by KFE (Karl Frederick Edler Jr), while additional material in smaller type is written by BFE (Barbara Ann Fisher), wife of KFE.

Note 2: Information in this Section is primarily from the late Constance Helen Boland Putnam of Falls Church VA. She generously shared material from her extensive research with us, so that we can have this Section of "All-People" for our children and their cousins. She had much more information in her files but, as amateur family historians, we have chosen to follow only direct lines of descent for these families. We have, however, added some information that has recently come to our attention, which was not available to Ms Putnam. We think she would be pleased.

Note 3: Names of direct ancestors of Ms Putnam's grandchildren are underlined.

**I. John<sup>1</sup> Putnam** was probably born 1515 Rowsham hamlet, Wingrave, Buckinghamshire. He married Margaret [Putnam]; at least one child. She probably died 27 Jan 1768/69 Wingrave. He probably died 2 Oct 1573 Wingrave, age about 58.

Wingrave and Aston Abbots are near one another, about 5 or 6 miles NE of Aylesbury, which is about 38 miles NW of London. Some information is available about the area today. A helpful website about Wingrave is <[dotukdirectory.co.uk.d152816.html](http://dotukdirectory.co.uk.d152816.html)>

**A. Nicholas<sup>2</sup> Putnam**, born 1540 Wingrave, married Margaret Goodspeed 30 Jul 1577 Wingrave; five children. She was baptized 16 Aug 1556 Wingrave. He died 27 Sep 1598 Wingrave, age about 58. She died 8 Jan 1619 Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire, age 64.

Ann Putnam, born 12 Aug 1578.

John Putnam, baptized 17 Jan 1579/80 -- below.

Elizabeth Putnam, born 11 Feb 1581.

Thomas Richard Putnam, born 20 Sep 1584.

William Putnam.

**1. John<sup>3</sup> Putnam**, baptized 17 Jan 1579/80 Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, married Priscilla Gould about 1611; eight children born Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire. She was born about 1585. Her parents were Richard Gould and Elizabeth Deacon. Richard's parents were Richard and Jane Gould. John, Priscilla, and some of their children came to America 1634 and settled 1640 in Salem MA on a 100 acre grant. The three sons held important offices in town, military and parish affairs. John died 30 Oct 1662 Salem Village, Essex Co MA, age 83. Priscilla may have died 30 Dec 1662, age about 77.

Elizabeth Putnam, born 20 Dec 1612.

Thomas Putnam, born 1614 -- next page.

John Putnam, born 1617, died 1620 England, age about three.

Nathaniel Deacon Putnam, born 10 Oct 1619, married Elizabeth **Hutchinson** about 1651; he died 23 Jul 1700 Salem MA, age 80. Son Benjamin (24 Dec 1664-1715); grandson Nathaniel (5 Aug 1686 Salem--11 Oct 1754 Danvers).

Sarah Putnam, born Mar 1622/23.

Phebe Putnam, born Jul 1624, died 30 Apr 1630, age about eight.

Phoebe Putnam, born May 1627, died 7 Apr 1710, age almost 83. We suspect an error here, because of two daughters with similar name.

Lt John Putnam, born May 1627 (twin of Phoebe), married Rebecca **Prince**; he died 1710, age about 83. Stephen Putnam, a Minuteman in 1775, was their grandson and was father of Susanna Putnam who married Daniel Putnam 1797, page 21-3.

a. Thomas<sup>4</sup> Putnam, born 7 Mar 1614 Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire, was educated in England and came to America 1638, age 24. He married Ann **Holyoke** 1643 Lynn MA; eight children. She died 1665. He married Mary Veron 1666; at least one child.

He had a town house in Salem Village on Essex Street, and built a house in 1648 at the foot of Hawthorne Hill on 300 acres of land granted to him by the Royal Governor. Originally a four or five room salt-box, it later became a 14 room house with eight fireplaces and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. He's said to have been the heaviest taxpayer in Salem Village. He died 5 May 1686 Salem, Essex Co, age 72.

Children of Thomas and Ann:

Ann Putnam, born Jun 1645, married William **Trask**.  
 Sarah Putnam, baptized 1648 (not mentioned in father's will).  
 Mary Putnam, born Aug 1649 (not mentioned in father's will).  
 Thomas Putnam, born Jan 1652, married Ann **Carr**.  
 Edward Putnam, born May 1654.  
 Deliverance Putnam, born 1656, married John **Walcott**.  
 Elizabeth Putnam, born Jun 1659, married Joshua **Bayley**.  
 Prudence Putnam, born 1661, married William **Wyman**.

