

## Descendants of JOSHUA FREEMAN

### *Generation One*

1. **JOSHUA<sup>1</sup> FREEMAN** married **Mary Outlaw** in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1794 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

#### **FROM ANCESTRY**

**JOSHUA FREEMAN WILL** – 24 ?? 1794 with Will – wife Mary - heirs were William Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Christian Wood - negroes, Mary Copeland (she originally md to Samuel Harrell and they had children and lived in Hertford Co) - negroes, Joshua Freeman, Sarah Sutton – 2 negroes, Celia Campbell, James Freeman (not 21) – exec friend Thomas Sutton, sons William and Jacob Freeman – may be 2 different Jacobs in folder  
Estate divided in 1797 – receiving part of the estate were: William Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Mary Freeman, Christian Wood, Mary Copeland, Joshua Freeman, Sarah Sutton, Celia Campbell, James Freeman

Two different Joshua Freemans in Estate file – later one in 1807 may have been the son of Joshua I.

D 1807 – receiving negroes – Malicha Weston in right of wife Nancy, Richard, Isaac – 1816 – Thos Sutton buying at sale

The name of his wife came from Sally's Place.

**MARY OUTLAW** died BY 1796 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

#### **RECORDS OF ESTATES OF BERTIE COUNTY – VOL 3 – 1788 – 1800** – by David Gammon

#151 – 30 Sept 1796 – Mary Freeman estate – buying from estate – Thomas Sutton – division of estate in 1797 – Christian Wood, Mary Copeland, William, Joshua, Jacob and James Freeman, Sarah Sutton, Celia Campbell – William Freeman and Jacob Freeman ext of Joshua.

Children of **Joshua<sup>1</sup> Freeman** and **Mary Outlaw** were as follows:

2. i. **SARAH<sup>2</sup> FREEMAN** married **Thomas Sutton 111**, son of **Thomas Sutton 11** and **Sarah Parker**, before 1794 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died By 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina.
3. ii. **WILLIAM FREEMAN** married **Fruzy Leary**.
  - iii. **JACOB FREEMAN**.
  - iv. **CELIA FREEMAN** married **Unknown Campbell** before 1793.
  - v. **MARY FREEMAN** married **Samuel Harrell**. She married **Inknown Copland** before 1794.
  - vi. **JOSHUA FREEMAN**.
4. vii. **CHRISTIAN (KITTY) FREEMAN** was born on 11 Nov 1760 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **James William Wood**, son of **Jonas Wood** and **Mary Edwards**, circa 1779 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **William Moring** circa 1798 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died By May 1816 in Northampton County, North Carolina.
- viii. **JAMES FREEMAN** was born after 1773.

### *Generation Two*

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**THOMAS SUTTON 111** was born circa 1759 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He died By 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

In this generation we have several Thomas Suttons in Bertie – Thomas 111 son of Thomas 11, Thomas son of Joshua who may have gone to sea, and it is possible George had a son Thomas. All would be grandsons of Thomas I. Until proven otherwise we are putting the below Thomas as the son of Thomas 11 since we don't know if Thomas, son of Joshua, returned to Bertie Co or even if George, son of Thomas Sutton I had a son, Thomas. This is only a working hypothesis based on some of the inter-related families especially that of the Freeman, Wood, and Mebane families which gets very complicated. It was Sally's Place that suggested these intermarriages.

There are marriage bonds for two different Thomas Suttons – one to Mary Dickinson in 1787 and one to Durham Mills in 1792. There are only estate records for one later Thomas Sutton in 1818. There is only one estate record for a Dickinson – Mathias Dickinson – who dc 1811 intestate and the records do not indicate the heirs. There are no Mills estates in Bertie Co.

Sally's Place suggests that Thomas Sutton 111 was the one who md Mary Dickinson in 1787 but does not address the other marriage. Without question it was this Thomas who md by 1794, Sarah, the daughter of Joshua Freeman and maybe the widow of Cullen Wood and they md ca 1793. The 1790 and 1800 Census Reports in Bertie indicate he had no children until after 1790. Obviously living in his household in 1800 were numerous other people.

Cullen Wood had a Will - 7 May 1792 prov June Ct 1792 - to my brother James Wood; to Freeman Wood son of James; to my brother Lawrence Wood; wife Sarah Wood. Exec. friend Joshua Freeman & brother James Wood.

