

Rufus Putnam Papers

Overview of the Collection

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Biography of Rufus Putnam *By Irene D. Neu*

Rufus Putnam (9 April 1738 – 4 May 1824), Revolutionary War officer, founder of Marietta, Ohio, was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, the youngest of the six sons of Elisha Putnam and Susanna Fuller Putnam. His father died when he was seven years old and for the next two years he lived with his maternal grandfather, Jonathan Fuller. In 1747 Putnam's mother married John Sadler of Upton, Massachusetts, and until 1753 Putnam lived in his stepfather's house. In 1754 he was apprenticed to Daniel Mathews of Brookfield, Massachusetts, a millwright.

Mostly self-educated, Putnam in his adulthood recalled that until the age of nine he was sent to school "as much as children usually were in that day," but during the six years that he lived with his stepfather, a man who had contempt for education, he attended school for only three weeks. On his own he continued to study writing, and arithmetic "from the book." All his life he regretted his lack of knowledge of spelling and grammar. At some point he learned surveying.

Putnam's military career began with the French and Indian War (1756 – 1763), during which he enlisted for several tours of duty in the Massachusetts provincial service. He saw action in northern New York and also worked building mills and fortifications for the army, an occupation not always to his liking. In June, 1760, he received an ensign's commission and joined his company at Ticonderoga, where he remained until discharged in November of that year.

In March, 1761, Putnam began business as a millwright, his chief occupation for seven or eight years, after which he farmed and was also employed in surveying until the outbreak of the Revolution. On 6 April 1761, he married Elizabeth Ayres of Brookfield, Massachusetts. She died within the year, leaving an infant son who also died shortly. On 10 January 1765 Putnam married Persis Rice of Westborough, Massachusetts, who lived to 1820 and by whom he had nine children.

When it was reported in 1772 that the king of England had authorized a grant of lands in West Florida to the colonials who had served in the French and Indian War, Putnam was chosen a member of a committee to explore the lands. He ultimately traveled with a party almost 400 miles up the Mississippi River in search of the best acreage, but the governor of West Florida never received the king's order. Putnam felt that he had wasted eight months on the expedition, but the experience was doubtless valuable to him later.

When the American Revolution (1775 – 1783) broke out, Putnam entered military service as a lieutenant colonel in a regiment commanded by David Brewer. He continued in the army until the end of the war. On 17 June 1775 he took part in the battle of Charlestown. He helped plan fortifications around Boston and later claimed that he had been responsible for the Americans' taking of Dorchester Heights and therefore the British evacuation of Boston. It was at this time that he came to know George Washington, who was to remain Putnam's patron until his death

in 1799. Putnam also worked on fortifications in Rhode Island and New York. On 11 August 1776 Congress appointed him an engineer, with the rank of colonel, and in the same year he accepted a regiment in the Massachusetts Line of the continental army. For the next four years he was stationed in upstate New York, part of the time under the command of General Robert Howe. He spent most of the winter and spring of 1781 in Boston lobbying the General Court in behalf of the Massachusetts soldiers. Toward the end of the war he received a brevet promotion to brigadier general.

In the last year of the war, acting for a group of officers encamped at Newburgh, New York, Putnam framed a petition to the Congress of the Confederation asking that land promised to officers and soldiers who served to the end of the war be located in the territory northwest of the Ohio River. Back home in Massachusetts Putnam continued his efforts to interest army veterans and others in western "adventures," but when he learned in 1784 that Congress had not acted on the Newburgh petition, he agreed with the Massachusetts Committee on Eastern Lands to survey the state's lands in present Maine. He spent most of his time for the next three years on this business, even while he served a term in the Massachusetts General Assembly (1787), and continued to promote the western country.

Early in 1786 Putnam and General Benjamin Tupper drew up and promoted a circular describing the riches of the Ohio Country and, together with representatives from several counties in Massachusetts, formed the Ohio Company of Associates, the purpose of which was to acquire and settle land in the Northwest Territory. In 1787 the company contracted with the federal government to purchase a million and a half acres in what is now southeast Ohio, to be paid for in depreciated continental currency and military land warrants. Appointed superintendent of the company, Putnam arrived at the mouth of the Muskingum River on 7 April 1788, with a company of men to found a settlement and survey and allocate the land. Named Marietta, the settlement was the first organized one in the Northwest Territory.

The work of surveying, clearing, and building in the Ohio Company purchase proceeded under Putnam's direction. In November, 1790, he brought his family to Marietta, where he lived for the rest of his life. On 27 September 1792, his promotion to brigadier general confirmed (5 May 1792), he negotiated the Treaty of Vincennes with the Indians of the lower Wabash River, a treaty the senate failed to ratify. Pacification of the Indians awaited the Treaty of Greenville (1795).

At Marietta Putnam established the Ohio Company land office, where he oversaw the affairs of the company. He helped set up the local government. He worked to establish a postal route in the Ohio Valley and was instrumental in settling the French immigrants at Gallipolis. In 1796 President Washington appointed Putnam surveyor-general of the United States, a position he held until 1803. He was a delegate to the Ohio Constitutional Convention in 1802, but as a Federalist he lost political power with the ascendancy of the Jefferson Republicans in the early nineteenth century. He helped establish the Congregational Church and the Muskingum Academy at Marietta, and Ohio University at Athens (1804). He died at Marietta at the age of 86 and is buried in Mound Cemetery, the resting place of many of his fellow officers of the Revolution who followed him to the West.

Scope and Content

Dating from 1776 to 1827, the papers describe many of Rufus Putnam's activities during the Revolutionary War and include his correspondence with such notables as George Washington, Anthony Wayne, and Robert Howe. Among the most important items are the papers detailing

his involvement with the Ohio Company of Associates and the settlement at Marietta, Ohio. Putnam's journal of 1787-1789, which describes his journey west to the Ohio Country, is of particular interest. The collection contains a large quantity of material related to the Treaty of Vincennes in 1792, as well as Putnam's correspondence with Timothy Pickering regarding mail routes on the Ohio River. His work as Surveyor General of the United States is represented, as is his participation in the early business of Ohio University. There are a total of over 1,500 items in the collection of Rufus Putnam's papers, and 444 of these were restored and digitized.

Statement of Arrangement

The digitized portion of the Rufus Putnam Papers was previously contained in three bound volumes and arranged in no particular order. The material was removed from the binding and treated by conservators prior to being arranged and described, and it is now stored in chronological order. Additional papers of Rufus Putnam have also been inventoried and arranged, but not digitized, and they are accessible at the Marietta College Library.

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Presented to Marietta College in the late nineteenth century by descendants of Rufus Putnam.

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4. Minutes of Board of General Officers assembled at General Putnam's Quarters, July 22, 1779
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4. W. Sargent letter to Rufus Putnam, May 28, 1780
5. Detachment orders to Rufus Putnam, May 29, 1780
6. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Robert Howe, June 1, 1780
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4. Charles Thomson letter to Rufus Putnam, May 28, 1785
5. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Mr. Heckinwilder [*sic*], February 27, 1788
6. Rufus Putnam draft letter to person unknown [Heckinwilder?], February 29, 1788
7. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Manasseh Cutler, May 16, 1788
8. Names of the Men hireed [*sic*] by the Ohio Company to Commence the Settlement of there [*sic*] Lands . . . & arrived at Marietta 7th of April 1788, undated
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10. Samuel H. Parsons letter to the Directors of the Ohio Company, March 18, 1789
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4. Waterford inhabitants' memorial to the Agents and Proprietors of the Ohio Company, February 5, 1791
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7. Ohio Company directors' petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, March 2, 1792
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12. J. Miliher letter to Rufus Putnam, May 29, 1792
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16. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan Cass, June 5, 1792
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7. William St. Clair letter to Rufus Putnam, September 10, 1792
8. Rufus Putnam speech to the Eel River and Weya Tribes, September 13, 1792
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9. Rufus Putnam draft letter to General Wilkinson, November 28, 1792
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6. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Henry Knox, February 14, 1793
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8. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Timothy Pickering, March 30, 1797
9. Memorandum of surveys at Gnadenhutzen, June 12, 1797
10. Plan of a tract containing 4155 acres being a grant to the Society of United Brethren (Schoenbrunn), June 30, 1797
11. Conveyance of city lot number 619 to the proprietors of the Muskingum Academy by John Collins, November 20, 1797

