

BOOK TO FEATURE STORIES BY PUTNAM COUNTY RESIDENTS

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From left, are Putnam County Heritage Book Committee members Bettie Doyle, Carol Bradford, Sharon Mata and Glenn Bradford. The committee is working to put together a book filled with stories from the history of Putnam County. Submissions are due April 30. Herald-Citizen Photo/Camille Fliss

Residents of Putnam County, both current and former, will get the chance to share pieces of the

area's history in an upcoming book by Country Heritage Inc. and the Putnam County Heritage Book Committee.

The book will be printed around Christmas time this year, but the committee is on the lookout for entries now. Each household is encouraged to send in a 500-word genealogy/history and one photograph. Or, if the ancestors were in Putnam County by or before 1870, a 1,000-word genealogy/history is allowed. The committee also allows military stories of 100 words and 250 words of church, club, organization and other miscellaneous stories at the committee's discretion.

The committee has a little more than 500 stories so far. Among histories of families and organizations in Putnam County are entries of specific events in the past, such as the story of the first post office in the area, the last hangings of Putnam County, and how Monterey got its name.

"These are stories that are handed down that we don't want to die," said Sharon Mata, one of the committee leaders. "There's been several people that I go visit and they tell all these wonderful stories. Like one is about Andrew Jackson coming to breakfast -- this is in White Plains -- and they had to ride all night to get bacon because they had run out of bacon."

The committee is looking for similar stories -- things people remember about the past that might not have ever been recorded in a newspaper or history book.

And people worried about their lack of writing skills can lay their fears to rest. The committee is glad to help. Another committee leader, Bettie Doyle, said, "Two or three (of my friends) told me 'I can't write! I can't write!' I said, 'You send it. We fix it.'"

Mata added, "What I've been doing is going to homes and talking with them. And then I take my notes and do the best I can, and I turn them over to Carol (Bradford, fellow committee member) and she puts them in good form."

The committee has dedicated itself to this massive project that involves compiling and sorting through an enormous amount of material. But why go to all of this trouble?

"Because it's going to be gone," said Doyle. "My mom is 96 and she's full of goodies. But when she dies, I don't know all the goodies. ... If you don't get that on paper, it's gone."

Matta said, "(An acquaintance) told the story of how his dad worked on Dale Hollow Dam. That was during the war and they couldn't get any batteries. And so what he would do is take the coal from the morning stove and put all the pans under the car to heat the oil to start his car. Who would have ever thought of that? ... Everyone that I have visited has a unique story."

Those interested in submitting stories for the book have until April 30. Submitting a story and a picture is free, however if it goes over the word limit, there is a charge for the extra words. When printed, the books will be \$55 each if picked up in Putnam County, or \$63 if the book is shipped to a home address. Any proceeds left over from the cost of printing will go to the Cookeville History Museum, the Depot Museum and Jere Whitson Library.

A pamphlet of the guidelines may be picked up at the Putnam County Library. For more information, contact Bettie Doyle at (931)526-4819 or bsgoolsby@frontiernet.net. Or visit www.county-heritage.com/tn/putnam.

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Target Publication Date: Late 2008

- The Putnam County Heritage Book committee is preparing a unique collection of topical and family sketches!
- We invite all residents, former residents, and those with roots in Putnam County to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed free!
- This is a rare opportunity to be a part of Putnam County History and Heritage!
- We will print only a limited number of these beautiful hardbound books. They will be 9" x 12", exquisitely gold stamped, matching other Tennessee County Heritage books!
- Because this is a limited edition book, **only those who order and pay in advance are guaranteed to receive a copy.**
- These books will make excellent gifts for birthdays and holidays.



Sample Heritage Books

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"... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."
The Poets of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You and your family are important to the Putnam County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

A. Present residents of Putnam County.
 B. Former residents of Putnam County.
 C. Those with roots in Putnam County and what used to be Marshall County.

II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?

A. Each household is encouraged to send in 500 words of their family genealogy/history and one photograph. **OR**
 B. If your ancestors were in Putnam County by or before 1870, you may submit a 1000 word pioneer genealogy/history and two photographs.
 C. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50 each. Double-wide or double-deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.

D. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words, and punctuation does not affect this.

III. What can I write?

A. Ancestors.

- Why and when they came to Putnam County.
- Dates and locations of births, marriages, deaths and burials.
- Family stories.

B. Yourself and your family.

- Childhood, school days, and other events.
- Jobs, residences, hobbies and pastimes.

IV. Topical articles (to be used at book committee discretion).

A. Histories of churches, clubs, and organizations.

- Each allowed 250 words and one photo.
- Additional photos see Paragraph I.I.C.

