



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

President's Message

Tennessee is blessed with an abundance of folks with the unique ability to combine historic knowledge with preservation work. The dramatic results in Franklin the last few years saving hallowed ground is attributed to the leadership of individuals with the determination to make it happen, often in the face of long odds. STFB has our share of such individuals.

Joe Smyth served as our President for several years and was at the helm of STFB during some of our most challenging times. Working with others, Joe was instrumental in leading STFB as part of the Franklin's Charge coalition that saved the Eastern Flank Battlefield, acreage otherwise targeted for residential development. His leadership in seeing Collins Farm become protected park land helped preserve a significant battlefield parcel where Loring's Division attacked during the Battle of Franklin. Recently, Joe asked to leave the Presidents role while remaining a vital member of our Board. His vision and engaging approach to preservation will continue to be a great asset to STFB.

Suzanne Burns served on our Board for over 10 years and has decided to step down to pursue other interests. Suzanne brought much experience to STFB as a member of the Ladies Soldiers Friend Society, Past President of the Woman's Club of Nashville and many other boards and organizations. She is a reenactor and portrays Adelia Acklen at the annual Mt. Olivet Cemetery Tour. Suzanne has a love of history that extends to her global travels. We thank Suzanne for her many contributions to the STFB Board.

Please join me in congratulating Suzanne and Joe for their service to STFB. --- Greg Wade

Exciting News from Franklin

By Mike Walker

Franklin's Charge has announced the signing of a sales contract to purchase a one acre site across Columbia Ave from the Carter House and adjacent to the Carter Cotton Gin site. The location was the site of some of the most intense fighting during the Battle of Franklin and would be the latest parcel acquired for incorporation into a Franklin Civil War Battlefield Park. Franklin's Charge is a coalition of local organizations including Save the Franklin Battlefield which was organized to purchase the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Stay tuned for updates.

STFB Advisory Board Members Named

By Greg Wade

STFB has often called on expertise and advice from those "shakers and movers" in the preservation community who can help with our efforts to raise the profile of battlefield awareness. We are pleased to announce our Advisory Board which honors those who have been so helpful to us in the past. Our first two members of this board are Fred Prouty and Suzanne Burns. As already noted Suzanne has been a major contributor to our working Board for many years and will remain active with STFB in this advisory capacity.

Fred Prouty is the Military Sites Preservationist and Director of Programs for the Tennessee Wars Commission, attached to the Tennessee Historical Commission. His duties include the coordination, preservation and interpretation of Tennessee sites associated with the French and Indian War through the American Civil War. Fred has written many papers pertaining to Tennessee archaeological sites

and has served as a consultant for various clients, including the History Channel. Fred has assisted STFB in several capacities and is always willing to help STFB in any way we ask. Please congratulate Fred for this well deserved recognition.

New & Renewing Members June 2008

Oscar N Byrd III	Mountain Park, GA
C. Pat Cates	Woodstock, GA
John & Carol Petty	Wartrace, TN
David B Dale	Nashville, TN
Andy Cullison	Oklahoma City, OK
Vann & Melody Martin	Franklin, TN
Joseph M Williamson	Castalian Springs, TN
Howard Foshee	Spanish Fort, AL
W A Harris	Lewisburg, TN
Tom & Dorothy Rivett	Lincoln, NE
Paul Timmerman	Traverse City, MI
Bert Chapman	Edisto Island, SC
Shelly & Marshal Harrell II	San Antonio, TX
Dan B Andrews	Nashville, TN
J T Thompson	Nashville, TN
Mark Perreault	Norfolk, VA
Bill Kennedy	Columbia, TN
Phil Duer	Nashville, TN
Peter Wolfing	Cemennial, CO
Mark & Mary Aulman	Woodland, CA

News in Review - July 2008

By Sam Gant

Downtown park slips in priority — Franklin *Review Appeal* — 6/18/08 — FRANKLIN — Finishing the long-delayed Bicentennial Park should come through a partnership between the city and private developers, Mayor John Schroer says. “It’s just not there,” Schroer said about allotting more city money for the park. “One of the reasons, it’s been supplanted by Harlinsdale (Farm) and the eastern flank battlefield park.” The park, which has languished for eight years, was listed as No. 18 on city aldermen’s list of top capital projects they want to complete. The battlefield park was ranked No. 9 and Harlinsdale was No.12.