Child of Thomas and Mary:

Joseph Putnam, born 1669 -- below.

i. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Putnam, born 14 Sep 1669 Salem Village, Essex Co MA, married Elizabeth Porter 21 Apr 1690; 13 children. He brought her to America the same year. She was born 1673. Her father was Hahn Porter.

Joseph is said to have staunchly opposed witchcraft accusations and the trials which took place at the village church. He offered sanctuary of his house to accused persons and kept a horse ready for flight around the clock for six months. He was recognised as a scholar and a man of great ability.

He died 1724/25 Salem Village, age about 55. Elizabeth died 1746, age about 73.

Mary Putnam, born Feb 1690, married Bartholomew **Putnam** 1710.  
 Elizabeth Putnam, born Apr 1695, married Jonathan **Putnam** 1714.  
 Sarah Putnam, born 1697, married Eleazer **Putnam** 1716.  
 William Putnam, born Feb 1700, married Elizabeth **Putnam** 1723.  
 Rachel Putnam, born Aug 1702, married John **Trask** and married John **Leach**.  
 Anne Putnam, born Apr 1705, married Jethro **Putnam** 1726.  
David Putnam, born 1707 -- below.  
 Eunice Putnam, born Apr 1710, married Thomas **Perley** (son of Capt Thomas).  
 twin son and daughter, born Apr 1713, died as infants.  
 Huldah Putnam, born Nov 1717, married Francis **Perley** (son of Jacob) 1734.  
 Israel Putnam, born 1718 -- below.  
 Mehitabel Putnam.

a) Col David<sup>6</sup> Putnam, born 25 Oct 1707 Salem Village, married Rebecca Perley -- see page 21-3.

b) Maj Gen Israel<sup>6</sup> **Putnam**, born 7 Jan 1718 Salem Village, married Hannah **Pope** 1739; ten children, five daughters (names not known to us) and five sons. He commanded, under George Washington, at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He is credited with the famous order "Don't fire 'til you see the whites of their eyes!" He died 1790, age about 72.

Israel Putnam Jr (we refer to him as Israel Jr only to distinguish him in this document from his famous father).

David Putnam may have died in infancy.  
 Daniel Putnam.  
 David Putnam.  
 Peter Putnam.

**DAVID PUTNAM (b 1707) and REBECCA PERLEY (b 1710) and their descendants**  
from page 21-2

David's parents were Joseph Putnam and Elizabeth Porter  
 Rebecca's parents were Thomas Perley and Sarah Osgood

**a) Col David<sup>6</sup> Putnam**, born 25 Oct 1707 Salem Village, Essex Co MA, married **Rebecca Perley** 24 Nov 1728; nine children. She was born 28 Oct 1710. Her parents were **Thomas Perley** and **Sarah Osgood**.

Prominent in Danvers MA for over 50 years, David was known as a dashing cavalry officer throughout the colony. He died Mar 1769, age 62.

William Putnam, born Mar 1729.

Lucy Putnam, baptized Apr 1732, married Maj Ezra **Putnam**.

Allen Putnam, born 1732, died 1759, age about 27.

Mehitabel Putnam, born 1734, married Rev Edw **Perkins**.

Deacon Joseph Putnam, born 1739, died 9 Mar 1818, age about 79.

**Israel Putnam II**, born 1742 -- below.

Eunice Putnam, born 1745, died young.

David Putnam, born 1747, died 1766.

Jesse Putnam, born 1754, married Elizabeth **Meriam**.

We tried unsuccessfully to find whether Danvers may have been a later name for Salem Village, but they are a little too far apart on our maps. Now we think it may be that Danvers became the mailing address for Salem Village. Perhaps a future researcher could clarify this.

**i) Israel<sup>7</sup> Putnam II** was born 29 Jun 1742 Salem Village. (We refer to him as Israel II only to distinguish him in this document from his famous uncle.) He married **Sarah Eppes** 7 Feb 1771; five children. Her parents were Daniel and Hannah Eppes. Born about 1755, she died 8 Oct 1784, age about 29.

Secondly, Israel married Emma **Goodale** 22 Feb 1785; no children known to us. She was born about 1743. He was a farmer, said to have lived in the family house all his life. He died 23 Feb 1825 Danvers, Essex Co MA, age 82. Emma died about 1831, age about 88.

