

## Old King William Home and Families John P Morton and Company, Louisville

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### **FREEMAN.**

Captain **Bridges Freeman** was the first of the name in Virginia as far as the records show. He was Burgess from Pasbehahigs in 1629/30. He petitioned the Council to allow him to remove from Martin's Hundred, which was too much exposed to attacks from the Indians, and in 1632 he was Burgess from Chickahpminy, and James City in 1647, in which year he was appointed Collector of Revenue, Adjutant in 1652, and member of the King's Council. It was probably his son, Bridges Freeman, who was Justice in James City in 1680.

**Henry Freeman**, of New Poquoson, York County, married Barbara, daughter of Christopher Calthorpe, subsequent to October 24, 1662. This Henry Freeman's will was probated May 16, 1720. He was the son of Henry Freeman, who died April 5, 1676, and grandson of Henry Freeman, mercer, of Chipping Norton, England.

**Humphrey Freeman** is referred to as a servant of Colonel Calthorpe, and in 1662 had six years to serve under his articles, but which he was satisfying at the rate of sixteen hundred pounds of tobacco per annum, showing that he was no ordinary servant, but more likely a tenant farmer.

**Robert Freeman** married Anne, the daughter of John Robins, who died 1655, and there was a Captain Freeman in command of a vessel in the Virginia trade in 1646.

**Isaac and Stephen Freeman** were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. In 1776 Isaac Freeman deeded certain land in Louisa County, Virginia, to Gravett Edwards.

Mary Freeman, spinster, of York County, married, February 22, 1785, Henry Watkins.

A. C. Freeman, of Norfolk, married Emma Blow, daughter of Judge George Blow, and granddaughter of George Blow and Eliza Waller, great-granddaughter of John Camm, President of William and Mary College.

**John Freeman** and Mary, his wife, of Willsey, in Gloucester, had a daughter, Rachel, who married Thomas Williams. Her tomb is in Bland ford churchyard. She was born April 15, 1718; died July 23, 1746.

1. **John Freeman.** Of Richmond, Virginia. Married **Sallie, daughter of William Willis.** He died July, 1814, and his wife, 1818. Issue: **Samuel (2), Royal (3), John (4), William Henry (5), Sarah (6), Mary (7), and Reuben (8).** The **sister of John Freeman** (1) formerly owned Maddox Hill, at Richmond, which received its name from her husband, whose farm included the hill. His widow was a strict Quakeress, and being apprehensive that her only son would marry out of the faith, she sold her property and removed to a settlement of the Friends in Ohio early in this century.

2. **Captain Samuel Freeman.** Son of John Freeman (1). Was a distinguished citizen of Richmond for many years. He was born September 25, 1795, and died May 10, 1870. He attracted attention by his heroic efforts in liberating the convicts from the burning penitentiary in 1833. He was Captain of the State militia, and on the memorable visit of Lafayette took bis company, at his own expense, with two cannons, to Yorktown to fire the salute of welcome. One of his uncles was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He served for many years as Superintendent of Public Buildings for the State of Virginia, and on the morning of the evacuation of Richmond, April 3, 1865, he, in company with the Mayor, Honorable Joseph Mayo, went out to meet the advancing Federal Army to secure the protection of private citizens and property. He married, December 16, 1817, Miss Sarah Harwood, of one of the oldest and most distinguished Virginia Colonial families, and left two daughters, Margaret Adams, born March 21, 1825, who married Charles W. Purcell; and Indiana, born April 7, 1835, who married, October 1, 1844, Captain Philip Taylor Sutton, a gallant Confederate soldier who lost an arm at the battle of Seven Pines. Mr. Purcell and Captain Sutton composed the banking firm of C. W. Purcell & Company, of Richmond, Virginia. Charles W. and Margaret (Freeman) Purcell are both dead. Their children are Samuel H. Purcell, engineer and planter, Albemarle County, who married Elizabeth Ashton, daughter of Nannie (Harrison) and John Garrett and granddaughter of Randolph Harrison and Mary Randolph, and their children are as follows: Boiling, Charles, Margaret McDaniel, Evelyn Byrd, and Philip Sutton. Philip T. Purcell, of the City Bank at Richmond ; and a daughter,

Emma, the wife of Doctor M. L. McCue, of Albemarle; Russell and McDaniel, two other sons, died young, the latter soon after graduating in medicine at the University in Philadelphia.

