

SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

April 2007

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Dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of
Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

Dear STFB Member,

Two weeks ago a group of STFB board members and volunteers spent a spring Saturday morning working around the Collins' Farm property. Brush was hauled; holes in the driveway filled, and exposed wood painted on the old house.

I'm a person who tends to go through life at a fast pace, so painting, I've found, slows me down and I find myself having time to contemplate.

In such a state, with the birds chirping and the April sun shining down, I found myself considering why it was we were at Collins' Farm. My overriding thought was one of stewardship. It was not a feeling of ownership, but the notion that we were being good stewards of the land for owners elsewhere. We were there as caretakers—to preserve, protect, and grow this piece of land that brave Americans fought across and over so many years ago.

The owners, of course, are all of us. You and I, Americans everywhere, and future generations of those who will want to stand where great things were done and great issues were decided.

“No sir, we're not the owners—but they'll be along in a bit, I expect....”

Joe Smyth

Register Today!

If you haven't registered yet for the seminar "Why Franklin Matters: Exploring the Preservation and Interpretation of Franklin's Civil War Story," now is the time to do so! Here's a portion of the events you'll get to attend:

- Battlefield tours of all Franklin sites
- Special dinner and luncheon events

Presentations and Roundtable Discussions including:

- *Battlefield Preservation* Roundtable: Making Public-Private Partnerships Work for Battlefield Preservation
- *Battlefield Preservation - How You Can Make It Happen* Roundtable: How Battlefield Preservation Promotes and Expands Local Conservation Efforts
- *Battlefield Preservation: How You can Make it Happen* Roundtable: Heritage Tourism and Civil War Battlefields
- Franklin's Impact on Two Armies: The Army of Tennessee and the Army of the Cumberland
- The Generals at Franklin: *Hood, Cleburne, Schofield, and Stewart*
- Franklin's Emancipation and Reconstruction Stories
- Scholar's Roundtable on the Battle of Franklin

Remember, the full activities schedule and a registration form can be found at www.franklinscharge.com or by calling (615) 595-0636. We hope to see you there!

New and Renewing Members March 2007

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| Phil Allen | South Bend, IN |
| James Barrow | Miami, FL |
| Nancy Bassett | Collierville, TN |
| H R Beaver | Nashville, TN |
| Lonnie Belt | Collinsville, IL |
| LTC(R) John & Linda Brewer | Fairview, TN |
| Dr Michael Brown | Chattanooga, TN |
| Bob Bundy | Fair Oaks, CA |
| Dennis & Nancy Buttacavoli | Hasbrouk Heights, NJ |
| Walter C Corey | Lenior City, TN |
| Thomas M Derickson | Montgomery, AL |
| Nicholas DiGiovanni | Marlboro, MA |
| Joe Dolphin | Hinesville, GA |
| Dennis Field New | Lenox, IL |
| Everett & Ann Floyd | Franklin, TN |
| Ann & Martin Frost | Lebanon, TN |
| Wayne & Dee Hammons | Franklin, TN |
| James Harris | Troy, MI |
| Robert Hicks | Franklin, TN |
| Bruce & Bonnie Hohler | Thompson's Station, TN |
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| Robert J Irwin | Warrior, AL |
| Jim Kay | Nashville, TN |
| David Kibitlewski | Round Lake Beach, IL |
| Ken Knouf | Madison, IN |
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| Emily Magid | Franklin, TN |
| Rory McIntyre | Columbus, OH |
| Dan & Linda Mora | Franklin, TN |
| Nick Norwood | Hixon, TN |
| Dora Palmer | Franklin, TN |
| Jerry & Debbie Raymer | Nashville, TN |
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| Patrick Small | San Antonio, TX |
| Ed & Paula Snyder | Franklin, TN |
| Golbert M Sullivan | Birmingham, AL |
| Mildred P Taylor | Vian, OK |
| James K Turner | Franklin, TN |
| Dennis York | Knoxville, TN |
| Patty & Craig Young | Franklin, TN |

Pulitzer Award Author to Speak

On May 2, 2007, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. James McPherson will speak and sign copies of his new book, *When Will This Cruel War Be Over: The Failure of Peace Negotiations (1864-1865)*, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Dr. McPherson is Professor emeritus at Princeton University and the author of *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*.

The event will be held at Blair School of Music's Ingram Hall, with book sales beginning at 4:00 p.m., lecture at 4:30 p.m., and a book signing and reception at 5:30 p.m.

To RSVP for this very special event, please contact Kurt Eger at (615) 322-4782 or kurt.eger@vanderbilt.edu.

New Book About the McGavock Confederate Cemetery

Eric A. Jacobson has just published a new book entitled *The McGavock Confederate Cemetery; A Revised and Updated Compilation*. Eric has researched the contemporary records of George Cuppett, who superintended the removal and reburial of Franklin's Confederate dead, a contemporary registry for the cemetery published in 1866 in Franklin's *The Weekly Review*, and many other sources.

