

What "First in Freedom" Really Means

A one-page guide to North Carolina's freedom story

1. The slogan isn't just a license plate.

"First in Freedom" points to North Carolina's early stand for independence — especially the **Halifax Resolves** (April 12, 1776), when the Fourth Provincial Congress authorized NC's delegates to vote for independence. That was before the Declaration of Independence.

2. Freedom country sits inland of the Outer Banks.

Gates County sits in the Inner Banks / Albemarle region — coastal plain farmland, rivers, and quiet roads, not beach kitsch. The farm brand leans into that place: navy, cream, soft red — patriotic and coastal without flag wallpaper.

3. Land can carry a story even when tenants farm it.

Many owners lease farmland. That doesn't erase brand, history, or stewardship. You can share the land's story, protect your name, and build merch and education around place — while respecting what the lease says about operations, crops, and photography.

4. Protect the full farm name.

"First in Freedom" is public NC heritage language. What you own is the farm identity: **First In Freedom Farms**, your mark, and how you tell the Gates County story. Don't copy plate art; do own your logo and voice.

5. A simple next step.

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