

PUTMAN, MITCHELL -- Born in Alabama in 1794. In the headright certificate issued to him in 1838 for one league and one labor of land by the Board of Land Commissioners for Jackson County it is stated that he came to Texas in April, 1835. He was a member of Captain William J. E. Heard's Company of Citizen Soldiers at San Jacinto and on June 26, 1851 he received Donation Certificate No. 348 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle. He was wounded in his right arm in the engagement, for which on January 17, 1839 he was issued a headright certificate for a league of land. On June 26, 1851 he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 895 for 320 acres of land for having served in the army from February 29 to May 29, 1836.

On December 9, 1838 while Mr. Putman was residing two miles below Gonzales on the Guadalupe River a band of Comanche Indians carried off four of his children--Rhoda, aged seventeen; James, aged ten; Elizabeth, aged six; and Juda, aged two years. The Indians at the same time carried off Matilda Lockhart, aged thirteen, daughter of Andrew Lockhart, a neighbor of Mr. Putman, and killed the four year old daughter of another neighbor. The children were in the woods together gathering pecans when the savages appeared. James and Juda Putman were restored to their parents within the course of a few months. Elizabeth was kept for two years, when her father traded a grey mule for her. The eldest daughter, Rhoda, eventually married an Indian and became a member of the tribe. Twenty-seven years later, however, Mr. Chenault purchased her from the Indians and returned her to her parents. She is buried in the

Putman family cemetery.

Mr. Putman was married to Elizabeth Loyd. Mr. Putman died in May 1884, and is buried in a marked grave in the Putman family cemetery four miles from Wrightsboro, Gonzales County.

James Putman, son of Mitchell Putman was married to Miria Nash.

Elizabeth Putman, daughter of Mitchell Putman, was married to George Mitchell. A daughter of theirs married L. D. Sheperd and died in Orient, Texas.

Jane Putman, daughter of James Putman, was married to Grove May.

Juda Putman, daughter of Mitchell Putman, was married to Richard Gibson.

Descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Putman residing in Gonzales County are: Ruby Ruth Mitchell, Rufus Knight Mitchell, Ruth Mitchell, Warren Mitchell, Boyd Mitchell, Bennett Mitchell, S. I. May, Clyde May, Ercell May, Carl May, Bettie Marie May, William Stephen May, Mrs. L. D. Calloway, Mrs. William Wyatt, W. F. May, Clifton May, Ernest May, Ruth May, Lois May, Elmer May, Frances Lucille May, A. F. Mays, L. L. Parsley, Bernell Parsley, Lawrence Parsely, Jr., and J. D. Mitchell, a great grandson.