B. Communities and major topics. (Ask committee for details.)

C. Military service biographical sketch.

- Each allowed 100 words and one photo.
- Additional photos: see Paragraph I.I.C.

V. Article format.

A. Double-space type or word processing on bond paper. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used! A hard copy must be included.

We will also accept text on diskettes, using MS Word or Word Perfect.

B. Include at end of article:

- Word count.
- Sources, if available.
- Name, address, and story submitter. Also include name, address, phone number of compiler if different.
- Captions to appear (see paragraph V.C).
- A list of all names, last, first, maiden or middle, please, typed on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to your story (see Paragraph IX).

VI. Photograph directions.

Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! We make every effort to return them, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage!

A. Types and size.

- Glossy photos are best! Black and white are preferred, but we accept 35mm color and studio quality prints. Laser copies do not reproduce well, so please don't submit them! We will accept .jpg or .tif photos on a separate diskette or CD. *If submitting digitized scanned images, please scan at 300 dpi to preserve image quality.* A glossy print of your photo must also be included!

2. The following are not acceptable:

- Xerox'd copies, negatives or faded Polaroids.
- Any size up to 8" x 10".
- All photos will be reduced to one column - 2 1/2" wide by 1 1/2" high, with standard cropping as a bust shot. You must pay extra, as detailed in I.I.C., for larger sizes.

B. Identification.

- Place a return address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print with soft lead pencil on back of photo.
- Include stamped, self-addressed envelope.

C. Captions.

- Limited to 10 words or less.
- Type at end of article.

VII. Writing assistance.

A. Contact committee members.
 B. Attend our writing meetings.

VIII. Restrictions.

A. Articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual.
 B. No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used.

IX. Index.

Please help prepare an every name index: List last, first, maiden or middle names. Type on a separate sheet of paper and staple to your story.

X. No email submissions. Sorry!

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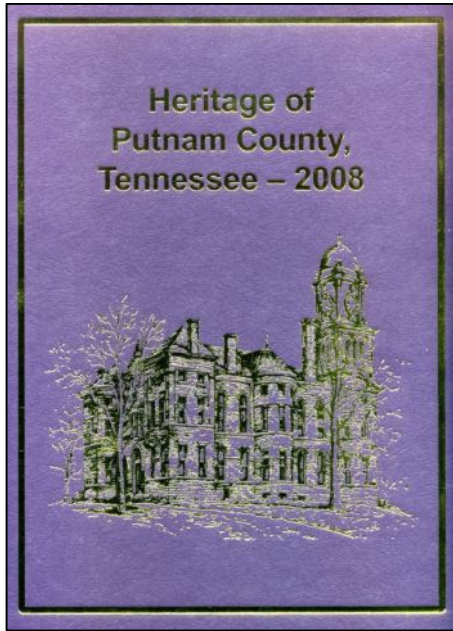
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COOKEVILLE — Only 70 or so copies of “Heritage of Putnam County, Tennessee — 2008” are still available to the interested public, with proceeds earned from the sales going to the Cookeville History Museum, the Depot Museum and the Jere Whitson Elementary School library.



The Putnam County heritage book is close to 400 pages long, chockablock with thousands of entries of pioneer families, notable names and places and hundreds of old photographs of life in the Upper Cumberland.

The book took more than a year to put together, created by volunteers and book committee members to document the progress of the area and the people who made the area what it is. Committee members wished they could have added more stories to this edition and hope that the future brings the opportunity to create another volume.

If there is any interest in another volume from the community, it should be expressed to committee members.

The book had a first printing of 500, with many book sales going to those who pre-ordered the book months before it was published. Seeing the growing interest in the book, the committee members ordered more and are hoping to make a second printing once these remaining copies are sold.

“It’s important to know that this is a ‘heritage’ book, not a ‘history’ book. ‘Heritage’ and ‘history’ are two different things,” said committee member Tommy Roberts. “History has to be absolutely factual. This book is heritage, which is oral history passed down through families.

“We’re very pleased with it overall,” Roberts added. “We realize it’s not comprehensive, and there are a lot more stories to be told. But we’ve received very favorable comments. They’re going pretty fast, so anyone who wants (a copy of the book) should see to it.”

“Heritage of Putnam County, Tennessee — 2008” is \$65 each, with proceeds benefiting the two city museums and Jere Whitson library. Copies are available at the Cookeville History Museum, or they may be requested from Sharon Bryant-Mata at (931) 432-2222 or Bettie Doyle at (931) 526-4819.

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