Allen Putnam, born 1772, died 1793 at sea, age about 21, unmarried.

**Daniel Putnam**, born 1774 -- below.

Israel Putnam, born 1776, died 1795, age about 19, unmarried.

Sally Putnam, born 1779, died 1811, age about 32.

Betsy Putnam, born 1782, died 1864, age about 82.

**(a) Daniel<sup>8</sup> Putnam**, born 8 Mar 1774 Danvers, Essex Co MA, married **Susanna Putnam** 30 Nov 1797; twelve children. Her parents were **Stephen Putnam** and **Susannah Herrick**.

Daniel and Susanna were third cousins, once removed. Susanna's father, a Minuteman in 1775, was a grandson of Lt John Putnam and Rebecca Prince, page 21-1.

Daniel later, along with sons Daniel Jr and Ahira, worked in a shoe shop on the family farm 1800-1847. Both sons died of typhoid fever when they were in their early 30s. Daniel Sr died 11 Feb 1854 Danvers, age 79.

Eliza Putnam.

Emma Putnam.

Allen Putnam may have died young.

Daniel Putnam Jr (we refer to him as Daniel Jr for identification in this document).

Ahira Putnam.

Ansel Putnam may have died young.

**William Richardson Putnam**, born 1811 -- next page.

Susan Putnam.

Maria Putnam.

Julia Putnam.

Ansel W Putnam.

Benjamin Putnam.

(i) William Richardson<sup>9</sup> Putnam, born 23 May 1811 Danvers, Essex Co MA, married Mary Phelps; 27 Aug 1839; three children. Her parents were Francis Phelps and Hannah Duchler.

William was a farmer, managing the family homestead for a while, then managing the nearby farm of the Hon Robert C Winthrop. William moved west to Red Wing, Goudhue Co MN, about 1867 and worked at the courthouse there until 1873. He died 18 Sep 1886 Red Wing, age 75.

Maria Phelps Putnam, born Apr 1843, married Wendell **Hood** Mar 1866; she died 1929, age about 86.

Robert Winthrop Putnam, born May 1845, died Jul 1862 in Civil War, age 17.

William Herrick Putnam, born 1848 -- below

a. William Herrick<sup>10</sup> Putnam was born 22 Jan 1848 Old General Israel Putnam House, Danvers, Essex Co MA. He went to Red Wing MN 1867 at age 19 because his sister, Maria Putnam Hood, and her husband were there. He was one of the earliest Masons in Red Wing, and became an alderman and mayor, active in church and library leadership.

He married Adeline Mary Rowell 1 Jan 1875; seven children. He married Nellie J Butte 10 Jul 1894; two children. She was born 1860. He died 26 Nov 1935 in MN, age 87.

Children of William and Adeline Mary:

Mary Putnam, born Dec 1874, never married.

William R Putnam, born Aug 1876, was an electrical engineer, died Nov 1957, age 81.

Francis Daniels Putnam, born 1877 -- below.

Anna E Putnam, born 1879, died 1880, age probably about one year,

Robert W Putnam, born Sep 1880, lived in MN.

Paul J Putnam, born Sep 1883, died Jan 1885, age about 1½.

Frederick W Putnam, born 1884, was an attorney in MN, died 1954, age about 70.

Children of William and Nellie:

Danforth Seaton Putnam, born May 1895, died Jan 1896, age eight months.

Richard Herrick Putnam, born Jul 1901, died Sep 1981, age 80.

i. Francis Daniels<sup>11</sup> Putnam, born 28 Sep 1877 Red Wing, married Marie Carolyn Jorgensen 20 Apr 1904 Red Wing; at least one child. Her parents were Hans Peter Jorgensen and Nannie Danielson. In 1935 Francis was in furniture manufacturing business Minneapolis MN.

He died 1 Oct 1952 Minneapolis, age 75, and was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Red Wing.

a) Frank Rowell<sup>12</sup> Putnam, born 16 Jul 1908, married Ellen Barron Hayes; two children, including the one shown below. She was born 1913. Her parents were Bert Alexander Hayes and Mary Barron.

Frank was in the US Navy, served at Pearl Harbor, and retired as Rear Admiral. He was later employed at Lockheed Corp, Sunnyvale CA.

