

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 1032
HOUSE BILL 652

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION OF THE
NEWBOLD-WHITE HOUSE IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

Whereas, the Newbold-White House in Perquimans County is situated on land granted to Joseph Scott in 1684 and is believed to have been built in the seventeenth century, thus constituting today one of the very oldest surviving buildings in North Carolina; and

Whereas, Joseph Scott and his son, Joshua, were both leading citizens of the Albemarle region, serving as justices of the county court which met for several years at the home of the Scotts and later owners; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina met in 1689, 1690, 1691, 1696, and 1697 at the home of the several owners of the site of the Newbold-White House; and

Whereas, the Newbold-White House also served as the residence of James Coles, road overseer, constable, justice, major in the militia, provost marshal, and member of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Newbold-White House was later the home of Henry Clayton, clerk of the precinct court, justice, provost marshal of the province, recorder general of North Carolina, and member of the Governor's council; and

Whereas, in addition to its historic associations, the Newbold-White House is possibly the earliest brick dwelling of the hall-and-parlor type still standing in North Carolina and exhibits the persistence of medieval building practices and architectural forms better than any other structure in the State; and

Whereas, the Perquimans County Restoration Association, Inc., has been formed to acquire, restore, preserve, and maintain for public education and enjoyment this unique and outstanding dwelling; and

Whereas, State assistance is needed to supplement local resources in the acquisition and restoration of the house; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State to the State Department of Archives and History for the biennium 1971-73, subject to provisions of G.S. 121-8.2 and 143-31.2, the sum of \$25,000 to assist in the research, acquisition, and restoration of the Newbold-White House in Perquimans County, provided a like amount is raised by the Perquimans County Restoration Association, Inc.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective on and after July 1, 1971.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of July, 1971.