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Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation—Latest News

Mary Brennan Elected to the Board of Directors

Mary Brennan (right) has been elected to the CDRF Board of Directors and named Director-Communications. Mary is a fifth-generation Chicagoan and is passionate about the field of history, especially the history of Chicago and its denizens. Following the receipt of a BA in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mary transitioned to the field of marketing and communications where she has worked professionally for nearly a decade. Mary, for the past several months, has been working on the Foundation's social media exposure.



Camp Douglas as a member of the Chicago Mercantile Battery in 1862.

The Board also named the following directors to positions representing their area of emphasis in the organization:

LeRoy Malone, Director-Education.

Dean Rodkin, Director-Education

Bernard Turner, Director-Community Affairs.

These new titles reflect the outstanding work of these directors.

Social Media

Liked us on Face Book. Watch for new and exciting announcements on social media.

Another Successful Archaeological Dig

June 28-July 1, CDRF and DePaul University conducted the fourth archaeological investigation at John J. Pershing Magnet School, South Calumet and 33rd Street.

Again led by Dr. Michael Gregory, DePaul University, a record of over 50 volunteers participated in the event.

A Union military button was discovered during the excavation and what are believed to be grommets from a rubber blanket that was typically used by both Union and Confederate soldiers. Tests are being conducted on fabric adhering to the two grommets to determine if the material is 19th Century rubber.

A group of five clay smoking pipes (two examples shown in the photos) along

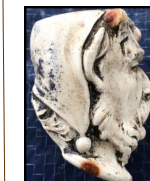
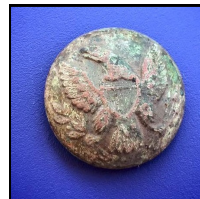


with several pipe fragments were discovered in a concentrated area. While these pipes, traced to French origin, may not be from Camp Douglas, they are from the period.

CDRF provided adult information and activities for local children during at "Neighborhood Day." This special event was held on Sunday, June 28 and was advertised throughout the community and in social media before the excavation.

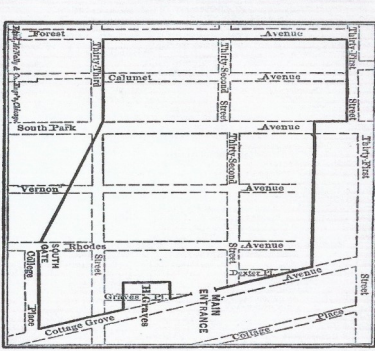
Based on the artifacts found and other indications at the excavation, CDRF and DePaul University will conduct another investigation October 7-14.

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CAMP DOUGLAS, 1864-5.
Map prepared by William Gross for a paper read before the
Chicago Historical Society, June 18, 1878

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Upcoming Events

Presentations

October 26, 7:00 pm-Thornton
Historical Society
December 10, 6:30 pm-Milwaukee
Civil War Round Table, location to be
announced
December 11, 5:30 pm-Chicago
Civil War Round Table, Holiday Inn
Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL

Chicago Park District "Camp Douglas Days"

September 30, 6 pm, Lake Meadows
Park, Part IV: The Resolve. The fourth
Camp Douglas program examines the
creative ways guards and prisoners re-
sponded to the challenges they faced in-
cluding music by Jason McInnes, and Old
Town School of Folk Music musician.

November 7, time to be published,
Northerly Island. Day long symposium
featuring: Thomas Campbell, author and
lecturer; Doug Dammann, Kenosh Civil
War Museum; Ted Karamanski, Loyola
University; Rob Girardi, speaker and
CDRF board member, and David Keller.
The symposium will look at Chicago and
the Upper Midwest from the abolitionist
movement through the Civil War.

Profiles of Camp Douglas Prisoners

Editor's Note: Material in this section of the newsletter has been received from various sources including information from descendants of these prisoners.

James Monroe Gage (top),
10th Texas Cav. And 15th
Texas Infantry.

Born June 6, 1842 Palo, AL
Died Jan. 8, 1928 Bodcaw,
AK.. Buried Dunn Cemetery,
Bodcaw, ARK.

Gage was captured the first
time at Fort Hindman,
Arkansas Post, AK. Jan 11,
1863 and was in Camp
Douglas by Feb. 8, 1863.
Paroled in May 15, 1863
and delivered to City Point,
VA. on May 21, 1863.

He was captured a second
time at the Battle of
Franklin, TN. on Nov.
30, 1864 and arrived at
Camp Douglas in Dec. 5,
1864. Transferred and
mustered into Union Army
April 14, 1865 which he deserted on
November. 8, 1865 and was captured and
sent to Leavenworth, KS on November 13,
1866.

Thomas D. Wier (not photo), was mustered
into Company B, 14th Mississippi
Volunteers, March 24, 1862. He was
captured at Fort Donelson, TN, and a
prisoner at Camp Douglas from February
1862 until September 1862.

Medical records show Wier was in the USA
Prison Hospital, Camp Douglas near Chicago



Ill. Admitted May 5, 1862.
Returned to duty May 8, 1862.
Complaint: Rheumatism. He,
again, was in the USA Prison
Hospital, Camp Douglas near
Chicago. Admitted June 4,
1862. Returned to duty June 8,
1862. Complaint: Pneumonia.

Wier was sent to Vicksburg,
Sept 2, 1862 for exchange.

Captured again in Alabama
May 4, 1865 and paroled
May 16, 1865. This was
during the battle of Mobile,
AL.

J. B. Nance (no photo), was
born in 1839 and was
married in April 1861 to
Drucilla Sampson. They had
six children.

He enlisted as Bugler, Co C.
4th TN Cav. October 12, 1861. He furnished
his own horse and was due a \$50 bounty.
Captured December 1862 in Tennessee and
sent to Cairo, IL then to Camp Douglas. He
was exchanged April 3, 1863.

Nance returned to his unit and served until
his surrender May 3, 1865 when he refused
to take the Oath of Allegiance and was
striped of all property and forced to walk
home. He received a pension in 1907. He
died on March 24, 1910 at the age of 70 and
is interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville,
TN.

Amazing the Help You Can Get From Experts

It is with great appreciation we that we
thank the many people who have supported
CDRF. It is amazing how so many people give
of their valuable time and talent.

Ronald Coddington, publisher, *MI Maga-
zine*. Ron has scanned uncounted numbers
of documents at the Ohio Civil War show for
CDRF. He has never said no. When asked to
identify other experts, Ron is there with the
answers.

Mike McAfee, Civil War hat and insignia
expert. Mike's several page e-mail in response
to our sending him a photo of the "B" discov-
ered at our dig site was essential in creating
providence for the item.

Michael (Smoke) Pfeiffer, Our Arkansas
friend who has worked hours on the identifi-
cation of the pipes found this summer at the
Camp Douglas site. (See article on page 1)

Holly Lundberg, conservator and Carol
Turchan, paper conservator both of the Chi-
cago History Museum who have given of
their time and energy to help CDRF properly

handle artifacts. Holly has done an out-
standing job of restoring and preserving the
"B" that, when we discovered it was held to-
gether by sand.

Meggan King, McCrone Research Insti-
tute of Chicago, who provided us microscopic
photos of artifacts and conducted CSI-type
analysis of grommets found this summer.
(See article on page 1)

Waite Rawls, CEO and Randy Klemm
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(Museum of the Confederacy) who have never
said no to any request.

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