

Bird of Edgefield County

The Birds descend from **Edward Bird**, born ca 1640, died 1697 in Accomack County, Virginia¹ who probably married Jane Spiers, the daughter of John Spiers.² John Bird was named as a friend "my wife's brother" in the LWT of Richard Lincoln, dated 3 Jan 1615/16, probated 24 Feb 1620 at Norwich, England.³ "To Sarah, wife of Henry Bird. My wife's brothers: Edward and Henry Bird". Known issue:

- **John Bird** who died 1727/8 in Accomack County, Virginia. ⁴
- Daughter who married William Rodgers (Rodgers died 1738 in Accomack County, inventory of his estate)

John Bird had issue:

1. Nathaniel Bird, died 1780 in Accomack County, Virginia. Wife, Margaret. In his LWT he named his brother, Solomon.⁵
2. Solomon Bird, born ca 1700, died 1784.⁶ He was married to Frances Bull, a granddaughter of Tobias Bull who named her.⁷ Known issue:
 - a. Esther Bird.
 - b. Rebecca Bird.
 - c. Scarbrough Bird.
3. Major Bird, born ca 1710 (under age 18 at the time of his father's death).
4. Eborn Bird.
5. Daniel Bird, born ca 1720, died 1751 in Accomack County, Virginia. Wife, Margaret.⁸ "That the said George Philby being so in possession by deed dated 7 March 1737, conveyed the premises to Daniel Byrd, and that Daniel Byrd by virtue of said deed

¹ LWT of Edward Bird, Accomack County, Virginia, dated 4/12/1697, probated 8/3/1697.

² The LWT of John Spiers dated 1693 in Accomack County, Virginia, nuncupative given on 11/29/1693, probated 12/18/1693 named his wife, Sarah. Son, John Spiers. The instrument was proved by Jane Bird and Bridget Bird.

³ English Wills and Colonial Families by Noel Currer-Briggs, page 184.

⁴ LWT of John Bird dated 1/26/1727/8, probated 3/5/1727/8 in Accomack County, Virginia.

⁵ LWT of Nathaniel Bird dated 12/30/1778, probated 2/29/1780 in Accomack County, Virginia.

⁶ LWT of Solomon Bird dated 4/28/1784, probated 11/30/1784 in Accomack County, Virginia. Witnesses: Nathaniel Bird, Major Bird.

⁷ LWT of Tobias Bull dated 5/4/1751, probated 11/25/1760,

⁸ LWT of Daniel Bird dated 6/26/1751, probated 3/29/1758, Accomack County, Virginia, nuncupative. "To daughter, Susannah Bird my land where I now live containing 125 acres. My now wife to have use of same during her widowhood. To my two daughters, Mary and Scarburgh. To Solomon Bird. Four daughters: Rachel Mason, Elizabeth Parks, Mary Bird and Scarburgh Bird. Wife, Margaret. Proved by Henry Fletcher and William Melson." The depositions of Henry Fletcher and William Melson were filed in the suit of Susannah Bird, complainant vs. Margaret Bird, Middleton Mason and Rachel, his wife, Benjamin Parks and Elizabeth, his wife, Mary Bird and Scarburgh Bird, defendants. Ordered that the said depositions be recorded and that the substance thereof be established as the last will and testament of Daniel Bird and that the former administration granted on his estate be revoked and that the defendant, widow of the said testator, be summoned to take upon her the administration of said estate". (Accomack Wills, page 39)

entered into the promises and was thereof possessed, and by his deed dated 6 March 1739 conveyed the same to George Philby the younger..."⁹

Issue:

- a. **Solomon Bird, born ca 1750 in Accomack County, Virginia. Wife, Nancy. He died 1810 in Edgefield County, South Carolina.**¹⁰
- b. Susannah Bird.
- c. Mary Bird.
- d. Scarborough Bird.
- e. Rachel Bird married Middleton Mason.
- f. Elizabeth Bird married Benjamin Parks.
- g. Daniel Bird, served in the South Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War; sometimes furnishing supplies.¹¹

Solomon Bird (ca 1755-1810) was listed on the 1800 Edgefield County Census. His LWT named his daughter, Rachel Jourdan and the other children. Wife, Nancy. Issue:

- i. Rachel Bird, born ca 1790 in Edgefield County, South Carolina, married ca 1810 Jesse Jordan of Edgefield County; they removed to Georgia; died in DeKalb County, Georgia
- ii. Esther Bird, married Mr. Smith.
- iii. Mary Bird, unmarried.
- iv. Elijah Bird.
- v. Ebone Bird, born 1795.
- vi. John Bird.
- vii. Billons Bird, born 1797, died before 1850 in DeKalb County, Georgia. He was married to Charity Tyner on 2/15/1815 in Elbert County, Georgia.

⁹ Accomack Land Causes; Hitchen's Lessee vs. Ejectment Proceedings. Hall.

¹⁰ LWT of Solomon Bird dated 10/2/1810, probated 12/7/1810 in Edgefield County, South Carolina.

¹¹ South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution by Moss.