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Title of Proposal: Uncovering the Hidden History of the North Carolina Coast at the Outer Banks History Center

Abstract: The Outer Banks History Center (OBHC) is an archival repository and special collections library located in Manteo. The OBHC holds thousands of original manuscripts and archival records, hundreds of thousands of photographs, and over 15,000 books and serials related to the North Carolina coast. This presentation will explore some of the as-yet underutilized and “hidden” historical collections and resources at the OBHC. OBHC director Samantha Crisp will also discuss the ways in which these collections have been and can be incorporated into hands-on primary source literacy instruction sessions for K-12, undergraduate, and graduate students. In addition to examining several collections in depth, Crisp will provide an introduction to the OBHC and explain how researchers can use its collections to enhance their work on a variety of maritime history topics.