



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

In our newsletter this month, read the exciting news of a major step forward in our effort to acquire and permanently preserve the Loring's Advance tract on the eastern flank of the Franklin Battlefield.

Preserving battlefield is a complex and often slow and laborious process, requiring the combined efforts and cooperation of a diverse group of individuals, preservation organizations, and government entities and agencies at the local, state, and national level. The Loring's Advance preservation effort is no exception.

Our mission to preserve parcels of the Franklin battlefield would not be possible without the continued support and encouragement of our membership. You are an important and indeed vital part of past successes and future plans to piece together significant portions of the battlefield to make sure that future generations will know the sacrifice made by Americans of both sides on these hallowed grounds.

Thank you for your support!

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members June 2011

Mark and Mary Aulman	Woodland, CA
Dennis & Nancy Buttacavoli	Hasbrouck Hts, NJ
Angela Calhoun	Franklin, TN
C Pat Cates	Woodstock, GA
Chicago CWRT	Wilmette, IL
Tri-Valley CWRT	Dublin, CA
Heidi DeForest	Cambridge, WI
Stanley & Rebekah Hime	Brentwood, TN
Gary & Barbara Holbrook	Franklin, TN
Sam Hood	Huntington, WV
Robert L Humphrey	Franklin, TN
Bill Kennedy	Columbia, TN
David Lee	Marietta, GA
Ben McDonald	Louisville, KY
H Bryan Mitchell	Washington, DC
Harold & Mary Jo Pratt	Franklin, TN
Ben Stein	Beverly Hills, CA
J T Thompson	Franklin, TN
Joseph Williamson Castilian	Springs, TN
Peter Wulfing	Centennial, CO

Parks Service Funding for Lorings Advance Is Approved

Big news – STFB has just been informed by the Civil War Trust that the American Battlefield Protection Program, part of the National Parks Service, has sent formal notification to the City of Franklin that the Lorings Advance grant request has been selected for funding. The ABPP funds for preservation projects must be channeled through a state or local government unit.

The timing of the funding and getting the final agreements among all the parties signed remain to

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be settled before the purchase of the five-acre Lorings Advance battlefield parcel goes to closing.

But that biggest hurdle - getting the grant request written, approved and funded - has been cleared thanks to the untiring efforts of the folks at the Civil War Trust. Just so you'll know, Jim Lighthizer and his expert staff at the CWT are the ones who do the heavy lifting for us on getting ABPP grant requests prepared and shepherded through the process. Plus, the CWT raises and provides some of the money to match the ABPP funds. More later on STFB fund raising.

United Kingdom CWRT Pledges for Lorings Advance Purchase

President Greg Bayne of the United Kingdom American Civil War Roundtable recently emailed us to say that their group has raised \$500 that they plan to donate to STFB for the Lorings Advance purchase. This generous offer to help us is not as out-of-the-blue as you might at first think. There are several American CWRTs in Europe, and the UK group has made several visits, as a group and as individuals, to American Civil War sites over the years. In fact, the UK group, under the tutelage of then-President Peter Lockwood, made an extended American tour in 2003 that included Franklin. By chance, some of the STFB officers were at Carter House and when Peter's group learned of our need to raise funds for the Collins Farm debt, they decided on the spot to donate \$250 to the effort. The group plans to visit again in April 2012.

In his note offering their assistance, President Bayne pointed out that part of what distinguishes a Civil War Round Table from a Historical Society is the commitment to the preservation of battle sites and other sites and items of historical interest. He added that American Civil War battles were often fought for strategic objectives near towns, rivers and railroads. These economic corridors still exist today and are therefore still vulnerable to development pressures.

The ACWRTUK has for many years provided limited financial assistance to such sites, both in the UK and the US. More important than the size of the donation is the moral support to preservation campaigns that these contributions represent. They act as reminder that these sites are of international interest and support tourism and interest across the world. Many recommendations for preservation come directly from the membership after visiting sites in the US.

"Franklin is a popular destination amongst members of the ACWRTUK and we are particularly pleased to be able to assist your efforts with a \$500 donation", Greg added. A big STFB thank you goes to our UK friends.

Visit the American Civil War Round Table United Kingdom at www.americancivilwar.org.uk

Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Perryville Now Available At STFB Web Site

As one of six 'Eyewitnesses' books by David Logsdon covering Civil War battles in Middle Tennessee and Kentucky, this work lets the eyewitnesses to the Battle of Perryville Kentucky tell the story in their own words. The author gathered roughly 190 first-person accounts, letters, and articles by soldiers and civilians who recount their experiences during the October 8, 1862 Battle of Perryville. Attributed passages from these accounts are carefully interwoven to form a narrative that combines their multiple views of the events on the battlefield. (133 pages/190 accounts, 8½ x 11" softbound).

