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PUTNAM, CHARLES

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Charles Putnam was born in October 1844, at Herkemer, New York, son of Peter and Patience (Godfrey) Putnam. Charles acquired a education in Herkemer, New York, and was married there when twenty years old to Elizabeth Bowen.

Shortly after their marriage Charles and Elizabeth came westward in a covered wagon to Clear Lake, Minnesota. Here they acquired a small tract of land, but shortly they became dissatisfied and moved to St. Cloud. Here Charles was employed by N. P. Clark as a log driver and teamster. He later was employed by the Phoenix Iron Works and the Dyer and Rosenberger foundry for many years.

Charles and Elizabeth (Bowen) Putnam were the parents of four sons. Edward, Howard, Frank, and Hollis. Edward is married and lives in Idaho. Howard is a farmer at Mora, Minnesota. Frank is also a farmer at Mora. Hollis is married to Edith Ayers. They live in St. Cloud. He is employed at the Minnesota State Reformatory as a guard where he has been employed since 1909.

Charles Putnam died in October 1908 and Elizabeth (Bowen) Putnam died September 10, 1933. Both are buried in North Star cemetery.

Interviewed: Hollis Putnam
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