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Copyhold was a form of land tenancy that was never effective in North Carolina, although the term is sometimes encountered in [records](#) ^[3] of landholdings. References to it grew out of the feudal provisions for manors in the [Fundamental Constitutions](#) ^[4] (1669). In England, it applied to tenants bound to lords to whom the land belonged; they were not freemen, being obligated to the landholder, from whom they received a copy of the manor roll specifying their obligation.

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