

ACLA Summer Quarterly Meeting – July 20th 2017

NHCPL – Downtown Branch – North Carolina Room

Attendees:

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We had a super brief meeting, followed by a tour of the North Carolina room.

ACLA conference will be in April 2018 and we have begun the very early stages of planning. Please shoot us an email if you'd like to be involved in this planning and we'll let you know when we'll next be meeting. We would love to hear your ideas!

Tour of the North Carolina Room

Jennifer's tour after the meeting was very insightful and just, well, cool! I couldn't possibly catch all the neat things we learned, be here's a few highlights:

- Among the many old maps in the North Carolina Room is a map drawn in December of 1864 by the Union Navy as they planned the attack on Fort Fisher. This map was donated by the Civil War Round Table.
- Have you ever thought the downtown library may be haunted? Because it just might be! Jennifer told us about several instances where books that had been locked up would be found out and about as if *someone* were reading them... Some such books are *Tarleton's History of the Campaigns*.
 - Side note: Yes, some ghost experts were brought on to examine the room and they gave it the all clear....mostly.
- Another interesting map on display in the North Carolina room is the first map of Wilmington showing buildings and the blocks on which they stood. This particular map was made in 1881 and there were many other maps, including some at block-level. Maps like these are useful to local property owners who may be researching their property's history to apply for historical markers.
- This archives also has an extensive collection of microfiche of Wilmington newspapers, including many that date all the way back to colonial times!
- Of course, there are also many, many books! These resources range widely in topic from history and biographies to flora and fauna.