**NOTE:** I have seen no proof Cullen Wood's widow was Sarah (Sally) Freeman.

Thomas Sutton III had a daughter Celia as did Joshua Freeman. Because Thomas III had two minor children when he died it is assumed that at the least the two youngest children, Celia and William were by his wife Sally Freeman. Mary Sutton Wood could have been by a first wife if he had a first wife. Since it is not proven that one of the Thomas Suttons with Marriage Bonds was this Thomas we have not included a first marriage and the Census Reports do not indicate a child born before 1790.

As we will see, a William Sutton dc 1818 had a daughter Sally Freeman Sutton and that William could not have been the son of Thomas III.

### **1790 Bertie Census**

Thomas Sutton – 1 male over 16, 2 females over 16 – 19 negros

### **1800 Bertie Census**

Thomas Sutton – 4 males 0 – 10, 1 male 10 – 16, 2 male 16-26, 2 males 26 – 45 – 3 females 0 – 10, 1 female 10 – 16, 1 16 – 26, 1 26 – 45 22 slaves

NOTE: Obviously there were other people in his household

### **DEEDS OF BERTIE COUNTY – 1772 – 1785 – by Dr. Stephen Bradley**

#697 – 10 July 1784 – William Jenkins to Thomas Sutton – 200 acres adj John Byrd, Cypress Swamp

**NOTE:** - Thomas Sutton II was deceased by this time.

## NC ESTATE RECORDS

Later Thomas Sutton found in the Thomas Sutton file – 1818 Bertie Co – John E. Wood and Mary his wife, Celia Sutton and William Sutton – the latter two not of age – were the children – no widow mentioned

Had land in Bertie of 1000 acres adj Elizabeth Jacocks, Edmund Weston and heirs of William Lawrence dec – another 600 acres in Bucklesberry adj Edward Fleetwood – another 700 acres on Albemarle Sound adj Baldy Ashburn, Jonathan Jacocks dec – another tract in Hertford of 640 acres adj Luke Summers, William Bush – another tract in Northampton County of 500 acres adj Godwin Cotton, Edward Wood and Rebecca Carter

**NOTE:** While the children of Thomas 111 are proven from the estate records it was Sally's Place that provided the leads of their marriages and the background on some of the families. We have done a follow up to a certain point but have relied on Sally's Place for details. Having said that, we think we have come to a different conclusion than Mrs. Koestler on even later generations. Mrs. Koestler has a signature saying that is the best we have ever seen – "This is my working hypothesis – the way I see it of this moment". In other words, some of this information could change.

Children of **Sarah<sup>2</sup> Freeman** and **Thomas Sutton 111** all born in Bertie County, North Carolina, were as follows:

- i. **MARY<sup>3</sup> SUTTON** was born circa 1796. She married **Dr. John Edwards Wood**, son of **James William Wood** and **Christian (Kitty) Freeman**, on 7 Aug 1816 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died before 1834 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

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- ii. **CELIA FREEMAN SUTTON** was born on 6 Oct 1803. She married **Dr. John Alexander Mebane**, son of **Alexander Mebane** and **Mary Armstrong**, on 23 Dec 1819 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died on 25 Sep 1870 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, at age 66. She was buried in First Presybterian Church, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

**NOTE:** There are a number of good sources on the Mebane family online both in NC and for the ones who moved to Tenn although they are in conflict with each other. Some have both of Dr. John Alexander and Celia Sutton Mebane buried in Greensboro, NC and some in Ark. In addition to Sally's Place one is

[http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Celia\\_Sutton\\_%281%29](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Celia_Sutton_%281%29)

There are also a number of Memorials for various family members on Find A Grave

Children of John Alexander Mebane and wife Celia Freeman Sutton:

