

## First Generation

### Robert Byers [2.1]

Was born 1714 in Exeter, Devonshire, England. He was the son of William Byers (The emigrant), born May 6, 1687 in Saint Ives, Cornwallshire, England and Elisabeth Cox born September 4, 1688 in Exeter, Devonshire, England. She was the daughter of James Cox born June 7, 1649 and Agnes Virginia Best born August 8, 1654. Robert was a grandson of William Byers (The seaman) born August 11, 1647 at Saint Ives, England and Louisa Kinkade born July 6, 1654 at Saint Ives, Cornwallshire, England.

Robert's family shipped to America in 1734 and landed at Philadelphia. He lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret White about 1732 in Cavan County, Ireland. She was born August 24, 1715 in Milltown, Ireland. The date of her death is not known. They had eight children. Robert wed second, Margaret Smith born February 3, 1728 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. They had two children. They moved to Rowan County in 1764. Margaret died April 22, 1772 in Rowan County, North Carolina and Robert died May 2, 1775 in Rowan County.

20 May 1772

Robert Byers received 600 acres in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina on the north branch of Davidson's Creek including improvements joining Creswell's line and Paul Cunningham.

Name	Byers, Robert	No.	1867
County	Mecklenburg	Acres	600
Grant	308	Issued	May 20, 1772
Entry #	457	Entered	Apr 25, 1771
Book #	22	Page #	57
Location:	On the North Branch of Davidson's Creek		

22 Apr 1772 Margaret Byers, wife of Robert Byers, died in Rowan Co.,

5 Nov 1772

Rowan County, North Carolina. Court Petition ordered that Robert Byers be recommended exempt from taxes being old, poor and infirm.

2 May 1775 Robert Byers died in Rowan County, North Carolina.

(Deaths listed in a Bible record]

## Second Generation

### (issue of Robert [1] and Margaret (White) Byers)

#### 2.1 William Byers

Was born February 2, 1734 at Milltown in Cavan County, Ireland. He was four months old when they moved to America. He married Peg Work in Pennsylvania. Their children are unknown to me.

21 Jul 1770 William Byers was a witness for Hugh McKnight.

25 Feb 1778 William Byers filed for 118 1/2 acres called Pleasant Hill.

Issued 27 Apr 1792

1790 Rowan County, NC Census

Two males over - 16 including head of household.

Three males under 16

Five females including Peg, his wife.

#### 3.2 David Byers

Was born February 25, 1735 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Ester Work, daughter of Alexander Work, Sr. and Isabell Cox. Their children are unknown to me.

20 Sep 1764 David Byers and Hugh Berry were witnesses to:

The Will of Hugh Lawson, Sr. Book A Page 87 Rowan Co., NC. Probated 1772

Children: Roger, Hugh Jr. and Mary Lawson

Sons in law: Thomas Irwin, George Ewing, Hugh Berry, and James Henderson.

Executor: Hugh Lawson, Jr.

10 Nov 1764

David Byers, John Armstrong and John McCulloch of Rowan Co., North Carolina were witnesses to:

David Byers (his uncle) of York County, Pennsylvania purchased from John McKnight 340 acres on the headwaters of Turkey Creek in Mecklenburg Co., NC. (This land is now in York Co., SC.)

David Byers was a brother of Robert Byers and Capt. William Byers.

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29 Apr 1768

David Byers received 300 acres in Mecklenburg Co., NC. on the north side of Main Broad River and on the east side of Mountain Creek on the Mill Branch joining Thomas Johnston and a shoal on the Mill Branch.

3 Sep 1774

David Byers deeded to Michael McElwrath land that had been granted to David Byers 29 Apr 1768.

Witnesses: James Byers, Joseph Byers, and Merry McClure.

Book 2 Pages 124-125. Lincoln Co., NC (The above 300 acres)

26 Sep 1777

David Byers, Alexander Poor, and Florence Poor witnessed:

The Will of Alexander Work, Sr. Book A Page 252 Rowan Co.

Probated 1777

Children: John, Alexander, Jr., Rebecca, Jean, Sarah, Ester.  
and Ann. Alexander, Jr. gets plantation

Executors: Isabell, wife, and Alexander, Jr.

David Byers

Rowan County, NC Estate Records 1783

Know all men by these presents that we, Ester Byars and William Rosebrough, are held and firmly bound unto Alexander Martin, Esq., Governor and Commander in Chief of said State and to his successors in office, in the just and full sum of one hundred pounds, these to be paid to the said Alexander Martin, Esq, Governor, or his successor in office, to the which payment well and truly to be made. We bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally and firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 4th day of August AD 1783.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Esther Byars and William Rosebrough, Administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of David Byars, deceased, to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall cane to the hands or knowledge or possession of the said Esther Byars and William Rosebrough or in the hands or possession of any other person or persons for then and the same to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Secretary's office and one attested copy thereof to the County Court, where orders for Administration passed, within ninety days after the date of these presents.

And the same goods, chattels and credits and all other goods, chattels and credits of the deceased at the time of his death which at anytime hereafter shall cane into the hands of possession of the said Esther Byars and William Rosebrough, or into the hands of any person or persons for then, do well and truly administer according to law and further to make or cause to be made a true and just account of their said Administration within one year after the date of these presents and the rest and reside of the said goods and chattels and credits which shall be found on the said Administration account shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, the same first examined and allowed by the Governor and Council General Consert or County Court, and shall be due unto pursuant to the true interest and meaning of this act in that case made and provided.

And if it shall appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased and the Executor or Executors herein named, to exhibit the same into the Court making request to have it allowed of the said above bound Esther Byars and William Rosebrough being there unto required to render the said letters of Administration. Approbation of such testament being first had in said court, then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of:

A. Osborn

Esther x Byers Seal  
mark  
William Rosebrough Seal

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