

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF MAXINE ROBERTA JOHNSON PUTNAM  
SAN DIMAS NATIVE

MAXINE ROBERTA JOHNSON PUTNAM born November 3, 1926 at 424 W. Fourth St., San Dimas. Also born at this address brothers: Fred, 1929, and Frank, 1934 and sister Janet in 1937. We were all born at home. Maxine, Fred & Janet all live on W. Third St. in San Dimas and Frank lives on 3rd St. in La Verne.

Parents were Leavelle, Elizabeth Johnson. My father and his folks, a brother Albert and sister Hazel came to San Dimas in 1912 from Nebraska. A sister Opal was born in San Dimas.

My mother Elizabeth Thorpe and her father Fred Thorpe came to San Dimas in the early 1920's and lived at 619 N. Monte Vista. Grandpa Thorpe was a brick mason. Built the fireplace at that home. Also a brick took bldg.

Mother had sisters: Bertha Kenyon (her husband was a barber at Mike Alexander's).

Ethel Bates - lived at 317 Third St.

Ida Torrey- her husband was born in San Dimas (Kenneth)

They had 2 daughters: Ruth Torrey Groendyke and

Jean Torrey Humphrey

Hazel Shirk-she is only one alive (Barney Shirk's widow)  
lives in La Verne

Lillian Clark- was raised by Bertha & Ron - she married  
She married Jack Clark, San Dimas boy, his father  
Johnnie Clark lives on Gladstone. Lillian and Jack  
had one daughter - Donna. She also lives on  
Gladstone

one brother: Louis Thorpe

Mom and Dad were married in the San Dimas United Methodist Church June 7, 1925.

I went to Elementary school on Cataract and Graduated 1944 from Bonita -

Worked in the Orange Packing house (packer). Met Mark N. Putnam in 1947. He was a box maker. His Uncle Jake Bruesch was a foreman there - they lived at 700 N. Bellevue, San Dimas.

Mark also went to Bonita High School. Was drafted in 1943 - he was in his Junior year. Served in the SeaBees for almost 3 year.

We were married May 2, 1948. We had three sons:

Mark Ronald born 3/30/51 - he married Shirlene Davis of La Verne  
daughter of Dale & Zola Davis

They have one daughter - Amy

Kevin Scott born 6/28/54 - he married Wanda Jann of San Dimas

They have Scott Noble - 1973

Melissa 1977

Kent Alan 6/28/54 He married Ana Reynaga of Fontana

Geneva 1977

Gail 1979

Kent passed away June 27, 1990

Mark and I built ourselves a small home on property I had bought before we were married.

We added on as our family grew. We moved into our home May 1950. We still live there at 538 E. Third St.

Mark worked for Los Angeles County Road Dept. for almost 34 years. Working his way up to a Crane Operator. He retired March 30, 1981.

I was a HomeMaker - but was active as a Room Mother, Home & School Club & Scouts.

My mother was known for her good cooking. We all as a family helped her - She cooked for the Service Club Luncheons, Chamber of Commerce Dinners Kiwanis, Woman's Club - there are many articles on her in records of the San Dimas Press.