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Several other tracts have been purchased in the last few years. The Civil War Trust recently contracted to buy the Ely Tract, an empty house on 0.2 acres, for $250,000 with closing costs. It is a short walk from the Lovell land.

The Trust asked the city to match the Trust’s $62,500 contribution to meet the required match for a $125,000 grant from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program.

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Lighthizer said the trust would purchase the property, which includes a Quality Inn and a brewpub, from Belmar Partnership for $5.5 million and spend an additional $400,000 to $500,000 to demolish the modern structures and restore the historic building.

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“The trust worked with the city and the county, this land was long considered lost,” Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor said in a statement. “Thus, the journey we embark upon today is especially meaningful. We are not just protecting a piece of American heritage, we are reclaiming it for future generations.”

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More Upcoming Civil War Events

July 25th-27th, Four Seasons Park, Lombard: Sweet’s Civil War Reenactment

Aug. 12th, McHenry County CWRT: Richard Stilling on “The Murder of John Wilkes Booth”

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Aug. 19th, Lincoln-Davis CWRT: John Rodrigue on “Lincoln and Reconstruction”

Sept. 5th, Northern Illinois CWRT: Charles Knight on “Battle of New Market”

Sept. 9th, McHenry County CWRT: Frank Crawford on “The Baltimore Rios”

On Saturday, Aug. 16th, the CWRT of Chicago will hold its annual summer Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting is at the Chicago History Museum, and starts at 9 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. Discounted museum parking is one block north of the CHM at Clark and LaSalle Streets.

Know of any upcoming talks, events, or publications? All members are welcome to contribute your ideas to the newsletter. Contact the editor at ldamas@chicagocwrt.org or (630) 297-8046.

Future Meetings

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, the second Friday of each month, unless otherwise indicated. Sept. 12: Frank Verney on “General Grant’s Memoirs”

Oct. 10: Mark Bradley on “Joe Hooker, O.H. Howard, and the Atlanta Campaign of 1864”

Nov. 14: Steve Towne on “Civil War Epitaphs”

Dec. 12: Jim Ogden, Nevins-Freeman Address

Jan. 9, 2015: John Horn on “George Barnard and the 12th Virginia Infantry”

Feb. 1: Leslie Goddard on “Victory was the Wind and the Construction of Civil War Memory”

March 13: Thomas Huntington on “Searching for George Gordon Meade”

April 10: Michael Burlingame on “The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln”

May 8: Eric Leonard on “Cartel, Code and Consequences at Andersonville”

June 12: Garry Adelman on “4D Civil War Photography Extravaganza”

Call for Papers on Chicago and the Civil War

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August Meeting

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For Map/Directions to the Rosewood Restaurant, see below, visit [www.rosewoodrestaurant.com](http://www.rosewoodrestaurant.com) or phone 847 696-9494.