



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

## Fort Granger Tour Scheduled for April 2008

Mark your calendars for April 19 to attend STFB's Fort Granger tour, as part of the city's Arbor Day event at Pinkerton Park in Franklin.

Fort Granger is located on a 40-foot high bluff above the Harpeth River overlooking Franklin. Named for Gen. Gordon Granger, Union commander in Franklin in 1863, the fort was constructed in March through May of that year. The fort is an earthwork 781 feet long and 346 feet wide, encompassing almost 12 acres.

As part of the Federal occupation of Franklin, Fort Granger held two 24-pound siege guns, 18 field guns, and a garrison of 5,194 infantry and 2,728 cavalry. During the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864, the fort served for a time as Maj. Gen. John McAllister Scholfield's headquarters. A four gun Federal battery was placed inside the fort, commanded by Giles Cockerill, and it pummeled Maj. Gen. William W. Loring's troops with a devastating fire, firing at least 163 rounds down onto the Confederates as they advanced across the Eastern Flank of the battlefield. Captain Alonzo D. Harvey, commanding the 15<sup>th</sup> Indiana Battery, observed, "As Fort Granger was on a high hill, we had the most beautiful sight of the bloodiest battle that has been fought since gunpowder has been invented - the battle of Franklin."

The tour, running twice at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m., will assemble and begin from the overlook at the

fort. STFB will also have a table at the Arbor Day event, signing up new members and distributing literature. For more information, call the STFB office at (615) 500-6612.



Fort Granger - April 2007

## Sultana Descendants To Meet In Franklin

The Association of Sultana Descendants and Friends will hold their 2<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26, 2008 here in Franklin. Local expert history guides Thomas Cartwright, Executive Director of the Carter House, and Eric A. Jacobson, Associate Director of Carnton Plantation will lead the

Saturday bus tours of local sites. The event will begin with a short welcome and orientation meeting Friday evening at one of the Reunion hotels.

If enough attendees are interested, there will be an optional excursion to Athens, Alabama at 9:00 AM Friday to the sites where Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry captured most of the 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Cavalry in the fall of 1864, just a couple of month prior to the Battle of Franklin. Many of the Federal prisoners aboard the *Sultana* when she exploded and burned above Memphis in late April 1865 were captured not only at Athens, but also at Franklin on November 30, 1864. Sadly, many of those who had survived prison camps such as Cahaba and Andersonville perished in the Mississippi River as they were finally headed home.

The very reasonable event fees are mostly just the tour bus costs. Additionally, special rates are available at local hotels. To get the final registration, schedule, and fees information, you must immediately contact Norm Shaw at [shawclan4@bellsouth.net](mailto:shawclan4@bellsouth.net) and he will e-mail you all the necessary details. The fees must be prepaid. There are a limited number of seats available so if interested you need to act right away.

## Reminder!!!!

The John Bell Hood Historical Society Conference will meet in Franklin on May 9-11, 2008 at the Hyatt Place in the Cool Springs area of Franklin. The conference will include a Saturday tour of Spring Hill and Franklin, and a Sunday tour of the Confederate retreat following the Battle of Nashville. Eric A. Jacobson from Carnton will lead the Saturday and David Fraley from the Carter House will lead the Sunday tour. Special rates are available at the Hyatt Place and the Red Roof Inn next door. If interested you register or get conference fees details at [www.jbhhs.org](http://www.jbhhs.org)

## Another Important Reminder

Battle of Franklin Symposium, Fighting for the Heartland - June 19-22, 2008. Registration forms and pricing information are available at

[www.franklinscharge.org](http://www.franklinscharge.org) Final agenda and schedule will be published soon.

