

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1075
HOUSE BILL 594

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MATCHING FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE CONTINUED
RESTORATION OF STONEWALL IN NASH COUNTY.

Whereas, Stonewall, also known as the Lewis House, was built about 1830 by Bennett Bunn as the mansion house for his Little Falls Plantation and is an exceptional antebellum plantation house; and

Whereas, the interior of Stonewall is a testament to a master craftsman, whose work is among the finest examples of the Federal style in this State; and

Whereas, Stonewall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Stonewall is presently leased to the Nash County Historical Association, Inc., by Rocky Mount Mills, which has agreed to convey the property to the association; and

Whereas, the Nash County Historical Association, Inc., has implemented plans to preserve Stonewall by completing the exterior restoration; and

Whereas, the Nash County Historical Association, Inc., has demonstrated public support for the restoration of Stonewall by raising eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$86,500) from local private donations, private foundation grants and local projects; and

Whereas, the Nash County Historical Association, Inc., is preserving Stonewall as one of the chief architectural monuments of North Carolina and will open the house to the public for its educational and historical benefit; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for fiscal year 1981-82 for the continued restoration and interior rehabilitation of Stonewall, provided the Nash County Historical Association, Inc., raises an amount equal to this grant-in-aid to match the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The historical association may periodically apply to the division for the funds appropriated under this act as it raises the matching funds. Any appropriated money not used or not matched shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. It is the intent of the North Carolina General Assembly that this total of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for fiscal year 1981-82 shall be the final appropriation for the restoration and interior rehabilitation of Stonewall.

Sec. 3. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of October, 1981.