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The Putnam Museum of History and Natural Sciences is named for the Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam family. The Putnam family was influential in several aspects of community life including in the Museum's early history as donors to the collection, officers of the Davenport Academy of Science and financial supporters.

Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam and her husband, Charles Edwin Putnam, moved to Davenport, Iowa after their marriage on December 9, 1854. Mary Louisa Duncan Putnam was born September 23, 1832 in Jacksonville, Illinois, and died February 20, 1903. She was the daughter of Joseph Duncan, an Illinois Congressman and the state's fifth governor. Her childhood home is operated as a history house museum, the Governor Duncan Mansion.

Charles Edwin Putnam was born February 19, 1825, in Saratoga Springs, New York and died in 1887. He had practices law in Georgia for a short time before setting up a practice in Davenport.

Charles Edwin Putnam was a lawyer, banker, and businessperson. His son William Clement Putnam joined him in practicing law and continued to do so after his father's death. Several members of the family were significantly involved in the development of the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, later the Davenport Public Museum and still later the Putnam Museum of History and Natural Sciences. In particular, Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam, Joseph Duncan Putnam, William Clement Putnam, Edward Kirby Putnam, and Elizabeth Duncan Putnam played vital roles in the institution's development.

Father of Joseph Duncan Putnam, Charles Morgan Putnam, John Caldwell Putnam, Henry St. Clair Putnam, William Clement Putnam, George Rockwell Putnam, Elizabeth Duncan Putnam, Edward Kirby Putnam, Hamilton Putnam, Benjamin Risley Putnam, and James Berthoud Putnam.

PUTNAM, MARY LOUISA (DUNCAN)
Mary Louisa Duncan Putnam was born September 23, 1832 and died February 20, 1903

The Putnam children by age

PUTNAM, JOSEPH DUNCAN
Born 10-18-1855, died 1881. Son (first child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam.

PUTNAM, CHARLES MORGAN
Born 1-6-1857, died 1919. Son (second child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Married.

PUTNAM, JOHN CALDWELL
Born 3-19-1859, died 5-27-1879. Son (third child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam.

PUTNAM, HENRY ST. CLAIR
Born 7-8-1861. Son (fourth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Married Dorothy van Patten-Torrey (?) 1918.

PUTNAM, WILLIAM CLEMENT (I)
Born 6-26-1862, died 1-13-1906. Son (fifth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam.

PUTNAM, GEORGE ROCKWELL
Born 5-24-1865, died July 1953. Son (sixth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Married Marta (Moller). Father of Elizabeth Duncan Putnam and Kristi Putnam.

PUTNAM, ELIZABETH DUNCAN
Born 1-9-1867, died 5-5-1928. Daughter (seventh child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Elizabeth, known as Bessie, served as the Academy's treasurer and was involved in Davenport civil organizations including the Tr-city Garden Club.

PUTNAM, EDWARD KIRBY
Born 11-17-1868, died 5-22-1939. Son (eighth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Married Hilma (Sandberg) 1906. Adoptive father of Edward Sandberg Putnam. Was an English professot at Stanford in 1906 when William Clement died, he returned to Davenport to manage the Putnam Trust property. He served as the Museum's director from 1927 to 1939.

PUTNAM, HAMILTON
Born 6-20-1870, died 4-10-1872. Son (ninth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam.

PUTNAM, BENJAMIN RISLEY
Born 1871. Son (tenth child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam. Married Willela (Thorington) 1907. Father of William Clement Putnam (II) and Thorington Putnam.

PUTNAM, JAMES BERTHOUD
Born 3-18-1874, died 2-11-1875. Son (eleventh child) of Charles Edwin and Mary Louisa (Duncan) Putnam.

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