Ellen died 1968, age 55. Frank died Jan 1989, age 80, buried Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Co VA.

i) Barron Hayes<sup>13</sup> “Barry” Putnam born 1937 Pasadena, Los Angeles Co CA, married Constance Helen Boland

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**BARRON HAYES PUTNAM (b 1937) and CONSTANCE HELEN BOLAND (b 1938)  
and their descendants**

**and**

**BARRON HAYES PUTNAM and JANET NISSA and their descendants**

from page 21-4

Barron's parents were Frank Rowell Putnam and Ellen Barron Hayes  
Constance's parents were Guy George Boland and Irma Marie Hodges  
Janet's parents and birthdate are not known to us

i) Barron Hayes<sup>13</sup> "Barry" **Putnam**, born 1937 Pasadena, Los Angeles Co CA, married Constance Helen "Connie" Boland 29 Dec 1962 Centella Methodist Church, San Jose, Santa Clara Co CA; one child, a daughter born 1965.

Connie was born 13 Mar 1938 Fresno, Fresno Co CA. Her parents were Guy George Boland and Irma Marie Hodges. Connie was adopted by George Henry **Fitzsimons**, her mother's second husband, but apparently did not use his surname.

Connie was an environmentalist and technical writer for the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Washington DC.

She and Barry were divorced 28 Dec 1981 Fairfax Co VA, and their daughter remained with her.

Barry later married Janet **Nissa**; one child, a son born 1990. They were divorced and their son remained with his mother. Barry married again before 2001; they were later divorced. Janet ended her life in the summer of 2004, and afterwards their son lived with Barry.

Connie retired about a year before she died 16 Jan 2001, age 62, at her daughter's home in Frederick MD, of pancreatic cancer.

Services were conducted by her half-brother, Rev Walter George Fitzsimons, 3 Feb 2001 Frederick MD, and 10 Feb 2001 San Jose CA, with burial Mission City Memorial Park, Santa Clara, Santa Clara Co CA.

Connie was very interested in family history, and gathered a great deal of information on the Putnam, Boland, Shirley, Page and related families. She is responsible for our being able to include this Section in "All-People" and we much appreciate her sharing with us.

-- See page 21-6 for some information about the BOLAND family --

(a) Lisa Colleen<sup>14</sup> **Putnam** was born 1965 Oakland, Alameda Co CA. She married Robert Bruce Wald 20 Jul 1991 Laurel Brigade Inn, Leesburg, Loudoun Co VA. Lisa's uncle, Rev Walter George Fitzsimons, officiated.

Robert was born 1965. His parents are Bruce Wald and Elizabeth Savilla Edler of Arlington VA.

Lisa and Robert were divorced 5 Dec 2002.

Two children: Heather Morgan (b 1992) and Adam Robert Christopher (b 1993).

With the marriage of **Lisa Colleen Putnam** and **Robert Bruce Wald**  
our **PUTNAM** lineage joins our **WALD** lineage  
-- see [{Section 17}](#) --

**-- Some information about the BOLAND family --**

referenced on pages 21-5 and 21-7

**I. Patrick James Boland** was born in Ireland Aug 1853, and immigrated to America 1860, age 7, probably with his parents. He married **Margaret Coffee**. She was born Feb 1864 Waterford City, Scotch Quay, Ireland. Her father was a master musician. Patrick is listed as a farm laborer in the 1900 census of Los Angeles Co CA. Eight children:

Mary Helen Boland, born 1884 -- below.

Margaret E Boland.

Eddie M Boland.

John W Boland.

William D Boland.

Veronica J Boland.

Clara M Boland.

Florence E Boland.

**A. Mary Helen Boland**, born 1 Mar 1884 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co CA, married **Shirley Page** 25 Apr 1911 Los Angeles. He was born 28 Mar 1893 San Francisco, San Francisco Co CA. His parents were **James Daniel Page** and **Maud E Shirley**. Mary Helen died 4 Mar 1970 Fresno, Fresno Co CA, age 86. Four children:

Guy George Boland, born 1912 -- below.

James Anthony Page, born 17 May 1913, Portland, Multnomah Co OR.

Larry B Page, born 2 Dec 1914, died after 1968.

Barbara Enid Page, born 11 Sep 1916, married Frank **McGrath**; she died after 1987.

-- See page 21-7 for some information about the PAGE family. --

**1. Guy George Boland** was also known as Guy Shirley **Page** (we don't know why Guy didn't always use Page as his surname). Born 12 Feb 1912 Hood River, Wasco Co OR, he married **Irma Marie Hodges** 5 Jun 1937 Gardnerville, Douglas Co NV; two children, including the one shown below.

