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Title of Proposal: The Titanic Distress Message: Fact or Fiction?

Abstract: When the Hatteras Weather Station was renovated in 2005, a log entry was found in the walls which purported to record the reception of the distress message sent by the sinking Titanic on April 14, 1912, and received by operators at the weather station. The entry is problematical, since the weather station at that time had no equipment capable of receiving signals from a ship at sea. The goal of this presentation is to sort out fact from fiction, and present alternative theories about the provenance of this log entry, now displayed at the Graveyard of the Atlantic museum in Hatteras.

Of note: His previous publications on North Carolina history include "From the Telegraph to Doppler Radar: Communications, Technology, and the National Weather Service in North Carolina,"; *The North Carolina Historical Review*, Vol. XCVII, Nr. 2 (April 2020).