

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1060  
HOUSE BILL 861

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MARTIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., IN THE PURCHASE OF THE ASA BIGGS BIRTHPLACE.

Whereas, Asa Biggs was born February 4, 1811, in Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Asa Biggs was an outstanding citizen of this State and nation serving as a member of the North Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1835, a member of the House of Commons in 1840 and 1842, a member of the United States House of Representatives in 1845, a member of the United States Senate in 1854, and as a United States District Judge for North Carolina in 1858; and

Whereas, Asa Biggs was an advocate of "States' Rights", resigned his office of United States District Judge for North Carolina in April of 1861 and accepted the office of District Judge in the provisional government of the Confederacy in June of 1861, where he served with distinguished ability until the fall of the Confederacy; and

Whereas, both of Asa Biggs' sons, who were born in the Asa Biggs' birthplace, fought for the Confederacy, his older son, William Biggs, was a Captain in Company A of the 17th Regiment; his younger son, Henry Andrew Biggs, was killed the day General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox; and

Whereas, the Asa Biggs' birthplace will be sold in the near future and the Martin County Historical Society, Inc., has been granted first opportunity to purchase; and

Whereas, the Martin County Historical Society is in need of additional funds to purchase the Asa Biggs' birthplace; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources for assistance in purchasing the Asa Biggs' birthplace for the 1977-78 fiscal year the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) provided a like amount is raised by the Martin County Historical Society after July 1, 1977.

**Sec. 2.** Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.