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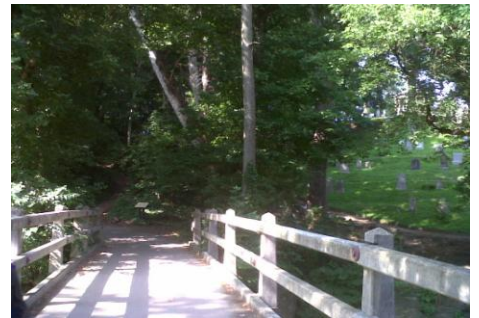
'We Are Not Afraid to Make History': DC Students Search for African-American Civil War Veterans in Mt. Zion Cemetery and Restore the Legacy of Old Black Georgetown

"This film is extraordinary to me because we all stood together as a team to make it!" ~ Olu Mason
"It pays tribute to the triumphs and struggles of our ancestors!" ~ Khari Eyen Zame Kibwe

Washington, DC – On Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm, on Veteran's Day weekend, a film screening will take place at the **African-American Civil War Museum located at 1925 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001**. Outstanding DC urban youth scholars in grades sixth thru 12th release a premiere of their documentary video, ***"We Are Not Afraid to Make History! (Part I)"*** created, directed, filmed and edited by the preteens and teens themselves.



Through the waves of hot weather, during June 27, 2011 to August 5, 2011, about 25 to 30 teens and preteens participated in *A History Beneath Us: Forgotten Sacred Ground Across the River Creek*.© It was the first project of [Living Images In My World](http://LivingImagesInMyWorld.com)©, an experiential learning program developed and produced by **I SAW! The Experience of Learning in DC™**.



Young scholars used field experiences and primary sources to discover and document evidence to reconstruct the legacy and past lives of African-Americans buried in the pre-civil war gravesites sunken into the woods of Rock Creek Park at Mt. Zion Female Union Band Cemetery in Georgetown. Middle school and high school youth were researchers, historians, anthropologists and archeologists while freshmen college interns served as their mentors in a collaborative summer program featuring a pilot community based creative arts project. DC youth filmed and captured the development of this new project and made their first cut of this documentary video.

In partnership with the Columbia Heights Youth Club located on 1480 Girard Street, NW, Washington, D.C., the talent and leadership abilities of urban youth in middle school were developed to become team researchers, high school youth were lead researchers. ***"We Are Not Afraid to Make History! (Part I)"*** is a fresh perspective in the first cut of a documentary video created by youth ages 10 to 18, one that transforms a learning experience into an empowering story told through visual and performing arts.

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