Box 3/Folder 1: 1798-1800

1. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Timothy Pickering, January 15, 1798
2. George Washington letter to Winthrop Sargent (copy), January 27, 1798
3. George Washington letter to Rufus Putnam, January 28, 1798
4. Rufus Putnam draft letter to George Washington, February 17, 1798
5. Extract from field notes of Jeffery Mathewson, April 7, 1798
6. Timothy Pickering letter to Rufus Putnam, August 2, 1798
7. Oliver Wolcott letter to Rufus Putnam, September 24, 1798
8. Rufus Putnam, Marietta, draft letter to Col. Tallmadge, September 29, 1798. About financial affairs of the Ohio Company.
9. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Joseph Habersham, February 26, 1800
10. Nicholas Fish letter to unknown person, March 10, 1800
11. Oliver Wolcott letter to Rufus Putnam, May 24, 1800
12. Levi Whipple's original minutes of survey at Athens, October 11, 1800

Box 3/Folder 2: 1801-1802

1. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, January 10, 1801
2. Jonathan Trumbull power of attorney to Rufus Putnam, January 17, 1801
3. Indenture between trustees of religious and school lands in Washington County and Rufus Putnam, March 10, 1801
4. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan Trumbull, July 9, 1801

5. Appraisers' report of houses in the township of Waterford, July 28, 1801
6. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, August 10, 1801
7. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, November 4, 1801
8. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, November 21, 1801
9. Paul Fearing letter to William Rufus Putnam, December 13, 1801
10. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, January 4, 1802
11. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, January 23, 1802
12. Plat of land in range 4, township 6, section 2, April 10, 1802
13. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, April 15, 1802
14. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, June 26, 1802
15. Rufus Putnam draft letter to J. Trumbull, July 5, 1802
16. Ezra Putnam conveyance to Rufus Putnam of his rights in the Muskingum Academy, July 10, 1802

Box 3/Folder 3: 1802-1803

1. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, August 5, 1802
2. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, August 9, 1802
3. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, August 18, 1802
4. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, August 23, 1802
5. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, October 6, 1802
6. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, October 9, 1802
7. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, October 25, 1802
8. George Clinton, Jr., letter to person unknown, November 30, 1802
9. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, February 7, 1803
10. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, March 3, 1803
11. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, March 28, 1803
12. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, April 16, 1803
13. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan Trumbull, July 9, 1803
14. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, August 3, 1803
15. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, September 21, 1803

Box 3/Folder 4: 1804

1. Eliphaz Perkins in account with the trustees of Ohio University, 1804-1806
2. Eliphaz Perkins for cash received as by his account, 1804-1806
3. Lease for College [Ohio University] Lands (draft), February 18, 1804; February 21, 1805
4. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Mr. Harrison, February 18, 1804
5. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Albert Gallatin, February 18, 1804
6. Albert Gallatin letter to Rufus Putnam, April 25, 1804
7. Thomas T. Tucker letter to Rufus Putnam, April 26, 1804
8. Levi Whipple conveyance to Rufus Putnam of his rights in the Muskingum Academy, May 15, 1804
9. Edward Tiffin letter to Rufus Putnam, June 19, 1804
10. Timothy Dwight letter to Rufus Putnam, June 26, 1804
11. Weight of mill stones sent to Springfield, June 27, 1804
12. Timothy Dwight letter to Rufus Putnam, July 24, 1804
13. Ohio University, debtor, to James Graham for qualifying appraisers of college lands, August 9, 1804
14. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, September 6, 1804
15. Expence in surveying the Land in Township 8, Range 14 (the South University Township), October-November 1804
16. Survey field notes of Ohio University lands, October-November 1804

17. William Rufus Putnam sundries bill for survey of South University township, November 1804
18. Nathan McIntosh conveyance to Rufus Putnam of his rights in the Muskingum Academy, December 7, 1804