3. **Royal Freeman.** Son of John Freeman (1). Born January 22, 1788. Graduated as a doctor in Philadelphia, traveling all the way on horseback before the day of railroads. He died soon after returning to Richmond.
4. **John Freeman.** Son of John Freeman (1). His first wife was his brother's widow, and after her death he married Anne Yarbrough, and left one son, Edward Camm. John Freeman was a contractor and builder, and constructed many of the large factory buildings in Richmond, as well as the "Old Market."
5. **William Henry Freeman.** Son of John Freeman (1). Born September 19, 1804. Married a Miss Williamson, and left two daughters living in New York. He was one of the original promoters of the "Bay Line" of steamers running from Norfolk to Baltimore and Washington.
6. **Sarah Freeman.** Daughter of John Freeman (1). Married Thomas P. Butler, and died July 30, 1840.
7. **Mary Freeman.** Daughter of John Freeman (1). Married **Andrew Clarke, of Edinborough**, Scotland, who settled in Virginia about 1800, and had two children, Sarah Bruce, who died before she was twenty years of age, and John David Clarke, who married Judith Browne Claiborne Neale. (See Edwards and Neale Genealogy.)
8. **Reuben Freeman.** Son of John Freeman (i). Born December 17, 1792 ; died July 4, 1821. Married a Miss Green, and had issue: Harriet Willis, who died March 5, 1844, and Edward Camm, who died May 18, 1843.

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**247. Judith Browne Claiborn Neale.** Daughter of James Hill Neale and Judith Edwards (228). Born in King William County, Virginia, September 26, 1822. Moved to Richmond about 1840, and married John David Clarke, only son of **Andrew Clarke and Mary Freeman**. Andrew Clarke was born in Edinborough, Scotland 1782. Located in Richmond, Virginia about 1800, and married **Mary, the sister of Captain Samuel, John and William Henry Freeman**. He was a plain and honourable man, and lived a quiet unostentations life. **He died February 10, 1860.** His wife, **Mary Freeman**, had a narrow escape at the burning of the old Richmond Theatre in 1811. She was born **November 25, 1790 and died November 5, 1851.** Both, together with their only son, lie **buried in "Shockoe Hill Cemetery," at Richmond.** Judith Browne Claiborn Neale was named for the wife of her Uncle Will Hill, who.....

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Freeman.—**George Freeman**, born 1649, patented lands in Henrico County, Virginia. He left, among other children, **George, whose will, probated February 2, 1735, mentions wife Jane, daughters Hannah and Alice, and sons Joseph, Holman, and John.** The latter, **John Freeman, married Abigail Ballinger**, of Goochland County, and had issue **John Freeman, who married Sarah Willis.** See Freeman Family.

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**Captain James Neale, Admiral Royal Navy**, before coming to Maryland in 1638, "had lived divers years in Spain and Portugal, and likewise was there employed by His Majesty of Great Britian(Charles I), and His Royal Highness the Duke of Yorke in several Emergent Affairs, as by Commissions herewith presented may Appear." His **wife was Anne**, and their **daughter, Henrietta Maria**, who was born while her father was in foreign service, and was **named for the Queen of Charles I, to whom her mother had been maid of honor.** On the execution of Charles I, he directed that rings should be presented to his most faithful friends, and that received by **Anne Neale** is still preserved by one of her Maryland descendants.

**Henrietta Maria Neale** married , first **Richard Bennett**, and second, **Governor Philemon Lloyd, Master of “Wye House.”** She left numerous descendants, among them some of the most noted people in Maryland and Virginia.

**Richard Bennett** was the son of Richard Bennett, the nephew of a wealthy London merchant, who resided for a time at Delft, Holland, as Deputy Governor of the English merchants, and was largely engaged in the Virginia trade. He came over in 1622, and held many high positions, and was Governor of the Colony. His wife was **Mary Anne Utie**. **His son Richard, who married Henrietta Maria Neale**, was drowned, but **left a son Richard** , who was referred to as “the richest man in the Colonies.” His tomb, with the Bennett Arms ( the Bennetts were of the same family as Lord Arlington), is at Bennett’s Point, Marland. He erected a tomb to his mother’s memory, inscribed as follows:

Henrietta Maria Lloyd  
“Shee who now takes her Rest within this Tomb  
Had Rachel’s Face and Leah’s fruitful Womb,  
Abigail’s wisdom, Lydia’s Faithful Heart  
With Martha’s care and Mary’s Better part.”  
who died the 21st day of May  
Anno Dom 1697 aged 50 years  
\_\_\_\_\_ Months, 23 days.  
To whose memory Richard Bennett dedicates this Tomb.

**Captain James Neale** left three other children, all born prior to his coming to America: **James** who married and settled on the Western Shore of Maryland, **Anthony**, and **Dorothy**, who married a Taney, the ancestors of Chief Justice Taney.....

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