

John Byrd died May 1761 in Duplin County, North Carolina. He was married to Catherine King, daughter of Michael and Isabel King. To his son, John, he bequeathed 100 acres with the plantation "whereon I now live", a Negro (Lue), etc. To son, Michael, a Negro (Fillis), etc. To daughter, Bethiah, a mulatto (Cloe), etc. To daughter, Selah, the first child that my Negro Pat shall have, etc. To wife, Cathrine, Negro Pat and all remaining estate. A Duplin County deed dated 4 October 1807 from Maurice Moore to David Hooks of Duplin County described 250 acres of land on the North Side of Bear Swamp in two tracts, to-wit: 225 acres beginning at a water oak at the mouth of a small branch about 1/4 mile from the main road adj. Michael Byrd, Gilbert McCalop's back line, the lower line of said McCalop's old survey to the run of Horse Pen Branch and 25 acres adj. the above survey including the plantation on the South side of the main road where John Byrd formerly lived. (Duplin Deed Book 4A, pp. 153). Apparently Catherine married again, moving her children to Edgefield County, South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. I have been unable to locate the name of her second husband. Issue:

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- **John Bird (1752-1839).**
- **Michael Bird.**
- **Bethiah Bird, died 1838 in Paulding, Jasper County, Mississippi, buried in the Hopewell Methodist Church Cemetery.**
- **Selah Bird.**

John Bird, Revolutionary War Soldiers, son of John Bird, was born 1754 in Duplin County, North Carolina. While still a boy he removed to South Carolina with his step-father. At the onset of the American Revolution, he resided in Camden District,

South Carolina. After the war, John Bird removed to Edgefield County, South Carolina, later removing to Montgomery County, Georgia, then to Dade County, Alabama, where he resided with a daughter in 1839. One source states that this John Bird was a son of William Byrd (born 1704 Chowan County, North Carolina, died 1777 Sumpter District, South Carolina), however, this cannot be because his father died when he was a boy.

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