



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

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A busy fall season of events reaches a climax with the upcoming Civil War days and 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. See inside for details. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to remember the sacrifices of those who fought as well as of those who stayed at home.

With sadness we note the passing of Harold McMurtry. He had stepped down from the STFB Board in 2007 due to illness. We have missed his steady guiding hand and calming good nature. Our prayers go out to Evelyn and his family.

Be sure to stop by the STFB booth at the Civil War Show December 5-6 in Nashville. We always look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones each year.

As this year draws to a close, we are making plans for the challenges and opportunities of a new year. I greatly appreciate your support during these tough economic times. But despite the downturn, threats to battlefield here have not slowed. When recovery comes, the pace of unbridled development is sure to quicken once more. As always, we will continue to be vigilant and speak out against encroachment on battlefield. When you plan your end of year donations, I hope that you will consider a contribution to Save the Franklin Battlefield.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Mike Walker - President

Simpson Opens Fall Campaign

Long time STFB friend Dick Simpson is busy once again on the CWRT circuit presenting his slide program "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin, Tennessee". After his visit to Franklin in May 2003 he developed his lecture and has been telling the Franklin story out east ever since. This past January, he revisited Franklin to update his program and get the latest news.

Dick recently spoke to the CWRT of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburg and raised \$300 for preservation efforts in Franklin. He spends the winter in Lancaster, PA and summers in Essex Junction, VT so he covers a wide swath of CWRT's in a year's time telling the Franklin story. We send a big STFB Thank You to Dick for his steadfast support.

23rd Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Tennessee State Fairgrounds December 5-6, 2009

The hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-3:30. STFB will be there!! Stop by and see us at our usual location. With over 1,000 tables, the Nashville show is billed as the largest in the United States, and we believe it!! For additional information on the show, contact Mike Kent mlkshows@yahoo.com 770-267-0989

Volunteer Your Crew for the 2009 Illumination Community Project

Illumination Volunteers Needed November 28 – 1:00 PM

The City of Franklin Battlefield Task Force is enlisting volunteers to help with this year's 10,000 candle Illumination near Carnton Plantation. To volunteer, please contact Amanda Hall at 615.550-6737 or historicpreservation@franklintn.gov

See the Volunteer Flyer www.franklin-stfb.org

New & Renewing Members October 2009

Bob Beck	Franklin, TN
Robert Boyda	Highland Hts, OH
Betty Corbitt Callis	Hendersonville, TN
Francis S Bartow Camp #93 SCV	Savannah, GA
Justin Cates	Brentwood, TN
Civil War News	Tunbridge, VT
Chad & Amy Comer	Gamaliel, KY
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
North Worchester CWRT	Athol, MA
Rob Dean	Franklin, TN
Thomas Dodson	McDonough, GA
Philip W Duer	Nashville, TN
Robert Ewing	Brentwood, TN
Sam & Norma Gant	Franklin, TN
Bryan Hansen	Thompsons Station, TN
John G Henderson	Nashville, TN
David & Diane Hundt	Franklin, TN
Susan James	Brentwood, TN
Don & Debby Jurgensen	China Spring, TX
Donald Kerns	Garden Grove, CA
Chris Kolakowski	Perryville, KY
Bill Lamb	Franklin, TN
Doug Lewter	Madison, AL
Thomas Lott	Spring Hill, TN
Don & Annie Miller	New Castle, IN
Palmetto Soldiers Relief	Sumter, SC
Mary Ann Peckham	Reliance, TN
Stephanie Phelan	Ocala, FL
Dennis & Larinda Pompa	Spring Hill, TN
Rochelle Ramga	Auburn, AL
Andrew & Nancy Ramsay	Ashburn, VA
Jeff Rector	Columbia, TN
Leonard Riedel	Danville, VA
Glenn & Kathy Rieuf	Franklin, TN
Jon & Nancy Schwartz	Nashville, TN
Patrick Small	San Antonio, TX
Pam & Hershel Smith III	Celebration, FL
Dr Van West	Murfreesboro, TN
Wide Awake Films	Kansas City, MO

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Harold J. McMurtry, STFB Past Board Member Remembered

Harold McMurtry, 80, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. He served on the STFB Board of Directors from 2002 until 2005. He was re-elected to the Board for the 2006 term, but his health prevented his serving. Prior to and during his tenure on the Board, Harold was a strong advocate of preservation and spent much time helping restore the Collins' Farm property which now is part of Franklin's Civil War parks.

