

# A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



*According to its donor, this brass pipe tomahawk was unearthed at the site of Colonel Bird's 1780 encampment near Falmouth. Kentucky Historical Society, KHS Museum Collection, Unnumbered-1489.*

## **PENDLETON COUNTY: BYRD'S WAR ROAD**

British Col. Henry Byrd passed through what now is Falmouth in June 1780 with several hundred Native American warriors and British soldiers, attacking settlers on a route from present-day Kenton County to present-day Harrison County. John Filson named the route "Bird's War Road" in his 1784 book, "The Discovery, Settlement, and Present State of Kentucke." Byrd's ultimate target was the Falls of the Ohio and Gen. George Rogers Clark's troops. He abandoned that goal when many of his men left.



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