

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 1281
HOUSE BILL 1705

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CLIMATE CONTROL, SECURITY, AND RELATED SYSTEMS AT KERR MILL IN ROWAN COUNTY.

Whereas, Kerr Mill near Mill Bridge in Rowan County is of considerable historical and architectural importance to North Carolina as the only known Federal period brick grist mill in the State and as a well-preserved example of milling: an integral aspect of early rural economic and social life; and

Whereas, Kerr Mill is the property of the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission, which has developed plans for its restoration; and

Whereas, the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission will establish a milling museum in Kerr Mill when restoration is complete, which museum will serve as an educational and cultural resource for the citizens of Rowan County and the State of North Carolina as a whole; and

Whereas, no other museum in North Carolina has concentrated on the rural grist mill and its prominent place in rural society, a purpose which Kerr Mill will admirably fulfill; and

Whereas, the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) was appropriated by the 1975 North Carolina General Assembly to be used in the exterior restoration of Kerr Mill; and

Whereas, the installation of climate control, security, and related systems will prepare Kerr Mill to receive the valuable exhibits and artifacts which will become an essential part of its appearance and importance as a museum; and

Whereas, the installation of said systems is crucial to the protection and preservation of the said exhibits and artifacts; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, to be expended for the installation of climate control, security, and related systems in Kerr Mill, the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$21,500) for fiscal year 1980-81, on condition that a like amount of money is raised for this purpose by the Rowan County Historic Properties Commission.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for fiscal year 1980-81 contingent upon the matching of this sum with an equal amount by the friends of the church for the purpose of undertaking stabilization and protective measures, including measures necessary to allow adequate fire protection, to preserve the original qualities of the St. Andrews Episcopal church building and setting in Woodleaf.

Sec. 3. These funds shall be expended under regulations prescribed by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1980.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 25th day of June, 1980.