

## North Carolina Preservation Consortium 2017 Preservation Grants Recipients

### **\$1,224.87 to Elizabeth City State University for the project “University Archives Support Training.”**

The Elizabeth City State University has been awarded \$1,224.87 to help fund a library staff member’s attendance at the 2017 Georgia Archives Institute, where they will receive training in archives management and support. “Originally a teacher training school, ECSU’s archives document the only public teacher training program for non-whites in North Carolina until the desegregation of the University of North Carolina system.” These institutional archives are a valuable resource not only for students and alumni, but also for researchers interested in the development of civil rights. This grant for education and training will give the university a much-needed trained library staff member to assist with the care of their historical collections and guarantee continued access for the community they serve.

### **\$1,995 to Stagville State Historic Site for the project “Conservation of Cameron Family Bibles.”**

The Stagville State Historic Site (part of the North Carolina Division of Historic Sites) has been awarded \$1,995 for the treatment and preservation of three Cameron Family Bibles, as well as an Oxford Bible. Historic Stagville belonged to the Bennehan-Cameron family and was one of the largest plantations of the pre-Civil War South. The bibles are an important part of their collection and contain hand-written genealogical records. The conserved bibles will help Historic Stagville tell the story of the Cameron family as well as providing a basis for a deeper narrative about religion, its role in the institution of slavery, and the life of slaves on the Cameron family plantations. All work will be carried out by Etherington Conservation Center.