1. Sarah Ann Lucia Mebane 14 July 1821 – 18 Jan 1822
2. Mary Eliza Mebane 15 April 1822 – 1894 - married 14 Oct 1846 Charles C Graham
3. William T Mebane 27 May 1825 NC – 15 Sept 1891 Ark - Class of 1845 UNC
4. Celia Henrietta Mebane 19 Mar 1828 NC – 21 Mar 1905 TN - married 16 Sept 1856 John Abijah Allen
5. John A Mebane 4 Feb 1830 NC – 28 Sept 1854 Baton Rouge LA
6. James Sutton Mebane 12 May 1832 NC – 26 June 1880 - married 13 Oct 1857 Henrietta Elizabeth Campbell 4 Feb 1834 – 1876 Ark
  - a. John Alexander Mebane 27 Aug 1858 – 29 Jan 1859 Mebaneville, Cross County, Ark
  - b. James Campbell Mebane 4 Feb 1860 – 11 Nov 1923 Farmer St. Francis Co Ark - married 29 April 1900 Jennie Eugenia France
  - c. Kate Reynolds Mebane 20 May 1862 – married 1882 O. B. Dunlap Farmer - Rockbridge Co VA son of Madison Dunlap
  - d. Robert Sterling Mebane 7 May 1864 – ca 1880 - 16 years old
  - e. Allen Sutton Mebane 10 Nov 1868 – In business, Cleveland, Ohio - married 7 Oct 1891 Rose Evelyn Strong 25 Oct 1864
  - f. Donald Moore Mebane 18 July 1870 – Living, 1942 Unmarried - Wynne Ark - Lived with his uncle, R. Granville Campbell, on Buffalo Creek, Va., after his mother's death.
7. Carey Osceola Mebane 12 Sept 1836 NC – 4 Jan 1904 Norfolk Va. - married 1858 William Davis Reynolds

According to Sally's Place, some of this information came from History of Cross Co, Ark where Dr. William T. Mebane lived. This article gives his mother as Celia A. Sutton.

**DR. JOHN ALEXANDER MEBANE** was born on 6 Dec 1790 in Orange County, North Carolina. He died on 11 Jul 1861 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, at age 70. He was buried in First Presybterian Church, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

- iii. **WILLIAM THOMAS SUTTON** was born on 3 Mar 1810. He married **Mary Cary Armistead**. He died on 10 Mar 1897 in Norfolk, Virginia, at age 87.

From Sally's Place

William Thomas Sutton 3 Mar 1810 – 10 Mar 1897

*Class of 1832 - UNC*

*Public Ledger, Norfolk Va. Mar 11, 1897 Vol XLII, no 32 Pl, Col. 1*

*Deaths—The venerable Mr. W. T. Sutton died last night at 12:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Dr. W. T. Sutton, no 265 Granby St. at the advanced age of 87 years. The deceased was formerly of Bertie County, N. C. Funeral by Rev. B. D. Tucker, Old St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) 1 P.M. 3-12-97. Burial at Elmwood.*

*[The grave is in the Sutton plot at Elmwood Cemetary, Norfolk, Va. b. 3-3-1810*

*m. Mary Cary Armistead d. 3-10-1897*

They had children Stark Armistead, William Thomas, John Mebane, Plumer, and Mary Sutton.

**MARY CARY ARMISTEAD** died on 10 Mar 1897 in Norfolk, Virginia.

**3. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> FREEMAN** (*Joshua*<sup>1</sup>) married **Fruzy Leary**.

Children of **William<sup>2</sup> Freeman** and **Fruzy Leary** are:

- i. **CHRISTIAN<sup>3</sup> FREEMAN** married **William Moring**, son of **William Moring** and **Christian (Kitty) Freeman**.

**WILLIAM MORING** was born circa 1800. He died circa 1862 in Bertie County, North Carolina. No living issue.

State of North Carolina, Bertie County.

In the name of God amen. I William Moring of the above state and County of Sound mind and memory do hereby make declare and publish this as my last will and Testament revoking all others.

First. I wish all my debts paid.

Secondly. With no feeling of unkindness toward Doctor Godwin C Moore or his wife I nevertheless hereby exclude them and each of them from taking any part of my estate real or personal. I hold a note of two or three hundred dollars against said Godwin C Moore which I do not wish collected amt. of him but give up to him and after this is done neither he nor his wife singly or together are to inherit ar take any portion of my estate real or personal.

I would after this exclusion as before go in and give my whole estate specifically and by description to certain other relatives of mine but it is too tedious and irksome to me. I therefore wish and hereby direct that my whole estate real personal and mixed shall go descend and be divided according to the law of North Carolina on the subject of descent and distribution to and among them my relatives just as the said estate would go were I to die intestate without any relationship or connection with said Godwin C Moore or his wife.