Irma was born 24 Jan 1918, daughter of **Earl Barton Hodges** and **Sarah Jane Costello**. Guy and Irma were divorced 19 Feb 1946 Los Angeles Co CA.

She married George Henry **Fitzsimons**; two children, including the one shown below. George adopted Irma's children from her first marriage, but they apparently did not use his surname. He was born 11 Mar 1917 Dinuba, Tulare Co CA. We don't know his parents.

She died 19 May 1967 San Jose, Santa Clara Co CA, age 49. Guy died of pneumonia 12 Jan 1987 Fresno Co CA, age 74. George Henry died 10 Nov 1995 Menlo Park, San Mateo Co CA, age 78.

IRMA MARIE'S PARENTS -- Born 17 Apr 1887, Earl Barton Hodges died 26 Feb 1959, age 71.  
Born 18 Aug 1892, Sarah Jane Costello died 28 Dec 1949, age 57.

**a. Constance Helen "Connie" Boland**, born 13 Mar 1938 Fresno, Fresno Co CA, married **Barron Hayes "Barry" Putnam** -- see page 21-5.

**d. Walter George Fitzsimons** was born 1950. He is a minister in the Church of the Brethren, and he conducted marriage and burial services for his half-sister Connie.

-- **Some information about the PAGE family** --

referenced on pages 21-6 and 21-8

*Much of the information below is from Stephen R Page of Western Australia, a descendant of James and Julia Page. He corresponded with us via e-mail 2007-2008, citing newspaper obituaries and official documents from Vallejo, Solano Co CA. We are grateful to him for sharing his extensive research on the Page and related families.*

**I. James Davis Page**, born about 1825 Walpole MA, married **Julia A Kinney** 26 May 1850; two children. At the time of their marriage, he was a victualler. In 1867, he was a hotel keeper Solana Co CA. He was a restaurant keeper in Vallejo, Solana Co, when he died of a gunshot wound 13 Mar 1873, age about 48. Born 4 Dec 1835 Charlestown MA, Julia died 3 Nov 1894 Vallejo, age 58, buried Sunrise Cemetery, Vallejo.

**A. Julia C Page**, born 3 Nov 1850, married Augustus M **Street** 7 Aug 1869. A pattern maker at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, he was born about 1841. She died 31 May 1891 Vallejo, age 40. He died 11 Mar 1924, age about 83. Two children: Augustus M Jr, and Emma Maud.

**B. James Daniel Page** was born 3 May 1853 San Jose, Santa Clara Co CA. At the age of 15 (about 1868) he enlisted in the law offices of E Temple Emmet, and was admitted to the bar June 1878. Elected Justice of the Peace in 1887, he was elected District Attorney of San Francisco City and County in 1888. He was registered as a Republican and was active in several social organizations.

He married **Maud E Shirley** Jun 1889 Martinez, Contra Costa Co CA; one child. She was born 3 Nov 1863 Benicia, Contra Costa Co. Her parents were **Paul Shirley** and **Leonora Edmonia Gift**.

Accused of embezzlement in 1891, James fled the state. He eventually arrived in New York, where he was arrested and extradited to California. Indicted by Grand Jury 29 May 1895, he was found guilty as charged 23 Mar 1898. He was imprisoned at Folsom 19 Nov 1898, paroled 17 Jun 1901, and discharged 19 Mar 1904. Thereafter, according to San Francisco city directories over the next 15 years, he worked as a salesman. Before 1898 he and Maud were divorced, and she married William Carl **Gregg**; two children.

James died 5 Feb 1937 Laguna Honda Home, San Francisco Co CA, age 83.

-- See page 21-8 for some information about the SHIRLEY family --

-- See page 21-9 for some information about the GIFT family --

**1. Shirley Page**, born 28 Mar 1890 San Francisco, San Francisco Co CA, married **Mary Helen Boland** 25 Apr 1911 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co CA; four children. She was born 1 Mar 1884 Los Angeles. Her parents were **Patrick James Boland** and **Margaret Coffee**.

By Oct 1919, Mary had obtained a court order restraining Shirley from his children. The boys were temporarily wards of the State and admitted to St Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton OR, while Mary did housework for an attorney's family in Portland. Shirley seems to have been in a State Reformatory.

In 1921, Mary took the children and moved back to California. She was listed with them in the 1929 Fresno city directory, and son Guy was working as a clerk in the Tidewater Oil Co.

