

Freeman History George Freeman Family

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George Freeman died in 1735 in Henrico County, Virginia, leaving 1,608 acres of land.

His wife was named **Jane (Holman?)**. George and Jane Freeman had the following children:

Allis Freeman
George Freeman
John Freeman who married Abigail Ballenger
Joseph Freeman who married Sarah Harris
Hannah Freeman who married Thomas Joplin
Holman Freeman who married **Sally Cox**

Holman Freeman, Sr. and His Descendants

(The only child of the above named George and Jane Freeman whom I shall follow)

Holman Freeman, Sr. was born in Virginia and married **Sally Cox** in Amelia County, Virginia on 13 June 1753. Holman and Sally Freeman migrated from Virginia to Georgia with two sons, three daughters and six Negroes, crossing the Savannah River on the 27th day of Sept 1773. Holman Freeman, Sr. had with him 18 pounds (*about \$90.*) and contracted for land at McFadden's Camp on Chickasaw Creek in the area ceded by the Indians which later became Wilkes County.

He was too old for active participation in the American Revolutionary War, but he performed patriotic service by serving on a jury that tried certain Tories. Also he had four sons who served in the war with courage and determination. In retaliation for his jury duty and the military exploits of his four sons, the British severely beat and imprisoned in Augusta the elderly Holman Freeman, Sr, who died as a direct result of the injuries inflicted upon him.

The four sons (outlined below) distinguished themselves in such battles as Kettle Creek and the Siege of Augusta. Under Elijah Clark, they were part of the small hard-core of heroes who for years stubbornly fought against great odds and obstacles to save Georgia from both the Indians and the British, earning for their area the nickname, "Hornet's Nest."

*A Bowie Note: Rev. War, DAR list civil service in GA DAR PATRIOT INDEX, Part I, p. 1084.
DAR monument erected on old family plot in Wilkes Co. GA
Listed page 382, Georgia's roster of the Revolution. Compiled by L L Knight , State historian.*

Holman and Sally Freeman had the following Children:

(There were other daughters whom I will not list in this account.)

I. **Holman Freeman, Jr**, Colonel in the American Revolution, was born in Virginia and died in Wilkes County, Ga, 19 Aug 1817. He was married circa 1783 to **Peninah Walton**, a cousin of Governor John Clark.. Their three children were:

1. Fleming Freeman who married **Martha Bibb**, sister of **Dr. William Wyatt Bibb**, first Territorial Governor of Alabama, and who lived in Montgomery, Ala.
2. John W Freeman who married a Miss Calloway and move to Alabama.
3. Mary Ann "Polly" Freeman, known as "The Beauty of Broad River" (Georgia), who married **Dr. William Wyatt Bibb**, first Territorial Governor of Alabama

II **William Freeman**, non-officer in the American Revolution , died in 1796. He married Sally ___?___ and lived in Augusta, County, Georgia, where he was a prosperous merchant.

III. **John Freeman**, Captain in the American Revolution, was born in 1756 and died in 1806 in Wilkes County, Georgia. He married Catherine Carlton, and their only child was:

1. Rebecca Freeman who married in 1803 Shaler Hillyer, an old Peterburg, Ga merchant.

The Hillyers had three sons as follows:

- A. John Freeman Hillyer
- B. Judge Junius Hillyer
- C. Rev Shaler Granby Hillyer

(All three of the above Hillyers lived to be very old men and filled honored positions in church and state in Georgia.)

IV **George Freeman**, non-officer in the American Revolution, was born in Virginia circa 1758 and died 12 May 1796 at his plantation home on the road between Malloryville and Washington in Wilkes County, Ga. He married in Virginia to **Frances "Franky" Taylor**. their children were:

1. John Freeman
2. William Freeman
3. Joseph Freeman
4. Elizabeth Freeman
5. Allen Freeman
6. George Westley Freeman
7. Ailsey Russau Freeman
8. Laban Taylor Freeman
9. James Freeman
10. Henry Freeman

(Some of these Freeman Children settled in Morgan County, Ala. One such was Laban Taylor Freeman, born 1794 in Wilkes Co. Ga, whose daughter, Mary Ann Rebecca Freeman, was born in Morgan County, Ala, 26 Nov. 1830. She married Dr. James Monroe Key, brother of my great grandfather, Dr. George Washington Key.) (Consult Key History for further data.)