Check your revision numbers-----

Other Eyewitnesses books in the series tell the stories of the Battles of Franklin, Nashville, Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Stones River. Over the years, Logsdon has revised and greatly expanded the earlier books in the series. For example, the original 1988 release of the Franklin book has been revised 3 times and expanded from 56 to 122 pages in the 2000 revision. You may also have older copies of Shiloh (revised 2011) and Stones River (revised 2002) that you need to replace in your library. The Eyewitnesses books are \$15 each and are sold on our web site www.franklin-stfb.org or can be ordered with the form on page 4.

STFB ships only the latest revisions of each book – and David autographs every copy that we sell. If you have not read any of the Eyewitnesses books, consider buying "Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Franklin". We tell all of our booth visitors that it is the best \$15 book they will ever buy. Yes – all six of the Eyewitnesses books are that good.

Franklin CWRT To Change Venue August 14th

Franklin CWRT President Greg Wade has announced that the group's meeting place will change beginning in August. The CWRT has been meeting at 3:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at the Williamson

County Library on Columbia Avenue.

Starting with the August 14 meeting, the new location is the new Franklin Police Department Headquarters on Columbia Avenue near the Hills shopping center. The Community Room at this new multi-million-dollar law enforcement complex is a state-of-the-art meeting facility that is certain to please the CWRT attendees. The first official Round Table event will be held there August 14th with author Sam Davis Elliott of Chattanooga. For those of you who have heard Sam, you know August will be a special event. See you there.

News In Review July 2011

Tenth Annual Teacher Institute Sessions Announced for Nashville Event — Civil War Trust *Hallowed Ground* — Summer 2011 — WASHINGTON — The tenth annual Teacher Institute for K-12 Educators July 15-16, 2011, in Nashville, TN, with scheduled speakers Dr. Carroll Van West, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University; best-selling historical novelist Robert Hicks; and historian Eric Jacobson. On Saturday, teachers will travel to the Franklin and Stone's River Battlefields to learn techniques that will help students maximize their field trip experiences.

Memoirs detail life of Civil War soldier — *The Tennessean* — 6/20/11 — MURFREESBORO — More than 100 years after they were first printed, *The Civil War Memoirs of Erastus Winters* have been brought back to life back to life by Murfreesboro editor, Lee Ann Newton. Winters served in the Federal Army, Co. K, of the 50th Ohio Regiment from 1861 to 1865. He survived the Battle of Perryville (KY), the Battle of Franklin and the sinking of the Sultana. "His description of Franklin was just chaos. He got pinned down in crossfire between his lines and the Confederates and got captured by a Confederate soldier," Newton said.

Plans set for battle's 147th anniversary — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 6/20/11 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust has set the dates for the 147th anniversary re-enactment of the battle, formerly known as Civil War Days. The event has been set for Oct. 16-17 at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm. This year's event will be twice the

size of last year's, with a battlefield twice as large and double the number of re-enactors, which is estimated at 700.

Oaklawn gets another movie part — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 6/27/11 — SPRING HILL — Oaklawn, where on Nov. 29, 1864, Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood slept as Union Forces slipped by and marched to Franklin, has been the backdrop for country music videos, the 2005 movie *Daltry Calhoun, and for Civil War reenactments*. In 2008, HGTV's *Design Star* featured Oaklawn and had contestants redecorate rooms, restoring them to their historic appearance. The historic home now will have a part in *To Kill a Memory*, an upcoming independent film starring Kix Brooks that's set to be released next summer.

Tour historic site in comfort — *The Tennessean*, "Franklin Review Appeal" — 6/29/11 — FRANKLIN — The 181-year-old Carter House museum now has a modern upgrade: a new geothermal heating and air conditioning system. The custom-designed system should give visitors a more comfortable tour experience while helping better preserve the home's furnishings.

Adkins backs Civil War land preservation effort — *The Tennessean* — 7/2/11 — Country music star Trace Adkins has joined a national Civil War Trust effort to help preserve 20,000 acres of land over the next five years. Adkins, who lives in Brentwood, noted the need to protect historic Civil War sites in Franklin and Williamson County. "The challenge is to preserve and maintain them like Gettysburg," he said. An effort in Franklin is now underway to have a roadway to the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park completed in time for the anniversary of the November 1864 Battle of Franklin.

"I Spy" Franklin — *Williamson Herald* — 7/7/11 — FRANKLIN — Like her Franklin on Foot tours, Margie Thessin meets the "I Spy" tour at the site of the Old Courthouse on the Square where she has children identify, on their own, specific points of interest in the Square and downtown areas. Using Thessin's workbook, the children discover the reason for the Confederate soldier's nickname, and they find some very curious information about the four cannons that surround the statue. The workbook, "I Spy," is available at Landmark Booksellers on East Main Street. For a few specific tours this summer, Thessin decided to step in and lend her expertise for only the cost of the workbook.

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