## New & Renewing Members January 2008

James B Atkinson M.D.	Brentwood, TN
Charles & Nancy Brantley	Greenville, TX
Jim Creecy	Nashville, TN
Fred Ehlert	Riverdale, IL
Jeffrey & Alisyn Friederich	Duluth, MN
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Sherry Male	Nashville, TN
William Darrell Moseley	Franklin, TN
Neal Pulley	Columbia, TN
Dave & Carolyn Rousculp	Marietta, GA
Lillian & Boardman Stewart	Franklin, TN
Michael & Barbara Walker	Franklin, TN



Another view of Ft. Granger April 2007

## News In Review

### **Adventure beckons at science center, Fort Negley**

*The Tennessean* - 1/13/08

The Adventure Science Center draws more the 250,000 visitors annually. Atop the hill above the science center, Fort Negley, the largest inland stone fort built during the Civil War, opened a new \$1 million visitors center in December. The visitors center brings this Civil War gem to the forefront.

### **\$2 million sought to preserve battlefield**

*The Tennessean* - 1/24/08

The Tennessee Historical Commission is seeking a \$2 million grant to buy and preserve the Battle of Spring Hill site, listed as one of the nation's most threatened Civil War battlefields. The organization and the Civil War Preservation Trust applied last month to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, which administers the federally funded enhancement grant program. TDOT has \$18.5 million to distribute this year and expects to award the grants in August or September, said spokeswoman B. J. Doughty. On its Web site, the Civil War Preservation Trust lists the land, which extends from Kedron Road to Main Street, as "highly threatened by development."

## Great Battles of the American Civil War

The following is a list of some of the greatest battles of the Civil War and the combined casualties. It is a sobering look at just some of the conflicts over a terrible four years which led to some 620,000 deaths.

First Manassas - 4,700  
Wilson's Creek - 2,400  
Pea Ridge - 2,200  
Shiloh - 23,700  
Seven Pines - 11,100  
Second Manassas - 25,200  
Antietam - 26,100  
Corinth - 6,700

Perryville - 7,600  
Fredericksburg - 17,900  
Stones River - 24,600  
Chancellorsville - 29,500  
Champion Hill - 6,300  
Gettysburg - 51,100  
Chickamauga - 34,600  
Chattanooga - 12,500

By the time 1864 dawned the war was nearly 16 months from its conclusion. The killing and dying that year, one described as the Valley of the Shadow of Death, would only intensify. Losses became so great and the armies became so battered that accurate casualty figures, especially on the Southern side, became a thing of the past. Losses were often simply rounded up or down to whole numbers. During the campaigns in Virginia and Georgia that spring and summer tens of thousands of men died. America was losing an entire generation. Then, in November 1864, a great battle fought in Tennessee would show just how bitter the war had become and how much killing remained. In barely five hours over 2,000 more American soldiers died at Franklin, Tennessee. Nearly 7,000 were wounded. But the war would not end. It dragged on and on, even as the people of Franklin tried to cope with the thousands of broken bodies left in their small town.

In March 1865 a newly inaugurated president would speak of the "better angels of our nature." Barely five weeks later he was dead and the country struggled to piece itself back together.

We live today in a country that was defined by the Civil War. Our differences had to be settled on the field of battle, the time had passed for discussion and compromise. We were brought to our knees, but survived. Who we are today, yesterday, and tomorrow was cast in stone, to some degree, by those four years. Our true United States of America was born of the ashes of Civil War battlefields.

Let us never forget.

Ever.

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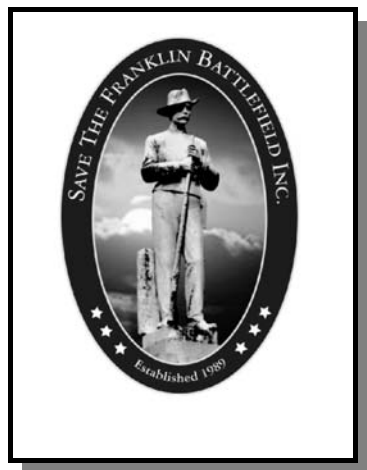
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QTY	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
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	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	"Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD	\$25.00	
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