Shirley retired as a clerk for the Southern Pacific Company, and died 24 Oct 1968, Fresno, Fresno Co CA, age 75. Mary died 4 Mar 1970 Fresno, age 86.

-- See page 21-6 for some information about the BOLAND family --

**a. Guy George Boland**, born 12 Feb 1912 Hood River, Wasco Co OR, was also known as Guy Shirley **Page** (we don't know why he didn't always use Page as his surname). He married **Irma Marie Hodges**

-- see page 21-6.

**b. James Anthony Page** was born 17 May 1913 Portland, Multnomah Co OR.

**c. Larry B Page** was born 2 Dec 1914, and died after 1968.

**d. Barbara Enid<sup>3</sup> Page**, born 11 Sep 1916, married Frank **McGrath**. She died after 1987.

– **Some information about the SHIRLEY family** –  
referenced on pages 21-7 and 21-9

**I. Paul Shirley** was born 1828 in KY. He fought in the Mexican War (1846-48), serving under Gen George Stoneman, and went to California in 1849. He married Mary (Maryetta?) **Gift** 12 May 1857 Benicia Presbyterian Church, Benicia, Solano Co CA; one child. She was born about 1834 in TN. Her parents were **Robert Lee Gift** and **Laurin Choate**.

Secondly, Paul married Mary's sister **Leonora Edmonia "Nora" Gift** in CA before 1863; one child. She was born 1843. Nora died 1888, age about 45.

Paul was four times elected sheriff of Solano County. For more than 40 years he was a business associate of Lansing B Mizner, another early pioneer in California. Their business was chiefly the construction of wharves along the Carquinez Straits. Paul owned the ferry between Martinez and Benicia, and lands along both sides of the straits.

He was one of the outstanding Democratic politicians in the state and served as state senator from Dec 1875 to Jan 1880. He was appointed Warden of San Quenton Prison by Governor George Stoneman, his old Mexican War commander, and served from 1884-1888.

Paul died 11 Dec 1895 Martinez, Contra Costa Co CA, age about 67, buried in the family vault, Alhambra Cemetery, Martinez.

– See page 21-9 for some information about the GIFT family –

**A. Capt Albert Guy Shirley** was born 12 Mar 1859 Benicia, Solano Co CA. He died about 1907 Vallejo, Solano Co CA, age about 48.

**B. Maud E Shirley**, born 3 Nov 1863 Benicia, Contra Costa Co CA, married **James Daniel Page**; one child. They were divorced before 1898, and she married William Carl **Gregg**; two children. Maud died 24 Sep 1929, age 65.

– See page 21-7 for some information about the PAGE family --

1. **Shirley Page**, born 28 Mar 1890 San Francisco CA, married **Mary Helen Boland**

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2. Paul Shirley **Gregg** was born 11 Oct 1898 San Francisco, CA. He died in KY.

3. Nora **Gregg** was born about 1900.



– **Some information about the GIFT family** –  
referenced on pages 21-7 and 21-8

*Note: Information on this and the following page is primarily from Dorothy Hunter, citing census and other official records, and newspaper obituaries, from Memphis, Shelby Co TN. Her 2000 address: [bill2rec@wt.infi.net](mailto:bill2rec@wt.infi.net). We much appreciate her sharing.*

**I. Jonathan Gift** was born about 1750, probably in SC, probably Cheraws District, St Thomas Township. He married **Elizabeth Purnell**; at least four children. He died about 1834, age about 84.

**A. William Wirt Gift**, born 24 Oct 1796 in SC, married Elizabeth **Dodson** 26 Jul 1819 Sumner Co TN; eight children born in TN. She was born about 1795 in SC. Her parents were William Dodson and Katherine D **Williams**. William Wirt Gift relocated about 1849 from West Tennessee to California, via Panama, on the SS *Falcon*. Later others in the family joined him. He died 18 Apr 1881 in CA, age 84.

We note William’s middle name of Wirt, which was also used as a middle name in BFE’s Wall family, Section 4a. We have tried unsuccessfully to find the person the Gift family so honored.

Obviously, the entire trip couldn’t have been made by sea. The Panama Canal wasn’t yet built. We think he probably went south on the Mississippi River from Memphis TN, and boarded ship in New Orleans. The *Falcon* operated from Boston coastwise to Brazil, but stopped in Panama.

