

*The September 2015 issue of "Worth Saving", the newsletter of the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office, features a story about Haywood Hall's investigation into restoring the home's 19th century ballroom.*

## Raleigh's Haywood Hall is Exploring a Partial Restoration

Haywood Hall, at 214 years old, is the oldest house in Raleigh on its original foundation. It was constructed by John Haywood, the state's first treasurer and Raleigh's first mayor, first as a place for entertaining and second as a home. The Haywood family lived in the house until 1977, when John's great-granddaughter, Mary Haywood Fowle Stearns, left it to the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in North Carolina. In her will, she stipulated that Haywood Hall be preserved "as is" for the "enjoyment of the community" and to promote a greater understanding of the history of the state and of Raleigh.

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