Harold served as a Brentwood city commissioner from 1979-83 and from 1985-89 and as mayor of Brentwood from 1987-1989. He was active in the Williamson County Republican Party, having served as Chairman. He was also an active member of the Church of Christ having made numerous missions trips including smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain.

Battle of Thompson's Station November 7 Tour Recap

On a beautiful fall morning we welcomed approximately 30 STFB members and guests to Homestead Manor for a tour of the Thompson's Station Battlefield. We were pleased to greet among those present Williamson County Commissioners Greg Davis and Elizabeth Hester.

On the home's front lawn, our tour guide Thomas Cartwright gave a fascinating overview of the tactics, action, and key individuals involved in the battle of Thompson's Station. We also walked portions of the 46 acre property which includes the hill where the surrender of Federal troops took place. As always, Thomas did a masterful job of bringing the action to life as well as making clear the importance of preserving the battlefield.

Owner of Homestead Manor, Jay Franks gave an update on efforts to create a Thompson's Station battlefield park. Jay and his wife Marcia along with several neighbors have placed conservation easements on their properties, ensuring their perpetual protection from development.

We thank our tour guide Thomas Cartwright for an outstanding job and Jay and Marcia Franks for opening their property to us for the tour. Thomas is available to lead battlefield tours under arrangement with the Lotz House www.lotzhouse.com. You will soon be able to visit the Homestead Manor Plantation Restaurant and Tea Room www.homesteadmanor.com.

See photos of the tour and learn about the Battle of Thompson's Station at www.franklin-stfb.org.

Civil War Days & Battle of Franklin 145th Anniversary November 28-30

The Franklin Battlefield Task Force, in cooperation with Carnton Plantation and Historic Carter House has planned a series of events for the weekend after Thanksgiving, coinciding with the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Carnton and Carter House will have a series of living history and educational events. Public events include skirmish demonstrations Saturday and Sunday, a 10,000 candle Illumination near the Confederate Cemetery, and the annual march from Winstead Hill to the Carter House

Friday November 27

12:00 Noon - Registration of re-enactors at Carnton (CS) and Carter House (US) begins

Saturday November 28

9:00AM - Carnton, Carter House & Lotz House open for Visitors

10:00 AM – Camps open for Visitors at Eastern Flank (Carnton) and Carter House; show and tell, company drill

2:20PM to 3:30PM - Battle Skirmish at Eastern Flank (Carnton)

1:00 to 5:00 PM Illumination ceremony preparation and ceremony at dusk at Eastern Flank

Sunday November 29

12:00 noon till 5 PM - **Carnton** open for visitors

1:00 PM till 5 PM – **Carter House** open for visitors

1:00 PM till 4 PM – **Lotz House** open for visitors

12:00 noon till 2 PM – **Encampments** open for visitors

2:30 PM till 3:30 PM – Battle Skirmish at Carnton

Monday November 30

4:00 PM – Annual march from Winstead Hill to the Carter House

November News In Review

Preservation conference reaches out via Internet — *The Tennessean* — 10/12/09 — NASHVILLE — Nashville plays host this week to a new kind of National Preservation Conference. It's the first time the conference, held annually for 62 years by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has been held in Music City, and organizers say it's also the first time they'll use social networking to reach more than the 2,000 people expected to attend. For more information visit:

facebook.com/nationaltrustforhistoricpreservation

National preservation group takes Franklin field trips — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 10/21/09 — FRANKLIN — The 2009 National Preservation Conference came to Nashville last week on a conference that included two field trip sessions to Franklin. In a blog entry, conference coordinator Farin Salahuddin wrote, "Franklin is a sparkling example of many preservation efforts, including land conservation, battlefield reclamation and the revitalization and maintenance of a vibrant main street."

Web site gives land-saving facts — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 10/28/09 — FRANKLIN — A new Web site with tools devoted to helping Williamson County landowners learn more about saving their rural and undeveloped property is now online. ConserveMyLand.org is a site featuring conservation facts, testimonials and other information devoted to helping people living along the Harpeth River Watershed learn more about saving their land. This is a pilot program, but officials hope to one day expand the work into a regional program.

History-filled trail starts in Franklin — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 11/8/09 — FRANKLIN — Gov. Phil Bredesen on Tuesday visited the Public Square to announce the launch of Discover Tennessee Trails and Byways with the debut of the Old Tennessee Trail. The trail starts in Franklin and loops through western Williamson and Maury counties via Leiper's Fork, Mount Pleasant, Columbia, Spring Hill and Thompson's Station, with side trips to Nashville.

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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	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Perryville" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
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