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The Graveyard Of The Atlantic Mystery

Fascinating Facts

Atlantic Ocean

- Richard Etheridge, the first black keeper in the U.S. Lifesaving Service, was born to a slave named Rachel Dough. She lived in the household of John Etheridge. John taught Richard to read and write even though it was illegal to do so.
- Richard Etheridge's gravesite is on the grounds of the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island.
- More than 600 ships have sunk off the North Carolina Outer Banks.
- Consisting of shifting sand bars, Diamond Shoals extends 14 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Residents of the Outer Banks are known as "Outer Bankers."
- During World War II, German U-boats sank many Allied tankers and cargo ships along the Outer Banks. The area became known as Torpedo Junction.
- Few ships wreck on the Outer Banks today, but the ruins of old shipwrecks are still exposed by storms from time to time.
- The Cape Hatteras lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in the nation!