Box 3/Folder 5: 1805-1806

1. Thomas Dwight letter to Rufus Putnam, February 2, 1805
2. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, May 1805
3. Samuel P. Robbins letter to the ministerial committee of the Congregational Church and society in Marietta, September 21, 1805
4. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan Trumbull, November 9, 1805
5. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, December 9, 1805
6. Applicants for leasing college [Ohio University] lands, 1806-1808
7. Treasurer Department to Ohio University, account, 1806-1807
8. Rufus Putnam draft letter to James Hillhouse, January 28, 1806
9. James Hillhouse letter to Rufus Putnam, February 13, 1806
10. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, February 27, 1806
11. Extract from the records of Ohio University regarding a bill for surveying, April 1806
12. Eliphaz Perkins in account current with [Ohio University?], April 4, 1806
13. John Mathews conveyance of his right in the Marietta [Muskingum?] Academy to Rufus Putnam, June 21, 1806
14. Rufus Putnam bill to the president and trustees of Ohio University, November-December 1806
15. John Simontown receipt for auctioneer services at sale of lots in Athens, November 25, 1806
16. Silas Bingham receipt for firewood and candles, November 27, 1806
17. Eliphaz Perkins receipt for \$132.28 from Putnam and Dudley Woodbridge, November 27, 1806
18. Dudley Woodbridge receipt for twenty dollars from Rufus Putnam to be accounted for with Trustees of Ohio University, November 28, 1806
19. Amount of debt brought over [This appears to be a continuation of another document, but not the preceding one in this list.], December 1806
20. Rufus Putnam account with the trustees of Ohio University, his order for surveying and 10 percent received, December 1806
21. Rufus Putnam and Dudley Woodbridge account for sale of house and out lots in Athens, December 29, 1806

Box 3/Folder 6: 1807-1808

1. Leonard Jewett in account with Ohio University, 1807
2. Luther Shepard conveyance to Rufus Putnam of right to one share in the Muskingum Academy, February 27, 1807
3. Leonard Jewett in account with Ohio University, April-May 1807
4. Eliphaz Perkins account current with the President & Trustees of Ohio University, April 8-10, 1807
5. Eliphaz Perkins, debtor, as per Day Book, May-December 1807
6. Samuel Carpenter in account with the Treasurer [of Ohio University?] on account of order for survey, December 3, 1807
7. Leonard Jewett, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of Ohio University, December 3, 1807
8. Eliphaz Perkins, late Treasurer, in account current with the Trustees of Ohio University, December 3, 1807

9. Rufus Putnam in account with the Treasurer of Ohio University for his surveying and 10 percent for the sale of lands, December 3, 1807
10. Sundry order to Gregory, December 4, 1807
11. Leonard Jewett report to the Committee to examine the treasurer's books, March 1, 1808
12. Advertisement for lease of Ohio University lands, signed Rufus Putnam, Superintendent, March 5, 1808
13. Committee (Rufus Putnam and Stephen Lindsley) to the Church and congregation of Jacob Lindsley in Waterford, March 11, 1808
14. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, June 6, 1808
15. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan Trumbull, July 12, 1808
16. William Burnham conveyance to Rufus Putnam of four shares in the Muskingum Academy, August 16, 1808
17. Jonathan Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, December 26, 1808

Box 3/Folder 7: 1809-1812

1. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Governor Trumbull, January 17, 1809
2. Jonathan G. W. Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, November 13, 1809
3. John Heckewelder letter to William Rufus Putnam, March 5, 1810
4. Jonathan G. W. Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, March 27, 1810, and Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan G. W. Trumbull, June 22, 1810
5. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan G. W. Trumbull, June 2, 1810
6. Jonathan G. W. Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, March 25, 1811
7. Rufus Putnam draft letter to Jonathan G. W. Trumbull, April 26, 1811
8. Jonathan G. W. Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, June 5, 1811
9. Azariah Pratt conveyance to Rufus Putnam one garden lot at Campus Martius, March 30, 1812
10. William Hull letter to Rufus Putnam, April 3, 1812
11. Jonathan G. W. Trumbull letter to Rufus Putnam, May 19, 1812
12. J. T. Schermerhorn letters to Rufus Putnam [copies in Putnam's hand], November 20, 1812 and December 13, 1812
13. William Rufus Putnam conveyance to Rufus Putnam of seven shares in the Muskingum Academy, November 27, 1812

