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# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

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## New & Renewing Members December 2008

Sandra Abramson	Antioch, TN
Paul & Nancy Anderson	Franklin, TN
Bob Barry	Brentwood, TN
Bob Beck	Franklin, TN
David Broemel	Nashville, TN
Joe Brooks	Brentwood, TN
Dorothy Carter	Nolensville, TN
Cameron & Kristine Close	Newark, OH
Jim Crossman	Nashville, TN
David R Deatrick Jr	Prospect, KY
Don & Sarah Duncan	Murray, KY
Truitt Ellis	Nashville, TN
Donald & Nancy Garrison	Franklin, TN
Kevin Gray	Florence, AL
John Halliday	Benicia, CA
Bobby Hargrove	Franklin, TN
Robert Hearin Jr	New Orleans, LA
Nick Kaup	Northbrook, IL
William McGrath	Carthage, TN
Sherri Miller	Allentown, PA
Carroll & Jane Moore	Brentwood, TN
WilliamDarrell Moseley	Franklin, TN
Ken & Nancy Noller	Riverside, CA
Bob Ray	Franklin, TN
Dave & Carolyn Rousculp	Marietta, GA
Kathleen Seroteck	Canton, OH
Cullin Smith	Franklin, TN

## Franklin named one of "America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations"

Franklin Mayor John Schroer, accompanied by other local and state officials received a plaque from Nancy Tinker, senior program officer of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Dr. Carroll Van West, Advisor to the State of Tennessee, National Trust for Historic Preservation, naming Franklin as one of the Dozen Distinctive Destinations of 2009.

"Franklin has fostered a strong preservation ethic that has helped retain its distinctive sense of place and protect the region's architecture, village communities and traditional farmsteads," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Its rural atmosphere and southern charm make it a vacation destination not to be missed."

Franklin is perhaps best known as the site of the Civil War's Battle of Franklin. Visitors can experience the five bloodiest hours of the Civil War by touring the Carter House, the Lotz House and the Historic Carnton Plantation, which includes the largest privately-owned Confederate cemetery in the nation. History buffs will not want to miss Franklin on Foot—a guided walking tour with fascinating stories of Franklin's past or the Tennessee Civil War Trail, which has the largest number of markers in the state.

## Lotz House Opens as Civil War House Museum

The Lotz House Museum, located at 1111 Columbia Avenue, opened as a Civil War House museum October 30. The Lotz House,

which has been on the National Historic Register since 1976, is located in the heart of downtown historic Franklin at the “epicenter” of the Battle of Franklin.

J.T. Thompson, Executive Director, said “It has been a dream of mine for many years to both preserve this beautiful and historic home while using it as a backdrop to showcase our collection of antiques and decorative arts. I look forward to sharing the many colorful and historic stories of the house as well as that of the antiques and fine arts that are on display. When guests leave the Lotz House, it is my hope they will have a better understanding and appreciation for our history – which gives us the lives we lead today.” Wendell Garrett, editor at large at The Magazine Antiques said, “This collection of antiques is by far the finest private collection of American Victorian Furniture in the Southeast.”

Thompson added, “The Lotz House is the perfect complimentary companion to the historic Carter House, Historic Carnton Plantation and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. It takes only 110 short steps to walk from the front door of the Lotz House to the front door of the Carter House located directly across the street, and Carnton is just one mile away.”

One of the services offered at the Lotz House is Personal Property Appraisals, specializing in Antique, Decorative and Fine Art Appraisals. Clients include attorneys, accountants, insurance companies, charitable organizations and the general public. Check the website for upcoming schedule of appraisal fairs which will be open to the public.

