

# New NCGS Webinar



The North Carolina Genealogical Society presents:

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## “What is New is Also Old – Tolls: Have You Explored these Records for Your Ancestors?”

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**About the Webinar:** The concept of tolls is not new. Depending on where your Tar Heel ancestor lived and, especially if a body of water needed to be crossed or a new turnpike was recently put into operation, tolls/fees were paid. How many of you have cars with E-Zpass/NC QuickPass or similar toll transponders? This is the modern way of collecting tolls from those traveling by car. Eighteenth century records clearly document requests for and approval of tolls for roads, bridges, ferries, and canals. If you were willing to “pay,” you could take the shorter/quicker/easier route from Point A to Point B. If not, then your journey was typically longer and harder. From the perspective of state and local government, what better way to pay for infrastructure projects than to charge tolls to recoup construction costs and produce a profit to provide maintenance. Did your ancestor pay tolls? Let’s explore legislation, private enterprise and surviving records, and other documentation that might just answer that question.



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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