Comments:
I am a historian and genealogist in northeastern North Carolina. I
often find rare materials which I would like to use on one of my web
sites (see below).
At present, I am attempting to locate the copyright holder for Steam
Navigation on the Carolina Sounds and the Chesapeake in 1892 by Samuel
Ward Stanton, published by the Steamship Historical Society of America,
Peabody Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, however the modern Peabody Museum
is unable to locate any current copyright holder.
Also, I have found a diary of a Black soldier located at a North
Carolina university. This soldier served in the 1st North Carolina
Heavy Artillery, later designated as the 14th U.S. Colored Heavy
Artillery, during the Civil War. This regiment was formed in New Bern,
NC and surrounding area between 1863-1865, composed mainly of recently
freed slaves. Therefore finding a diary of one of these soldiers will
greatly add to the history of the time and area. The problem is that
the university in question requires that I search for descendants of
this soldier to get the descendants permission for my use. The soldier
settled in Pennsylvania after the Civil War and other than the telephone
and the Internet, I don't have the means for further search. Being a
disabled veteran, I really don't have the funds to do a thorough search
as required. Without a thorough search, the university in question
will not give me their permission to use the diary on my NC-USCT Project
web site. This will be a great loss to everyone.
Anything done to make the Orphan Works more readily available to the
public would be a great benefit to everyone.
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Algonkians of Coastal Carolina:
http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~jmack/algonqin/algonqin.htm

NC-USCT Project: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncusct/usct.htm

NCUV Project: http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~ncuv/ncuv.htm

Web Sites: Hyde Co., NCGenWeb: http://www.rootsweb.com/~nchyde/HYDE.HTM

William McGowan, Sr. (c1708-c1782) Descendants:
http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~jmack/mcgowan/mcgowan.htm