Battlefield group acquires property— *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” — 6/23/08 — FRANKLIN — Civil War preservation group Franklin’s Charge will purchase a one-acre piece of property at 1219 Columbia Ave. for \$950,000 with private funds. The land was part of the fiercest fighting during the Battle of Franklin in 1864, said Franklin’s Charge President Ernie Bacon. The site sits diagonally across the street from the Carter House and is adjacent to the Carter Cotton Gin site.

MTSU gets \$300,000 historic study grant — *The Tennessean* — 7/5/08 — MURFREESBORO — THE Library of Congress has awarded \$300,000 to Middle Tennessee State University to provide access to some of America’s most important historical documents. The grant will allow the center to focus on several aspects of American history that also are key in Tennessee’s past. Among them are the eras of Andrew Jackson, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Depression, World War II, and the civil rights movement.

Work on Harlinsdale park finally begins — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 7/9/08 — FRANKLIN — After months of sitting fallow, development of The Park at Harlinsdale Farm is now in earnest as crews are completing a \$2.3 million project to install a new access road and parking areas.

Brothers in arms — *Williamson Herald* — 7/10/08 — FRANKLIN — The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Fort Donelson Camp # 62, recently held a commemoration service in Rest Haven Cemetery to lay flags at the graves of Brig. Gen. James P. Brownlow and Lt. Col. George Grummond. Their graves are just steps away for the most remembered soldier of the Battle of Franklin, Tod Carter.

State honors Bibb for preservation work— *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” — 7/10/08 — NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Historical Commission has recognized Franklin lawyer Julian Bibb for his work with Franklin’s Charge, the Land Trust for Tennessee, the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association

and other groups. Bibb was given a Certificate of Merit. "This award is presented to those individuals who dedicate themselves to historical preservation and/or the study of our state's history," said Patrick McIntyre, executive director of the Tennessee Historical Commission.

STFB Annual Meeting November 13 At Harrison House

By Greg Wade

STFB's Annual Meeting and dinner has become a much anticipated event by our membership and guests. Our format of having a tasteful dinner in a historic venue has been a hit and promises to be even better this year. Owner Pam Lewis has offered to host the 2008 STFB Annual Meeting at the Historic Harrison House just south of Winstead Hill, and our featured speaker will be well known author and preservationist Robert Hicks. Check future issues of our newsletter for additional details as the date approaches.

Franklin Civil War Roundtable

By Greg Wade

The Franklin Civil War Roundtable meets at 3:00 PM on the second Sunday of every month at the Williamson County Library. These sessions are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Our August meeting will feature Kraig McNutt. Kraig will be talking about the "importance of the Carnton Confederate Cemetery."

Civil War Tour of Harlinsdale Farm Planned for September 20

By Sam Gant

STFB has tentatively scheduled a Civil War tour of Harlensdale Farms for September 20 at 10:00 AM. A few details have yet to be resolved, but mark your calendar to join us for

an on-site talk about the Civil War actions taking place across this important battlefield, now part of the Franklin Park System.

The Carter House's own David Fraley will lead the tour and describe some of the dramatic events that took place across these rolling hills during Hood's retreat after the Battle of Nashville

On December 17, 1864, the Confederate rearguard clashed with the Federal Cavalry advance of Knipe's Division across the western perimeter of the Fort Granger garrison which included what is now Harlinsdale Farm. Brief, though fierce, and fought in terrible weather, this fight involved both Federal and Confederate infantry, cavalry and artillery units and resulted in substantial casualties on both sides.

Maj. Gen. Wilson's U.S. Cavalry Corps pursued Hood's retreating rearguard of Brig. Gen. Buford's C.S.A. Cavalry Div. Their retreat was covered by C.S.A. Brig. Gen. Gibson's 13th, 16th, and 19th Louisiana Infantry in an earthen fort near the railroad, and by Pettus' Brigade in an earthworks about a thousand feet north of the river (Harlinsdale Farm). Posted along Franklin's Front Street, Bledsoe's C.S.A. Artillery Battery fired a devastating barrage of grapeshot into the advancing U.S. cavalry. On the Eastern flank, Brig. Gen. Hammond's 1st Brigade U.S. Cavalry, of Brig. Gen. Knipe's 7th U.S. Div. advanced under heavy fire across Liberty Pike near the railroad.

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

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