V. **James Freeman**, non-officer in the American Revolution, married ____? ____ whose first name was Rhoda. In 1815 he lived near Malloryville, Wilkes Co. Ga.

VI. **Jimmy Freeman**, a gentlewoman who never married.

VII. **Ann Freeman** was born in 1761 in South Carolina and probably entered Georgia with her parents. In 1850 she was 89 years old and living in Alabama with a son. She married **John Simmons**, wealthy planter of Elbert County, Ga. They had the following children:

1. **Susanna W Simmons**, born 1797 in Georgia, married **John L. Richardson** of Nacoodhee, Georgia. The Richardsons had two daughters and perhaps other children.
2. **Colonel Holman Freeman Simmons**, born 1798 in North Carolina, was married 25 Dec. 1818 in Franklin County, Ga to **Sarah Eliza H Burns** of Elbert County, Ga. Col Holman Freeman Simmons removed from Georgia to Talladega Territory, Alabama and became a prosperous planter. He and his wife had the following children:
 - A. **Holman Felix Simmons** who married **Theodora Saxon**
 - B. Robert Simmons
 - C. Dr Bibb Simmons
 - D. **Mary Ella Simmons** who married **William Mallory**
 - E. Fletcher Simmons
 - F. Troup Simmons
 - G. Prof. **Henry Clay "Nobe" Simmons** who married **Antoinette Saxon**
 - H. **Susan Burns Simmons** who married **Capt. Walter Terry Saxon**
 - I. **Ann Jane Simmons** who married **Rev. Edward Joseph Hamill**
 - J. Martha Simmons

(consult Simmons History and Saxon History for further details.)

3. **James Ballenger Simmons**, born about 1800 in North Carolina, removed from Georgia to Alabama and became a well-to-do planter. He married Lucinda Calloway. They had the following children:

- A. C.H. Simmons
- B. W.H. Simmons
- C. Susan Simmons
- D. Ellen Simmons
- E. Adalaidell Simmons
- F. Lucinda Simmons
- G. Alma Simmons
- H. James Simmons

4. **Moses Waters Simmons** was born in 1800 in Georgia and married **Harriet Renfro**. He removed from Georgia to Alabama and became a well-to-do planter. Moses and Harriet Simmons had the following children:

- A. John Felix Simmons
 - B. Ann Simmons
 - C. Nathaniel Hawthorne Simmons
 - D. Jane Simmons
 - E. James Simmons
 - F. Holman Freeman Simmons
 - G. Martha Simmons
 - H. Moses Waters Simmons
 - I. Elijah Simmons
 - J. Elisha Simmons married Martha Ann Russell
- (consult Simmons History for further data on Elisha Simmons)

5. **John Simmons**, born about 1803, probably in Georgia, removed to Alabama where he was a well-to-do planter. He died in 1846 in Talladega County, Ala. He married **Francis Ann Stocks**, and they had the following children:

- A. Anna Martha Simmons
- B. Elisa Jane Simmons
- C. John Moses Simmons
- D. Edna Adelia Simmons.

Freeman direct line of descent of Mary Shaw Makima:

George Freeman and Jane (Holman?) - great, great, great, great grandparents.

Holman Freeman, Sr. and Sally Cox - great, great, great grandparents.

Ann Freeman and John Simmons - great, great grandparents.

Colonel Holman Freeman Simmons and Sarah Eliza H. Burns - great grandparents.

Professor Hen Clay "Nobe" Simmons and Antoinette Saxon - grandparents

Margarite Eliza Simmons and William Hampton Shaw- parents.

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