

THE HISTORY OF THE FREEMAN FAMILY

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Billie Freeman

Enoch Freeman (1822-1908)

Rubin

John

Henry

William

Betsy

Mary

Polly Kennedy

Robert Kennedy

Ira Freeman

Alexander

Aaron

Jane

Louisa

Raleigh

Noah

Neil

Cindy Anne

Kendrick

Francis

Jim

Martitia

Isham Hare

Kendrick Hare

John

Alfred

Sara

Lidie

Becky

Lucy

Hannah

Sally?

Sally Moon

Nancy

Annie

F.L. Burns

Royal

Ray

Evelyn

Blanche Freeman

Charlie (1896-1920)

Lendo (1898-1920)

Lacy (1900-1935)

Bert (1903)

Leo (1905-1908)

Ernest (1910-)

Numa (1913-)

Ella Hare

Zebidee

Betsy

Elise

Neil

Alfred

Stokes

FREEMAN FAMILY

It is not known to be a fact as to whether Billie Freeman crossed the Atlantic or not but as far as anyone knows he came across about 1800. He settled and took claim on several thousand acres of land around where is now Spies, North Carolina. Here he built a log house of about five rooms, of which is still standing. This house holds for the Freeman family a great story because it is where the first, second, and third generations were raised.

The house being built of heart pine logs is still as solid and substantial now as it was when built. The hinges are made of wood and what few boards were used were held together by wooden pegs. Every log used in the building was hugh squire by means of an axe and every plank or board used was also hughn by the skillful hand using the axe.

Billie Freeman's mother, father, brothers, and sisters are not known, but seven of his children are known. There is not very much known about his children. Rubin, William, and Mary Freeman all died with paralysis and Henry Freeman married Patsy Kennedy.

Enoch Freeman was the only one of Billie Freeman's children to stay in Moore County. He took up his home in his father's old home. He would travel as far as Raleigh and to some towns in South Carolina in order to get supplies. When he would go to these towns he would be gone for about thirty days. He would get supplies such as cloth, sugar, and farming equipment that would last him for about twelve months, then he would go again.

Enoch Freeman being a man without any education was cheated out of land or in words he signed a paper not knowing what it was, that gave more land to some of his children than others and some did not get any at all. He donated land for a school house to be built on. Melton School was built there which is still standing and has been used up until recent years. The school house is still used as a place to vote.

Enoch Freeman had a large family of thirteen, who wandered here and yonder and settled in other states. They were as follows:

1. Aaron Freeman married Mary Hare and made his home near Big Oak Church.
2. Alexander Freeman, the oldest of the family, married Becky Hare and made his home near Big Oak Church, also.

3. Jane Freeman died when only a small child.
4. Louisa Freeman married Ed Paul but died a few months after her marriage.
5. Raleigh Freeman married Mary Rouse and made his home in Tennessee.
6. Noah Freeman married Lovedy Melton and made his home in Randolph County.
7. Neil Freeman married Bertie Chasting and made his home in Missouri.
8. Sindy Anne Freeman married Johnson Freeman and made his home in Star, N. C.
9. Kendrick Freeman went by the nick name of Ken. He married Lindy Martin and made his home in Oklahoma.
10. Francis Freeman married Alfred Martin and made her home near Star, N. C.
11. Jim Freeman married Denney Brewster and made his home in Missouri.
12. Martitia Freeman married Nathan Sheffield and made her home in Randleman, N. C.
13. Ira Freeman married Ella Hare and made his home near Spies, N. C., and about one-fourth of a mile from where Billie Freeman's home was. He had a number of children who have wandered to the state of Virginia. His children were:
 1. Lendo Freeman married Emma Parks and made his home in New Port News, Virginia.
 2. Charlie Freeman, the oldest of his childred, died at a young age of twenty-three.
 3. Lacy Freeman married Rita Thomas and made his home at New Port. He was killed at the age of thirty-five at his work in the ship yard.
 4. Bertie Freeman married Silas Morgan and made her home in New Port.
 5. Leo Freeman died at the age of three with Spinal Meningilis.

6. Ernest Freeman married Margaret Vic and made his home in New Port.

7. Numa Freeman married Velma Lemonds and made her home in New Port.

8. Blanche Freeman married Fintress Burns and made her home in Hemp, N. C.

Children by Second Wife

1. Clyde Freeman married Leothia Murry and made his home in New Port.

2. Edna Freeman died with whoping cough at the age of fourteen months.

3. Clifford Freeman joined the merchant Marines and is now in New York.

4. Coy Lee Freeman, the youngest of the family, is now at home with his father and is doing the farm work.

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