

# New NCGS Webinar



The North Carolina Genealogical Society presents:

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## A “Hand-out” for your Poor Ancestors, Local Parishes, and Counties Stepped Up

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**About the Webinar:** Providing relief to those in need is not a modern concept. Throughout history, the records reflect the provision for assistance or relief to those in need. Whether one received food, a dispensation to not pay taxes, support money for a bastard child, was apprenticed, hospitalized in a sanitarium, or facing other struggles, they may have been the recipient of some form of relief for the poor. Beginning in the late 1700s, the United States and North Carolina created county poorhouses and poor farms; though not all NC counties built them. These institutions assisted the impoverished and the infirm via many different resources and programs. We will explore the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries to discuss types of relief for the poor, the laws enacted to provide such relief, and the records created that documented this assistance. Though it may sadden us to learn of our ancestors’ difficult circumstances, we can benefit from the records created.



Diane L Richard, MEng & MBA, Mosaic Research and Project Management (MosaicRPM), [www.mosaicrpm.com](http://www.mosaicrpm.com), has been doing genealogy research since 1987 and since 2004 professionally focused on the records of North Carolina and southern states. She regularly contributes to Internet Genealogy. She has authored over 500 articles on genealogy topics. In 2019 she published, *Tracing Your Ancestors -- African American Research: A Practical Guide*, via Moorshead Publications. Since 2016 she has been editor of the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) journal. As a speaker she has delivered webinars and in-person talks about the availability and richness of records documenting

southerners, pursuing formerly enslaved ancestors and their descendants, genealogical research tips, techniques, tools and strategies, under-utilized resource collections [online and on-the-ground], and much more. She has appeared on *Who Do You Think You Are?* (Bryan Cranston episode).

She is co-leader of Tar Heel Discoveries, [www.tarheeldiscoveries.com](http://www.tarheeldiscoveries.com), started in 2018, which offers guided North Carolina genealogical research programs providing participants targeted, focused, research assistance leading to new family discoveries. She is a board member of NC Historical Records Online (NCHRO), <http://nchistoricalrecords.org/>, non-profit organization dedicated to providing public access to high quality images of original records and other related information useful to researching North Carolina history and genealogy.

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