Abstract: The paper examined family legacy and that female entrepreneurs (FEs) in Nigeria. The study revealed that female’s decision to be in business is based on clever judgment and reading of the market, and accordingly making the first move. FEs do so to have a sense of self independence and achievement, to earn extra income and to build equity for retirement. It recommended that the family legacy factor should be considered significant, as many seem to choose the business owing to the fact that not only it is peculiar to their family, but also because it will enable them to be involved in the family decision making process.