

2012 Preservation Grants

North Carolina Preservation Consortium

Manteo Library \$857.00

NCPC awarded \$857 to the Manteo Library to fund the purchase of a locking later file cabinet and acid-free folders for the preservation of the George Williams Collection. This collection contains 38 linear feet of Outer Banks family genealogy records as well as books and periodicals on North Carolina genealogy. Archival material includes correspondence, marriage certificates, wills, estate documents, church records, and Civil War pension files. Documents date from the early 1700s through the 1990s. The Manteo Library is part of the Dare County Public Library System.

North Carolina Maritime History Council \$1,600.00

A \$1,600 NCPC grant was awarded to the North Carolina Maritime History Council for wet storage tanks and soda ash to stabilize forgotten artifacts from the *Modern Greece* in the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. The *Modern Greece* was an English merchant vessel that sought to evade the Union blockade during the American Civil War. It ran aground near Wilmington on June 27, 1862 as it was being pursued by two Union ships, the *Stars and Stripes* and the *Cambridge*. These Union ships and the Confederate army at Fort Fisher fired upon and sunk the *Modern Greece* to prevent either side from obtaining the valuable cargo. Excavation of the *Modern Greece* in 1962 launched the North Carolina Underwater Archaeology and Maritime Conservation program.