

# The Freeman and Dietz Families



On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as lockdown began due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we (Melanie Freeman and Will Dietz) found ourselves in need of a wedding venue because our “Plan C” location fell through that morning due to Covid-19 restrictions/fears. Having visited Sesquicentennial Point many times, we knew the beauty of location. Less than an hour after losing our wedding venue, Will drove to make sure the Point was not closed to the public. Five hours later, in the presence of Immediate Family and a few Close Friends, we exchanged vows on these steps, dedicating our lives to one another. Because 2020 was not an option, we chose 1982 which was the year of Melanie’s birth at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. As the years on these steps commemorate the first 150 years of Lawrence, we wish to commemorate the joining of our two families with a small timeline of our family residency in the Lawrence area.

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| 1942 to Present       | I. J. Mendell and E. (Bair) Mendell: Maternal Great Grandparents to Melanie <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including children: I. L. Mendell, I. J. Mendell Jr, I. L. (Mendell) Smith, L. A. Mendell, and L. I. (Mendell) Thorton</li></ul> |
| 1949 to Present       | A (Hinkle) Morris: Maternal Great Grandmother to Melanie <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including children: E. Morris, L. Morris, G. Morris, C.R. Morris, H. Morris, and H. E. Morris</li></ul>   |
| 1952 & '42 to Present | H. E. Morris and I. L. Mendell: Maternal Grandparents to Melanie <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including children: G. (Morris) Kitsmiller, C. (Morris) Freeman, K. (Morris) Moreno, H.E. Morris Jr.</li></ul>                              |

- 1955 to 1959 J. Connor and M. (Dietz) Connor: Paternal Great Uncle and Aunt to Will
- Including children: D. (Connor) Mailey, C. (Connor) Carr, P. Connor, M. Connor, G. Connor.
- 1959 & '69 to Present C. (Morris) Freeman and A. Freeman: Parents to Melanie
- Including children: M. Freeman-Dietz and F. (Freeman) Goodison
- 1966 to 1971 K.W. Dietz: Father to Will
- 1969 to Present W. Freeman and M. (Brown) Freeman: Paternal Grandparents to Melanie
- Including children: A.F. (Freeman) Burton, T. Freeman, V. Freeman, A. C. Freeman, A. Freeman, L. Freeman, W. (Freeman) Salierno, W. D. Freeman, M. (Freeman) Beem-Besser, and W. A. Freeman
- 1982 to Present Melanie Freeman-Dietz
- 1986 to Present F. (Freeman) Goodison and B Goodison: Sister and Brother-In-Law to Melanie
- Including children: G. Goodison, C. Goodison, and D. Goodison
- 1982 to 1986 J. Iverson: husband to S. (Dietz) Iverson and Paternal Uncle to Will
- 1995 to Present Will Dietz

