

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1008  
HOUSE BILL 160

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE RESTORATION OF HARMONY  
HALL IN THE CITY OF KINSTON.

Whereas, Harmony Hall in the City of Kinston in Lenoir County is the only surviving eighteenth century building in the City of Kinston, the original portion thereof having been constructed in the last quarter of the eighteenth century; and

Whereas, the house served as the residence of James Glasgow, Secretary of State during the Richard Caswell administration, and was owned by Governor Caswell; and

Whereas, the City of Kinston and Lenoir County can greatly benefit from the restoration of the house as a museum and community and visitor's center; and

Whereas, the Lenoir County Historical Association, Inc., has raised over one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) in State, county, city, and local funds for the purpose of restoring and preserving Harmony Hall; and

Whereas, a significant portion of the restoration, including reroofing, foundation piers, underpinning, extensive repair to chimneys, framing in of a kitchen and restrooms, reinforcement of the building framing, replacement and repairing of floors with heart pine, roughing in of heating, plumbing, wiring and air conditioning, repair of window sashing and insulation in walls has already been accomplished; and

Whereas, although local donors have donated funds and material to put the finishing touches on the Hall, work cannot continue until funds are made available for security systems; 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-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1981-82 fiscal year for the purpose of continuing the restoration of Harmony Hall in Kinston by the Lenoir County Historical Association, Inc.

**Sec. 2.** Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2, provided that a like amount is provided by the Lenoir County Historical Association, Inc.

**Sec. 3.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of October, 1981.