



# Camp Douglas News



Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation

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## Camp Douglas Restoration Project—Latest News

### Project Phases:

Awareness and Support:  
2010-2011

Site Location and Site  
Planning: 2011

Fund Raising: 2010-2012

Gallery Development: 2011

Construction: 2012

### Suggested Reading

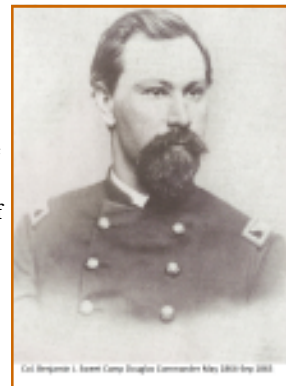
- *Rally 'Round the Flag, Chicago and the Civil War*, Theodore Karamanski. An interesting and thorough history of Chicago and the Civil War, including Camp Douglas.
- *The Enemy in Our Hands*, Robert Doyle. A well written book discussing prisoners of war from the Revolution to Abu Ghraib. A must read in understanding the history of POWs.
- *Andersonvilles of the North*, James Gillispie. A well balanced discussion of Civil War Prison Camp conditions.
- *To Die in Chicago*, George Levy. A comprehensive history of Camp Douglas

### MICHAEL WEEKS & ANDY IRVINE JOIN THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Michael is a member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table's Battlefield Preservation Committee and author of several books including *The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide*:

Andy joins with extensive experience in construction and will be working directly on the construction phase of the project. He is also providing welcome help in researching Camp Douglas.

Welcome Michael and Andy!



Col. Benjamin L. Sargent, Camp Douglas, Commissioner of the Illinois State Militia, 1862

### LAKE MEADOWS REDEVELOPMENT

Draper and Kramer received approval from the Chicago Planning Commission for the redevelopment of Lake Meadows which constitutes a majority of what was Camp Douglas. The redevelopment calls for nearly quadrupling the housing density and adding

1.2 million square feet of commercial space. Early discussions with Gordon Ziegenhagen of Draper & Kramer have been fruitless. However, Gordon is open to future discussions.

### OLIVET BASPIST CHURCH SITE

Early discussions with Arnold Romeo, representing the church, have been well received. We hope to continue discussions in the near future.

### ARCHEOLOGY SURVEY

Where is the western boundary of Camp Douglas? M.L. King Drive? Giles, Ave? William Bross in 1878 placed the boundary at Giles. Others, including George Levy, place it at King Drive. Working with Prof. Daniel Amick, Loyola University, an archaeological dig is contemplated to search for artifacts and evidence of the western boundary. This dig will offer opportunities to high school students in Bronzeville to participate.

## Support for the Camp Douglas Restoration

Special thanks to Aldermen Toni Preckwinkle, Ed Smith and Robert W. Fioretti for their support of the restoration. Their help in making introductions and opening doors is invaluable.

Authors, Bob Doyle, *The Enemy in Our Hands*, Ted Karamanski, *Rally 'Round the Flag, Chicago and the Civil War*, and George Levy, *To Die*

*in Chicago* have offered support and assistance in developing the program. They will be instrumental in developing the education and interpretation portion of the project.

The Chicago Civil War Round Table, Chicago History Museum and Pritzker Military Library are providing valuable support to our efforts.

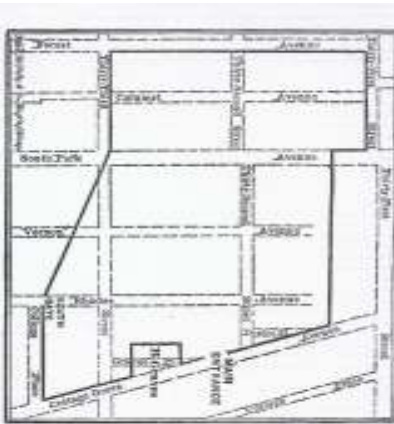
The Paula Robinson of the Bronzeville Community Development Partnership and author/publisher Bernard Turner along with the Du Sable Museum are working with us to develop the African American Contribution to the Civil War portion of the project.

To all we say THANKS!

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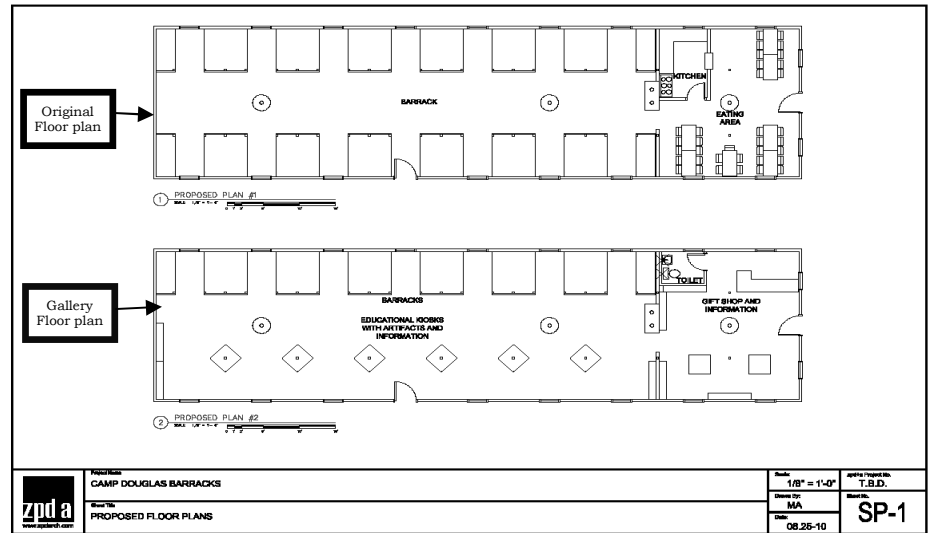


CAMP DOUGLAS, 1864-5.  
Map prepared by William Brown for a paper read before the Chicago Historical Society, June 23, 1876

*A Chicago Story that Needs to be Told*



## Camp Douglas Interpretive and Education Centers



Special Thanks to Jim Damato, of Zpd+a architects for his rendering of what the barracks might look like after construction. Jim is offering his services free to the Foundation. The drawings are based on photographs drawings from the National Archives and prisoner descriptions and drawings. The plan is to use a portion of each barracks (20 feet of each) as a reception area, gift shop and restrooms. These would be finished to modern standards. The remainder would be finished as close to the original as possible with proper heating and cooling for educational and gallery space.

## The Chicago History Museum

The Chicago History Museum is proving to be an exceptional source for Camp Douglas research. Photos, prisoner diaries and other valuable information is available in their research center.

Libby Mahoney, Chief Curator, has provided information on Camp Douglas artifacts owned by the museum. She has also shared information on the abolition movement in Chicago as well as her vast knowledge of the Civil War period.

She and the Museum staff have gone out of the way to be helpful and supportive.

The Chicago History Museum a vast collection of Civil War artifacts, especially from the Confederate States

## WGN-am-720 Rick Kogan

On Sunday, September 12, David Keller was interviewed by Rick Kogan on his *The Sunday Papers* on WGN-AM 720. Rick, a well known and respected journalist, author and media personality who has a unique understanding and appreciation of all that is Chicago provided a valuable forum for the Foundations plans for Camp Douglas. THANKS RICK!

## Web site Up and Running

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Brad Blough of gogoServers the web site [campdouglas.org](http://campdouglas.org) is up and running.

Among features is an ability to sign up for the *Camp Douglas News* and an excellent photo gallery

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