

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1083  
HOUSE BILL 671

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OLD CASWELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN YANCEYVILLE.

Whereas, the Old Caswell County Courthouse was constructed between 1858 and 1861 in accordance with an eclectic Victorian design by Architect William Percival; and

Whereas, the building is architecturally one of the most distinctive courthouse structures in North Carolina and was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 because of this architectural significance; and

Whereas, State Senator John W. Stephens was murdered in the courthouse on May 21, 1870, contributing to the development of the so-called Kirk-Holden War and the subsequent impeachment of Governor William W. Holden; and

Whereas, restoration of the courthouse has been underway for several years using local and federal funds; 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for fiscal year 1981-82 for further restoration of the Old Caswell County Courthouse provided that a like amount is raised by the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County to match the grant-in-aid on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The board may apply to the division, from time to time, 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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in the 1981-82 fiscal year shall be the final appropriation for the rehabilitation program for the Old Caswell County Courthouse.

**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.