His intent is to resolve name misspellings, confused company or regimental designation, and other errors that have accumulated in the cemetery records over the years. He tabulates the new findings and corrections by grave number. It is a solid piece of detective work. The book is available at the Carnton gift shop, 615-794-0903, for \$20.00.

Simpson Teams with Pennsylvania CWRT

Our good friend Dick Simpson reports that he visited Lebanon, PA in March to present his slide program, "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin, Tennessee" to the Camp Coleman Civil War Round Table there. Dick has made this program available to many CWRTs and other historical groups in order to raise funds for battlefield preservation here in Franklin. Our new Pennsylvania friends helped Dick raise \$200 during the program that he sent along to STFB. We send a big thank you and hats-

off to Dick Simpson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania for his drive and commitment to assist the efforts of all of the preservation groups here in Franklin and Middle Tennessee. Well done.

Mark Your Calendars!

On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society (BONPS) will hold a fund-raising dinner, "Night at Negley," at the recently restored Fort Negley.

The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held rain or shine. Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell will be amongst the dignitaries in attendance, and all proceeds of the \$100 ticket will benefit Fort Negley

Checks can be sent to: BONPS, PO Box 190493, Nashville TN, 37219. For more information, contact Jim Kay at jk@kgeb-law.com.

The restoration work and the views from Negley are superb, and this will be a night you will not want to miss!

News In Review

Franklin hosts preservation conference this weekend

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 3/27/07

Preservationists from across the state will descend on Franklin this weekend for the Tennessee Preservation Trust conference. "Keeping the Place on Place: How Heritage Enriches Our Communities" is the theme for the conference.

Historian continues the task McGavock family began

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 3/30/07

A list of the dead buried in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery has long been available to the public. But thanks to research using contemporary sources, more Civil War soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Franklin can be identified at their final resting place. Their names are included in Carnton historian Eric A. Jacobson's new book, *The McGavock Confederate Cemetery: A Revised and Updated Compilation*.

Citizens for Green Space plan candidates' forum for April 4

Williamson Herald - 3/30/07

The Citizens For Brentwood Green Space, Inc., is a volunteer citizens group whose mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers.

New book recounts 50 years of Confederate reunions

Heritage Foundation - Spring 2007

Rick Warwick has announced the second volume in his trilogy of Williamson County and the Civil War is now available. In *Williamson County: Civil War Veterans - Their Reunions & Photographs*, Warwick presents 596 photos of individual Confederate and Union veterans from Williamson County, plus coverage and photographs of the Confederate reunions held in Franklin from 1877 to 1927. Histories of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, the UDC, Chapter 14, and coverage of the Confederate monument on November 30, 1999, are presented as they appeared in period newspapers.

County believes life ahead for Fleming Hall

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 4/2/07

Fleming Hall, on the old Battle Ground Academy campus, is still boarded up, but County Commissioner Judy Hayes stated: "We want to keep the integrity of the building and the campus as a whole. Maybe in the future, I hope we can do something that will be a benefit to everyone and keep that footprint."

National Park Service group visits city's battlefield sites

Williamson Herald - 4/6/07

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Franklin officials hosted a four-member delegation from the Southeastern Regional Office (Atlanta) of the National Park Service, according to City Administrator Jay Johnson. The city is working with the NPS to begin preliminary work on a feasibility study on the designation of the park as a national battlefield park. During the visit, the group reviewed the parameters of the proposed feasibility study, the interested/involved parties, and possible schedule, which is approximately two years, Johnson said.

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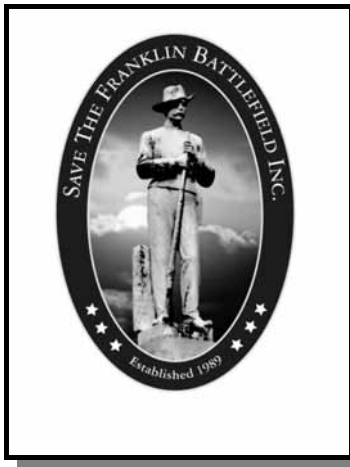
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| | Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one) | | |
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| | 1999 & 2000 Day By Day Civil War Calendar Set | \$5.00 | |
| | 'Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville' ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover | \$20.00 | |
| | Commemorative Belt Buckle | \$10.00 | |
| | NEW!! ~ Battle of Franklin Map ~ laminated & in full color | \$6.00 | |
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| | 'Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin' ~ David Logsdon, paperback | \$12.00 | |
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| | <i>Cleburne</i> or <i>Forrest</i> Prints, signed by the artist (circle one ~ or both for \$30) | \$20.00 | |
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