

SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS A FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

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Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation

BUTTONS, SMOKING PIPES, MINIÉ BALLS & MORE

The Archaeology of Chicago's Civil War-Era Camp Douglas
and Post-Fire Bronzeville Neighborhood

The site of Camp Douglas has been the focus of four years of archaeological and historical research. The results of this work have yielded physical evidence of the camp and its inhabitants as well as the domestic lives of Bronzeville residents who occupied the area post-1871.

Camp Douglas encompassed 60 acres divided into four "squares" of which two, the administrative and Confederate prisoner-of-war squares, have been investigated archaeologically. The camp's POW square, which saw its first prisoners during January 1864, has drawn much of this research. Excavators have revealed large pit and



FEDERAL UNIFORM BUTTON



PIPE

trench features in the area yielding everyday items used by the approximately 30,000 Rebels who passed through the camp's gates. These items include military and undergarment buttons, smoking pipes, blanket grommets, mirrors, and Minié balls a prisoner may have intended to make into gaming pieces.

The analysis and interpretation of these materials is on-going as are those associated with the Bronzeville neighborhood deposit, which caps the camp layer. Due to the quantity of materials recovered from the Bronzeville deposit, much of the presentation will focus on recent discoveries associated with the camp itself.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 AT 7:30 PM

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South Suburban Archaeological Society invites all interested persons to attend this lecture