In testimony of the foregoing I have hereto set my hand and seal This 14 day of March 1856. William Moring seal

Signed sealed declared & published in presence of us who attest this paper in the presence of the testator at his request—P H Winston, Jas. Hunter, Wm A Ferguson.

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Mebane, John H.; William G. Mebane, Sr; and Green D. Jordan and his wife Eliza., - all of Fayette Co, Tn and Mary F. Bond of the State of Arkansas, 20 Mar 1866, appoint William A Mebane of Bertie Co, NC their attorney to sell a tract of swamp land (1,037 acres in all) in Martin Co., NC which descended to them from William Moring, deceased, in common with others, or was bequeathed by the last will and testament of said Moring, their interest being 4/5 of their 1/2 of the said land, which consisted of the lower Dunstan Patent, the Spruill & Morse Tract. the Peter Roscoe Patent #1 and #2 and the William Jordan Patent.

**NOTE:** John H. Mebane, William G. Mebane, Eliza Mebane Jordan, and Mary F. Mebane Bond were the children of Mary Elizabeth Collins Howe and her husband, Dr. Alexander Wood Mebane. William Moring was the half uncle of the Mebane children.. Dr. Goodwin Cotton Moore md Julia Monroe Wheeler the daughter of Sarah Ford Wood and her husband John Wheeler. Sarah Ford Wood Wheeler was a half sister to William Moring. There should be additional deeds from the Moring estate. This POA is part of the proof of the intermarriages between the Freeman, Wood, Mebane and Sutton families.

**4. CHRISTIAN (KITTY)<sup>2</sup> FREEMAN** (*Joshua*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Nov 1760 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **James William Wood**, son of **Jonas Wood** and **Mary Edwards**, circa 1779 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **William Moring** circa 1798 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She died By May 1816 in Northampton County, North Carolina.

WILL – CHRISTIAN MORING - May 28, 1814; May Term 1816 Bertie County.

In the name of God Amen. I Christian Moring of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of Perfect Sound Mind and Memory. Thanks be to the Almighty God for the Same and calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Present life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call them do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping through the — of Jesus Christ my redeemer to receive pardon for all my Sins and My body to the Ground to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Dicrestion of my Executives hereafter Named. and touching Such Temporal Estate Goods and Chattles As it hath pleased the Almighty God to bestow on Me I Give in Manner and form following

Item: I give and Bequeath to my Son William Moring Nine Negroes namely- Kader, Isaac, George, and Willis, Judah, Betty, Betsey, Shillan, Mourning of Sheba. also Fifty acres of Land which I purchased from William Horn and joining the lands on which Ansen Jeffreys lives and at present and the Lands of Fredrick Lawrence. to him and to his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my Son William Moring after my Just Debts being paid the Residual or Whole of my property consisting of Stocks of Different kinds, Household and Kitchen furniture. plantation Utensila to the only proper Use and behalf of him the Said William Moring his heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute, appoint and ordain my son John E Wood together with my Friend Baldy Ashburn whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Disannulling all former Wills heretofore made by me and shall acknowledge this only to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and fix my seal the 20th day of May 1814.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of (none) Christian Moring and her wax seal.

Bertie Co Feb Ct 1816–William Mebane stated that he believed that the will was signed by the decease Christian Moring and was ordered recorded by the Ct. Sol. Cherry, Clk.

**JAMES WILLIAM WOOD** was born on 7 Jan 1749. He died By March 1797 in Bertie County, North Carolina.  
**Will – James Wood 3 Apr 1795 – March Ct 1797**

I, James Wood, being in tolerable health thanks to almighty God for the same and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wood one Negro woman named Lidia conditionally Dist. if she will be content with her in the room and stead of Hannah which I sold otherwise I give Lydia to be divided among her Brothers & Sisters she the said Mary excepted. I also give her two more Negroes Viz! One Negro man named Harry and one Negro boy named Pass one hunting Saddle & bridle now called hers One bed and furniture One pine chest painted walnut color one Horse called Mark and one Morocco leather trunk to her and her Heirs forever–

