

SUMMER. 1728

<http://www.oldhalifax.com/county/ByrdSapponi.htm>

William Byrd meets the Sapponi: In 1728, English colonist [William Byrd](#) headed an expedition sent to determine the true boundary between Virginia and [North Carolina](#). Late that summer, the party camped upstream from what is now Danville. Byrd was so taken with the beauty of the land, that he prophesied a future settlement in the vicinity, where people would live "with much comfort and gaiety of Heart." He named the river along which they camped as the "Dan", for Byrd felt he had wandered "From Dan to Beersheba."