

SAVE THE FRANKLIN **BATTLEFIELD**

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

Officers Elected for 2008

We are pleased to announce our new officers for 2008. Sam Gant returns as our secretary and Sam Huffman as our Treasurer. We thank them for another year of service to the organization.

Chris Cuomo is our new Vice President. Chris grew up in New York State (no relation to Mario) and moved to the Franklin area in 2000. He has been on the STFB board for 4 years now, and was instrumental in keeping Collins Farm in shape, during the time we were stewards of the property. We welcome Chris to his position of leadership.

We are pleased to announce that Greg Wade has been endorsed as our new President. Greg grew up in Chattanooga and is a long time Williamson Country resident and board member. A graduate of MTSU, Greg is an Account Executive in the Travelers Insurance Construction Division. He is a member of many local and national historical groups and has written for the Civil War Courier, Williamson Herald, Blue Gray magazine, North South Trader, H-Net online, and Civil War News, where he is currently a staff writer. Greg is also the founder of Franklin's Landmark book discussion group. He has three children and the youngest, Forrest, is an avid re-enactor. Oldest son Adam is a Williamson County Volunteer fireman and his daughter Sarah is a senior nursing student at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

BGA Fleming Hall fate to be decided

On May 12th, the Williamson County Commission will meet to decide the fate of Fleming Hall on the former BGA property, just south of the Carter House. The local preservation community is united in asking that the historic educational building be restored rather than demolished and a new, likely larger structure erected in its place. As always, STFB is dedicated to reducing further intrusion and expansion on the battlefield such as this and your support makes this effort possible. The Commission meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday May 12 at the County offices at 1320 West Main Street in Franklin and is open to the public. Hope to see you there.

As a result the monthly STFB board meeting has been rescheduled to the next night, May 13.

New and Renewing Members March 2008

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Sesquicentennial License Plate Making Gains



The Tennesseee Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate continues to gain new orders according to Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Director of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association. You can order your plate at the group's web site www.tcqpa.org.

That site now has a short, three minute video that explains the purposes of the sesquicentennial plate, and how to order it. It's worth a look even if you don't live in Tennessee.

TCWPA Video Previews Franklin 140th DVD

The battle footage used by the TCWPA license plate video came from "The Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" by Wide Awake Films. Much of the action was filmed in Spring Hill during the 140th reenactment in 2004, with special scenes staged around the Carter House. We still have a few copies of the DVD in stock so take a look at the TCWPA video and order the Battle of Franklin DVD from the back page of this newsletter.

STFB sponsors Arbor Day Living History

STFB Board member Bobby Hargrove and a group of about ten re-enactors hosted a living history event at Franklin's Fort Granger this past Arbor Day. The annual city sponsored Arbor event is located at a public park just across the Harpeth River from the fort. Various groups with interests as diverse as gardening to river preservation attend the outing complete with music and free hot dogs. STFB members man a booth, lead a tour and answer questions about the fort's role during the War. A group from the local Sons Of Union Veterans chapter were delighted to observe the drill and live fire demonstration from the soldiers muskets.

Franklin/Williamson County Tennessee Civil War Trails Plan

Civil War Trails markers, similar to ones in Virginia and several other states, will soon be present in Tennessee. A recent meeting attended by a number of interested representatives, including members of the City of Franklin, Carter House, Carnton, and STFB, decided upon signs to be established at a number of important Civil War sites in Williamson County. Signs to be put up were broken into two categories. The first group are signs deemed immediately important based on a number of criteria. The second group includes signs which are important, but may be delayed until the first signs are erected. The groups are as follows:

Group 1

Williamson County Courthouse
Thompson Station Depot
Winstead Hill
Historic Carnton Plantation
Eastern Flank Battlefield
Collins Farm (name will be different)
Carter House
Carter cotton gin
Lotz House
St. Pauls Church/Hospital sites
Fort Granger
Harlinsdale Farm

Group 2

Merrill House site West Harpeth McGavock Confederate Cemetery

Guidelines for the markers are: They need to be visually interesting (photo captions and maps will offer additional opportunity to add information). There are a number of images in the battlefield preservation plan which can be used and modern day maps may also be produced.

News In Review

Spring Hill battlefield named to endangered list The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 3/17/08

The Civil War Preservation Trust, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit, again named Spring Hill's battlefield to its annual list of sites facing the greatest threat of be lost to development. The Spring Hill site has been named to the list every year since 2005.

More groups want own specialty license plates The Tennessean - 3/28/08

About 120 organizations currently have specialty license plates, and 15 local causes or groups have asked the legislature to approve new tag designs this year. The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association is busy collecting the 1,000 pre-orders it needs by June to get a

plate to mark the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 2011. For ever Civil War sesquicentennial plate that is sold, \$15.62 would go to help preserve Civil War battlefields in Tennessee.

Historic Commission ready for future The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." - 3/31/08

The owner of Oaklawn Plantation will today become the first to seek a special designation through the city's new Historic Commission. "I'm hoping that several others will follow suit," said Ron Shuff, who is also applying for the White-Blair House on Main Street to be recognized for historic distinction. The Denning Lane plantation is where on Nov. 29, 1864, Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood was sleeping when Union troops slipped past and marched north on their way to the Battle of Franklin the next day.

Franklin's Charge presents second Civil War Symposium in June Williamson County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Perspective - April 2008

Franklin's Charge, Inc., will hold its second symposium on June 20-21 at the Franklin Marriott-Cool Springs Conference Center. The title of this year's event is "Fighting for the Middle Tennessee Heartland" and it will feature battlefield tours at Franklin, Thompson's Station, Murfreesboro and Stones River National Battlefield.

Heritage Foundation Has Hopes of Restoring Fleming Hall Franklin Life - April 2008

The fate of historic Fleming Hall hangs in the balance as the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County works to conduct a study of the building. The foundation was given 60 days as of March 10, by the Williamson County Commission to conduct the study. Fleming Hall was built in 1911 to replace the building that was lost to fire in 1910. Today, it is the most prominent building on the historic BGA Campus and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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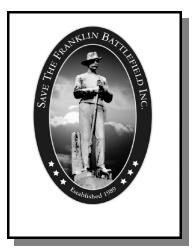
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