

# AMERICAN ARCHIVE MONTH CELEBRATED AT THE CAPE MAY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Cape May County Clerk **Rita Marie Fulginiti** and her staff celebrated Archives Month with a workshop on Wednesday, October 10, 2007. The workshop featured two guest lecturers, Architectural Historian **Michael Conley** of Dennisville who spoke about the **Dennisville Methodist Church**, and Cemetery Historian **Alex Bennett** of Lower Township who accompanied the group on the walking tour of the **First Baptist Church of Cape May Cemetery** guided by Church Historian **Susan Armour**. The workshop concluded with a tour of the County Clerk's **Hall of Records and Archives** guided by Archivist **Diana Hevener** and research assistance offered by Michael and Diana.

The program highlighted the cemetery restoration project being undertaken by volunteers of the First Baptist Church of Cape May whose cemetery is located in the heart of Cape May Court House and is the oldest organized church cemetery in Cape May County. The headstones mark a "whose who" of the prominent political, business and military leaders of Cape May County going back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

"I was honored to be able to offer assistance to the church in applying for a Grant to continue this worthwhile project," commented County Clerk **Rita Marie Fulginiti** during the walking tour, while promising to continue to offer programs in the future that highlight the rich history of Cape May County.



*(left to right) Rita Marie Fulginiti, County Clerk with architectural historian Michael Conley, church historian Susan Armour and historic researcher Alex J. Bennett*



*Cape May County Archives Day group at the First Baptist Church of Cape May Cemetery. Church historian Susan Armour (left) leads the group*