*Hours of operation:* Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission charged. The Lotz House is located at 1111 Columbia Avenue. The telephone number is 615-790-7190 and the website at [www.lotzhouse.com](http://www.lotzhouse.com)

## STFB Annual Membership Meeting Summary

The STFB annual membership meeting at Historic White Hall in Spring Hill was an enjoyable and motivating evening with 38 members and guests in attendance. After a fine dinner served by White Hall owners Jean and Joe Ed Gaddes, the STFB business meeting was called to order by President Greg Wade. A recap of the past year’s activities was presented by Vice President Chris Cuomo. Secretary Sam Gant conducted elections in which the only board member up for reelection, Michael Walker was reelected. The business meeting was then concluded and Greg introduced our speaker, Robert Hicks of Franklin’s Charge.

Robert spoke on Battlefield preservation in Franklin and Williamson County and the urgency for each of us to take action. As past-president of Franklin’s Charge, Robert led the effort to reclaim the Eastern Flank battlefield park, formerly a Golf-course. Recently Franklin’s Charge has acquired the Carter Gin site across Columbia Ave from the Carter House. Robert spoke in moving terms of the stones from the Cleburne Cenotaph, the only 19<sup>th</sup> century memorial recognizing the Battle of Franklin, which are now relegated to the foundation of a house on the property. Certainly, those who fought deserve a better memorial. Franklin’s Charge plans to reconstruct the Cleburne Cenotaph using those original stones. However, Robert made clear the urgent need for funds to pay off the note on the property, restore the cenotaph, as well as other work to be done elsewhere. The work to pass on to the next generation the memory of the battle and those who sacrificed needs each of us.

The evening was concluded with Greg Wade presenting Robert with the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award, presented annually by STFB for outstanding work in local preservation. Dozier was a pioneer in preservation efforts in Franklin in the 1890’s. We thank Robert for his motivating talk and for his tireless efforts for battlefield preservation in Franklin.

## **President Greg Wade and Board member Joe Smyth resign from STFB Board**

The STFB Board regrets the loss of Greg Wade and Joe Smyth from the Board of Directors.

Greg, as current STFB president, has led in important projects including gaining recognition for the site of the Battle of West Harpeth and initiating the search for and preservation of Civil War artifacts on City park property. Also, independent of STFB, Greg has organized and led the highly successful Franklin Civil War Roundtable meeting monthly at the Williamson County Library.

Joe, as long-term member and past president, has not only led and advised the Board but has also provided a liaison between STFB and a number of other Civil War preservation organizations. Joe also was a member of the Board which was instrumental in the purchase of the Collins' Farm property as well as in the transfer of the property to the City of Franklin for the west-most parcel of the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park.

The STFB Board commends the work of both Greg and Joe and wishes for them success in their further endeavors in other preservation efforts.

### **News in Review**

#### **State hopes to trick beavers into leaving — Franklin *Review Appeal* — 1/7/09 — FRANKLIN —**

Crews from the state Department of Environment and Conservation recently installed two “beaver bafflers” in the federally-protected wetlands at the city’s Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin Park, years after the den of beavers and their dams were first discovered. Installation of the devices—named “bafflers” because they’re designed to trick the beavers

out of maintaining their dams—is part of a larger plan by state and city officials to restore the former 110-acre golf course to how it looked in 1864 while maintaining the wetland to today’s environmental standards.

#### **Graphic novel has tragic end in Franklin — Franklin *Review Appeal* — 1/14/09 — FRANKLIN —**

*Cleburne: A Graphic Novel* (\$24.95, Rampart Press), a new publication using the visual art medium, tells the real-life story of Confederate General final years, including his death during the 1864 Battle of Franklin. The illustrated book isn’t a strict historical account. Justin Murphy, the author, added a few fictional characters to advance the non-fictional story. But in all areas where he could the creator tried to keep details as accurate as possible.

#### **Grants Are Awarded To Four Tennessee Civil War Sites — *Civil War News* — November 2008 —**

**NASHVILLE** — The Tennessee Department of Transportation recently awarded \$3,019,840 in federal transportation enhancement grants to four Civil War sites. The funds will support preservation and interpretation at Fort Donelson National Battlefield, Shiloh National Military Park, Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield and Davis Bridge Battlefield.

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