He would have had a difficult journey across the isthmus, because the railroad hadn’t been built either. Then he would have taken whatever ship was available to CA, followed by local transportation to the gold fields. It surely would have been a major adventure. We would like to know more.

1. John H **Gift** was born about 1820. He died about 1840 in TN, age about 20.
2. Catherine E **Gift** was born about 1821. She died about 1840 in TN, age about 19.
3. William Andrew Jackson **Gift**, born about 1823, married Mary [Gift]; at least six children, all girls. He and his family relocated from West Tennessee to California, via Panama, between 1855 and 1858. He died 1900 in CA, age about 77.

The 1860 census of Contra Costa Co CA shows William A J Gift, age 36, with the following:

Born in TN -- Mary (29); Sarah J (10); Mary S (9); Georgianna (7); Nancy (5); and William W (63, a farmer).

Born in CA – Rachel (2); and Catherine (3 mos).

We would like to know more about this family – such things as why they moved, whether they traveled alone or William W came back for them, etc.

4. Maria Louisa **Gift** was born about 1825. She died about 1878 in TN, age about 53. She became the great-great-grandmother of Dorothy Hunter, who provided most of the Gift family information.
5. Sarah Jane **Gift** was born about 1827. She died 1878 in TN of yellow fever, age about 50.
6. Edward D **Gift** was born about 1830. He died young.
7. George Washington **Gift** was born about 1833. He died about 1879 in CA.

George and his sister Rachael obviously traveled to CA later than their brother William, but we don’t know anything else about them, their journey, or what happened to them after they arrived.

8. Rachael Jackson **Gift** was born about 1835. She died about 1922 in CA, age about 87.

**B. James Gift** was born about 1803 (age 47 in 1850 census). He married Elizabeth **Douglas** 13 May 1835 Shelby Co TN; at least seven children. She was born about 1814.

**C. Robert Lee Gift**, born about 1808 in TN, married Laurin Choate 1833 Shelby Co TN; four children born in TN. She may previously have been married to (–?–) **Williams**.

Secondly, he married Eliza [Gift] in TN, probably between 1845 and 1848; one child born in TN. She was born 1812 in KY. We don’t know her parents, but believe her maiden name was **Stone** and that William Stone and Sally Stone were her brother and sister.

In Mar 1854 Robert relocated from West Tennessee to California, via Panama, with his brother-in-law William Stone. Robert married Ilana [Gift] about 1854 in CA; no children.

He died 17 Oct 1880 Hollister, San Benito Co CA, age about 72, buried Gilroy, Santa Clara Co CA.

Robert Gift and William Stone probably traveled the same route to CA as Robert’s brother William Wirt Gift did earlier. It is said they sailed on the SS *Sierra Nevada*, but we have been unable to verify that vessel at that time.

The 1850 Census of Shelby Co TN shows Robert (42); Eliza (38); Mary (16), William (13); Leonora (8); Emma (5); Robert (2); and Sally Stone (25, born in KY). Sally was probably Eliza’s sister.

The 1860 Census of Contra Costa Co CA shows Robert (50, farmer); William (22, trader); Leonora (17); and Emma (15). We know Mary had left home to marry, but we don’t know what had happened to Eliza and Robert.

1. Mary (Maryetta?) **Gift**, born about 1834, probably married Paul Shirley 12 May 1857

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2. William Robert **Gift** was born about 1837.

3. Leonora Edmonia “Nora” Gift, born 30 Mar 1843, married Paul Shirley before 1863

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4. Emma **Gift** was born about 1845.

5. Robert **Gift** was born about 1848.

**D. Henson Gift**, born about 1810 in TN, was at times a riverboat gambler. He died about 1850, age about 40, near Memphis, Shelby Co TN, possibly as the result of a duel.

– *This is the LAST PAGE of our Putnam lineage in this document* --

– **SELECTED RESOURCES, Section 21** –

*As explained on page 21-1, almost all the information in this Section is from the late Constance Helen Boland Putnam of Falls Church VA. She generously shared material from her extensive research, so that we can have Section 21 of “All-People” for our children and their cousins.*

*We have, however, added some information that has recently come to our attention, which was not available to Ms Putnam. We think she would be pleased.*

Some recent correspondents

Correspondence and notes from Stephen R Page <vk6bgn@wn.com.au> of Western Australia, 2007-2998, citing Massachusetts Vital Records, Coroner’s reports, obituaries in newspapers in flat files, death certificates, and US census reports and US Social Security records.

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