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Freeman Wood all my tract of land lying in Bertie County except One hundred Acres lying in Powell’s pocoson I reserve for John Wood likewise three Negroes namely Son, Simon & Beth one sorrel Mare called the hipshoter filly One bridle and saddle which was given him by Cullen Wood one bed & furniture one small Squirrel Gun one small pine chest not painted One pine Buffet One round walnut Table two Sow Hoggs two Ewes & Lambs two Cows & Calves to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wood three Negroes namely Jacob called Jack, Rachel & Silvey, One Colt my sorrel Mare called okinow is now big with One Bed and furniture One pine chest painted blue and one bridle and saddle to be purchased for her out of the profits of my estate that in hereafter lent my wife to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Edwards Wood all my tract of land lying in Northampton County containing three hundred and seventy two acres more or less except one third part of said Land & Plantation I lend my wife after John Edwards Wood arrives to full age if she does not marry and before the said John Edwards Wood is of full age I lend my wife the whole tract of Land to raise her children on provided she continues my widow otherwise to be appropriated to the use of my Son John as aforesaid I likewise give my Son John E Wood One hundred acres of Land lying in Bertie County to be laid off by my Executors in Powell’s pocoson it being part of a tract of land I purchased of Martha Page and my Hunting Gun Bridle and saddle which I desire may be held for him until he comes of age to him and his heirs forever.–

Item After all my just debts are paid I lend my wife all the residue of my estate that is not before given away to Boards School Cloath and raise the children gratis Dist Freeman Wood, Elizabeth Wood, John E Wood, Sarah Wood, and Celia Wood and any other child or children which may be born of my wife which is mine this lent to extend no further than during her widow-hood otherwise if she my wife shall continue a widow until John E Wood arrives to mature age then my desire is that all my estate not before given away shall be equally divided between John E Wood, Sarah Wood, and Celia Wood and any other or others which may be born to my wife as aforesaid my wife having one third of John E Wood’s legacy during her widowhood or life and not otherwise, so likewise when Sarah Wood shall arrive to mature age or marry one third of her legacy to be alisted to my wife she continuing my widow or during her life and not otherwise. Likewise at full age or marriage of Celia Wood my wife continuing a widow I desire one third of her legacy to allotted to my wife for and during her widowhood or life and not otherwise. the . . . . .

And further I desire that if either of my four daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah & Celia should die without lawful issue that the surviving Brothers & Sisters have the deceased legacy equally divided amongst them

In Witness whereof I have here-unto set my Hand & Seal the 3rd day of April 1795 and acknowledge this my last Will and Testament I constitute and appoint my wife Christian Wood , Jacob Freeman, and Jonas Wood my Executors of this Will to ——

James Wood & a Seal

Test: John Norsworthy; Abednigo (x) Rutland Northampton County / March Court 1797.

Children of **Christian (Kitty)<sup>2</sup> Freeman** and **James William Wood** were as follows:

- i. **CULLEN<sup>3</sup> WOOD** died before 1834.

No living issue. Listed in 1811 division of estate of James Wood. Information from Sally's Palace.

- ii. **ELIZABETH WOOD** was born circa 1781. She married **William Sutton**. She married **Thomas Howe**, son of **Alexander Howe** and **Mary Unknown**, on 27 Sep 1804. She died circa 1818 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

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They had a daughter, Julia Monroe Wheeler, who md Dr. Goodwin Cotton Moore.

- v. **MARY WOOD** was born on 8 Oct 1789 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She married **William Mebane**, son of **Alexander Mebane** and **Mary Armstrong**, circa 1798 in Northampton County, North Carolina. She died on 21 Jan 1846 in Mebane, Alamance County, North Carolina, at age 56.

**WILLIAM MEBANE** was born on 28 Apr 1779 in Orange County, North Carolina. He died on 3 May 1856 in Orange County, North Carolina, at age 77. Burial: Location – five miles from the intersection of NC Highways Nos. 119 and 70-A, in Mebane, NC, is this family burial plot of a pioneer family.

- vi. **CELIA FREEMAN WOOD** was born circa 1790. She married **Baldy Ashburn** on 19 Nov 1812 in Northampton County, North Carolina. She died before 1824.

No living Issue. Adaline Ashborn bef 1824 – bef 1834

*Adaline Ashborn dau of Baldy is given a bequest in 1824 will of Wm. Freeman.*

*She does not enter into the division of Dr. John E Wood estate indicating to me that both she and her mother had died before this time.*

- vii. **FREEMAN WOOD** was born circa 1793. He died before 1805 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

No Issue.

**WILLIAM MORING** died before 1860 in Bertie County, North Carolina.

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