

Historical Facts about Camp Enoree

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Dreams do become reality when minds and means come together. Camp Enoree grew from the dream of an "Assembly Ground". Some few years prior to its inception, the Enoree Association under the direction of Rev. C.F. Gandy and Rev. H.W.D. Stewart purchased 360 acres of land in the upper Greenville County near Cleveland, South Carolina on Highway 11.

The Assembly Ground was developed with several cabins on the property. In this effort it was to serve as a recreational and Field Day location.

In 1954, one cabin was used as the first building where Camp Enoree held its first camping event. A tent was erected to help provide enough space for sleeping quarters. After several years using these facilities, the State of South Carolina became interested in developing a State Park for Negroes. The Association sold two thirds of the Three Hundred Sixty acres to the State for the development of Blue Ridge State Park. The remaining one third of the land was maintained to develop Camp Enoree with the assistance of North Enoree, Reedy River, and Greenville Southern Baptist Associations. The construction of an outdoor camping facility was erected on the camp site, which has an all -purpose assembly room, kitchen, storage room, first aid office/room, and two sleeping quarters consisting of bunk beds to accommodate forty campers comfortably.

Instrumental in the founding of Camp Enoree are the following: Rev. W.R. Martin, Mrs. Bertha P. Cobb, Mrs. S.C. Franks, Rev. H.W.D. Stewart, Rev. W.P. Whittenburg, Rev. S.E. Kay, Rev. C.F. Gandy, Mrs. J.B. Bailey, Rev. F.S. Jones, Mrs. Bernice Barton, Dr. & Mrs. N.J. Brockman, Mr. F.D. Garrett, Mrs. Eva Clinkscacle, Mrs. Wilson, Rev. J.H. Smith, Rev. R.W. Collins, Rev. O.K. Webb, and Dr. Dotson M. Nelson and others. The Camp Enoree Staff consisted of: Dr. N.J. Brockman, Director; Dr. C.O. Jackson, Camp Manager, Mrs. Patricia C. Scott, Dietitian, Mrs. Alma Jones Greer and Mrs. Addie Mae Brockman also served in the capacity of dietitian. Each year the Camp operated for four weeks alternating boys and girls ages 10-17 years old.

