



The North Carolina Genealogical Society presents:

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“Charting Ancestral Waters: Seafaring and Mariner Ancestors (1800s)”

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About the Webinar: Many North Carolinians worked as mariners, seafarers, or related land-based businesses supporting the shipping trade in the post-colonial and early 19th-century period. Documenting these individuals can be challenging since we cannot rely on British colonial-era style records. While we can often identify shipmasters, vessel names, cargo, and key businessmen, uncovering details about crew members and a ship’s voyages is more difficult. By following the money, we can trace mariner ancestors through customs records, shipping documents, correspondence, private manuscripts, and other records. Together we will explore where to research these seemingly invisible yet essential mariners. So, “avast ye” and join us for an hour of discovery into the lives and records of North Carolina’s seafaring ancestors!



Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA, is a professional genealogist and owner of Mosaic Research and Project Management (MosaicRPM). With over 35 years of experience, she researches client ancestors and shares her expertise through writing and speaking.

Diane is a prolific author. She has written over 600 articles for *Internet Genealogy* and edited several genealogical publications. These include *Upfront with NGS* and the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. She is an international speaker, presenting webinars and in-person programs on various genealogical topics. Her areas of expertise include southern research focusing on North Carolina, researching African American ancestors, particularly those who were enslaved, and highlighting the often-overlooked lives of female ancestors.

Diane is also co-founder of GenWebinars and Tar Heel Discoveries and is Vice President of NC Historical Records Online (NCHRO).

You can learn more about Diane’s services and expertise at the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), <https://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org/directory-of-members/user/138/> and the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), https://members.apgen.org/members/directory/profile_APG.php?org_id=APG&mid=3280286377

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