



North Carolina Preservation Consortium Announces 2018 Preservation Grants Recipients

\$2,000 to Duke Homestead State Historic Site for replacement windows for their historic tobacco barn known as “Third Factory.”

This tobacco barn was the first one that Washington Duke built for his tobacco manufacturing company, W. Duke and Sons, predecessor of the American Tobacco Company. “The ‘Third Factory’ figures prominently in nearly every visitor’s experience, whether guided or self-guided, and is the only historic resource at the site which speaks directly to the pivotal moment in the Duke family’s time here at Duke Homestead: the investment in and industrialization of W. Duke and Sons which ultimately begat the largest tobacco company in the world.” All 8 windows in the barn exhibit deterioration including rotting sashing and need replacing. The grant funds will cover about half of the costs. Duke Homestead will cover any balance that exceeds the grant.

\$960 to Mendenhall Homeplace of Historic Jamestown Society for conservation of rare materials.

Grant funds will be used to preserve an 1815 edition of Jesse Kersey’s *A Treatise on the Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Religion*, and the digitization and reproduction of a compiled history of the Mendenhall and Hobbs families in scrapbook form. “Richard Mendenhall’s circa 1811 home exemplifies the community of Quaker trades people and farmers who actively opposed slavery, promoted education for all, and labored to create a life of peace and simplicity during troubled times. Mendenhall Homeplace serves as North Carolina’s interpretive center of the ‘Other South,’ the 19th Century South of non-slaveholding and peace loving people.”

\$850 to Duke University Medical Center Archives (DUMCA) for a Nilfisk vacuum.

Duke University Medical Center Archives (DUMCA) often receives donated collections of materials. “Owning a HEPA vacuum means the DUMCA can remediate mold and gently remove dust, frass, and other fine debris from incoming collections, keeping these harmful materials out of the repository and keeping existing collections safe from incoming contaminants.”

The NCPC grant will cover approximately half the cost of the vacuum. DUCMA will pay the balance and work with the conservators at Duke University Libraries to set up their vacuum and be trained on using it.