

# History of the Fearington Farm

## A Video Presentation by Bill Sharpe


This link will take you to a video presentation delivered by Bill Sharpe to the Galloway Ridge Community. Bill is a Cole/Fearington descendant, Chatham native, and frequent contributor to the Chatham County Historical Association's efforts to record and share Chatham history.

In this one-hour presentation, Bill talks about the history of the property that we know as Fearington Village — the people, the land, the farm, farming practices, and more. Our thanks to Bill and to Galloway Ridge for allowing us to share it.

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The Coles



-1895

Mary J. Riggsbee  
1822-1907


Elijah C. Cole  
1820 -1915



Gravestones in graveyard  
on Windstone Road


Elijah – Civil, War veteran, walked home from Petersburg in 1865. Grist mill, cotton gin, store on east side of Fearington Village. Crops were cotton, tobacco, corn.

Edwin Mebane Fearington  
1856-1940



Undated

Middle child of 13 children



~ 1890?

Fairview School at Riggsbee

Attended one-room school