



2021 Preservation Grant Recipients

Burwell School Historic Site

“Burwell School Historic Site Collections Management Program”

Granted \$1,781.00

“The museum and research collections at The Burwell School Historic Site primarily encompass the years 1837-1857 when Robert and Anna Burwell operated a school for young ladies on the property. The museum collection includes items belonging to the Burwell family, Burwell School students and Burwell School teachers as well as association pieces from the time period. Together these items present to visitors a vision of life in the mid-19th century in Orange County, NC.”

The goals of the grant are:

1. Purchase one fire resistant cabinet for collection storage.
2. Purchase archival materials, boxes, and tools to create enclosures for collections.
3. Property label and house the objects going into the cabinet.

John R. Dover Memorial Library, Gardner-Webb University

“Conservation & Preservation of At-risk Collections, c. 1580-1925”

Granted \$1,274.50

“The collection at the focus of this grant proposal consists of some of Dover Library's most "at-risk" archival artifacts. These items include four of the university's oldest (very first) diplomas, all of which are fragile and at risk. The grant would also allow for the purchase of storage enclosures for several at risk collection items.”

The goals of the grant are:

1. Contract for the conservation of the early diplomas.
2. Purchase enclosures for five at risk collection items.

Person County Museum of History

“Exhibit Revitalization Project – Light Control”

Granted \$2,000.00

“This funding request is for the purchase of UV filtering shades for two of our eight buildings on the museum campus, the general store and the doctor’s office. Each of these buildings presently have uncovered windows or ineffective coverings that are doing little to prevent light damage. At this time multiple items in the collection have suffered from the lack of protection, with damage ranging from fading to deterioration. This is part of a larger revitalization of our entire museum campus.”

The goals of the grant are:

1. Provide UV filtering shades for two of our prominent exhibits, the General Store and the Country Doctor’s Office.

Robeson Community College—Anne Moss-Biggs Library and Archive

“Photographic Memory: Preserving Our Visual History”

Granted \$854.47

“The selected focus for this grant is our collection of photographs and negatives related to the history of Robeson Community College. This particular collection provides a visual documentation of the history of Robeson Community College from its founding in 1965 through more recent years. Although a number of the items in this collection have already been digitized, we do not currently have appropriate storage for the original items. This puts them at risk of being lost or damaged.”

The goals of the grant are:

1. Purchase preservation-quality supplies to rehouse the photograph collection.