Box 3/Folder 8: 1813-1824

1. L. T. Mills letter to Mr. Robbins [copy in Rufus Putnam's hand], January 9, 1813
2. Indenture between the trustees of lands for religious purposes in the Ohio Company's purchase and Rufus Putnam, June 18, 1813
3. Indenture between the trustees of lands for religious purposes in the Ohio Company's purchase and Rufus Putnam, June 18, 1813
4. Benjamin Tupper conveyance to Rufus Putnam of two shares in the Muskingum Academy, September 3, 1813
5. Timothy Alden letter to Rufus Putnam, December 8, 1813, and enclosure, notice of Putnam's election as an honorary member of the New York Historical Society, October 20, 1813
6. C. Hammond letter to Rufus Putnam, February 4, 1814
7. Ichabod Nye conveyance to Rufus Putnam of a piece of land in Marietta, August 11, 1814
8. Joshua Shipman conveyance to Rufus Putnam of a tract of land in Marietta, August 11, 1814

9. David Putnam conveyance to Rufus Putnam of "tracts or parcel" of land in Marietta, January 5, 1816
10. List of residents of Marietta who attended Muskingum Academy from January 1 to March 31, 1817
11. E. Buckingham, Junior, letter to Rufus Putnam, January 20, 1824

Box 3/Folder 9: Undated

1. Rufus Putnam and Samuel Carpenter certification that Putnam has bought certain lots in Athens
2. Eliphaz Perkins – Accounts from ledger
3. Trustees of Ohio University to the Presbytery of Ohio
4. Rent to pay at Athens
5. Resolution that the report of the committee on the accounts of the late and present treasurers be reexamined [1806?]
6. Resolution on date of choosing the treasurer and collector or collectors [1806?]
7. Plat list [Ohio University townships?]
8. Plat of township 6, range 14, in the Ohio Company's purchase
9. Survey notes running west across township 7, range 14, of the Ohio Company's purchase
10. Plat of City lots and Common taken up by Rufus Putnam and Jonathan Stone, and survey notes of J. Mathewson
11. Plat of lands in sections 31 and 32, township 3, range 8, including "wantages"
12. Bearings at Sproat's 5 mile post
13. Plat of part of township 2, range 8
14. Plat of commons & 8-acre lots on Muskingum – township 2, range 8
15. Plat of part of section 35, township 2, range 8
16. Plat of Mound Square

Box 3/Folder 10: Undated

1. Estimation of prices for carpenters' and joiners' work
2. Alexander Hamilton letter to William R. Putnam
3. Weight of register's returns, etc. [postage]
4. Poem about a tavern and the dispensing of rum
5. Rufus Putnam draft letter to "Dear Sir" regarding the "ancient works" at Marietta
6. Questions concerning mounds at Marietta
7. Campus Martius: a square of houses built by the Ohio company in 1788 and descriptions of mounds at Marietta
8. Notes concerning trees on or near Sacra Via [mound], in the presence of Governor St. Clair
9. Minutes of surveys at Marietta: Quadranaou
10. Copy of the References upon the plat of Marietta
11. Rufus Putnam's plan of part of Marietta, with remains of ancient works, description and two maps
12. Sketch of Moravian villages on the Muskingum

Box 4

1. Rufus Putnam's journal of his service to the Ohio Company, 1787 – 1789
2. Rufus Putnam's journal of surveying ten townships in Lincoln County, Massachusetts [Maine], with expense account, 1784 – 1790

Oversize/Folder 1

1. Advertisement (in French) signed by Griffin Greene, January 8, 1795
2. George Washington advertisement of lease of land at Mount Vernon and sale of land on the Ohio and Great Kanhawa [*sic* Kanawha] Rivers, February 1, 1796
3. Appointment of Rufus Putnam, Surveyor General of the United States, October 1 and October 29, 1796
4. Appointment of Rufus Putnam, Surveyor General of the United States, December 22, 1796; May 9, 1797
5. Governor St. Clair speech to the General Assembly of the Territory of the United States, Northwest of the Ohio, November 25, 1801
6. Joseph Dana letter to William Rufus Putnam, enclosing list of officers and students of Ohio University, December 11, 1827
7. Plat, township 8, range 14

Oversize/Folder 2

Plat of New Orleans, undated