

Captured Moments at Camp Welfare Camp Ground

The 2007 summer season batted her lashes a final time, with a celebration of family, worship and history as attendees of Camp Welfare Camp Meeting carried on a more than 150 year old tradition of Revival Services at the Camp Welfare A.M.E. Zion camp grounds in Fairfield County.

This year's event included efforts to preserve the living history of this long held tradition by sharing information with the attendees on the development of brush arbor churches and early African-American religious tradition. Kitty Wilson-Evans, an award-winning storyteller, living history interpreter, and historical re-enactor best known for her portrayal of a slave at the Brattonsville Plantation in York County, gave a rousing performance. Brought to the camp meeting by "Captured Moment" a partnership of the Fairfield County Museum and Brown Studios, Wilson-Evans' performance introduced a group of young historians who were on the grounds collecting oral histories from attendees.

Captured Moment is an ongoing effort to fulfill the Museum's strategic plan to expand its collection of African American history in Fairfield County, and broaden the museums scope by bringing museum programming out of the four walls of the historic Cathcart House and into the community at large. Funded with grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Teaching American History Foundation, the program uses youth participants to interview and film county residents for a documentary, and digital archive to be held in the Museum's permanent collection. Camp Meeting was filmed by Fairfield County youth participants Adrian James Page and Kwame , both students at Fairfield intermediate. Past participants include Martika Minger a recent graduate, and Andrea Brown a current student of Fairfield Central High School. For information on volunteering for this effort, as a youth participant, or sharing your story please contact Yvette Howard at the Museum 803.635.9811. and for the museum's upcoming schedule of events go to fairfieldchamber.org and click the link for the museum.