Bird, Valentine

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d. ca. 1679

Bird was one of the chief leaders in the 1677 uprising called Culpeper’s Rebellion, in which the acting governor, Thomas Miller, was ousted from office. Bird helped plan the strategy for the revolt and headed the armed groups that seized and imprisoned Miller and several members of his government. He was a member of both the assembly and the council chosen by the rebels and was one of the judges appointed to try Miller for his alleged offenses.

Bird died soon after the revolt he had helped lead. He left a minor daughter, Sarah. His widow, Margaret, married John Culpeper in 1679 or 1680.

References:


North Carolina State Archives (Raleigh), for Albemarle Book of Warrants and Surveys (1681–1706), Council Minutes, Wills, Inventories (1677–1701), and Bond of Margaret Culpeper as Guardian for Sarah Bird (2 Feb. 1686).


Additional Resources: