

## Suspect 5 - Mrs Patricia Byrd

Patricia comes across as a typical elegantly-dressed wealthy lady — yet somehow lacking in haughtiness, suggesting, perhaps, a more humble upbringing. She met and married Thomas Byrd, youngest son of the trading magnate Sir Richard Byrd, in New York. Thomas died young, leaving his widow Patricia as sole heiress of the Byrd estate after the recent passing of Sir Richard from old age. Dr Black had been in Sir Richard's employment, so she was amongst the first to be notified of his sudden demise.

"Sir Richard had hired Dr Black about a month ago to work on a pet project of his. It now looks likely to have to be discontinued with Dr Black's untimely end. I started noticing Dr Black becoming very secretive and unlike himself of late. I don't know much about his private life, but it might be that he has run into some trouble outside. Could that be the reason he had sought the counsel of Mr Holmes?"

"We were hoping to hear his story too, but it looks like I now need to figure it out for myself."

"Oh, I am so sorry to hear about the disappearance of Mr Holmes. He looked so thoughtful when I saw him here last week. Sir Richard had been in London far longer than I have, and he had told me much about the shady dealings of Professor Moriarty and his employee Colonel Moran. I fear they might be involved in all this in some way; do tread carefully in your investigations."

