

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1094  
HOUSE BILL 795

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A GRANT-IN-AID TO MILL PRONG  
PRESERVATION, INC., IN HOKE COUNTY.

Whereas, Mill Prong Preservation, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation responsible for the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Mill Prong house; and

Whereas, the historic house was built between 1794 and 1802 by John Gilchrist, Sr., a Highland Scot who immigrated to the area in 1770 as part of the large influx of his fellow countrymen into the upper Cape Fear region; and

Whereas, both John Gilchrist, Sr., and his son, John Gilchrist, Jr., were men of considerable prominence who served in the State Legislature; and

Whereas, the house was later owned and occupied by Archibald McEachern, who enlarged and remodeled the structure in the 1830's; and

Whereas, Mill Prong was long an integral part of the large community of Highland Scots in the upper Cape Fear region and, as such, represents the many contributions made to North Carolina by citizens of Highland Scot descent; and

Whereas, Mill Prong has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior; 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, for the 1981-82 fiscal year the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the purpose of exterior repairs to the Mill Prong house, provided a like amount is raised by Mill Prong Preservation Inc., to match the grant-in-aid on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Mill Prong Preservation, Inc., 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 eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the 1981-82 fiscal year shall be the final appropriation for the purpose of exterior repairs to the Mill Prong House.

**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.