



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

September 2011

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

President's Message

With the recent placement of a historical marker at the Old Harpeth River Bridge, STFB has now placed seven markers at various Civil War sites in Franklin that would otherwise have gone unmarked.

It is our intention to focus on less well-known sites which have received little or no attention to date. Nevertheless these sites were witness to significant events during the Civil War years in Franklin and Williamson County.

Placing historical markers at sites with significant Civil War activity is an important part of fulfilling the STFB mission to preserve, protect and promote Civil War sites in Williamson County. Educating and informing the public on the significance of a site is the first step toward its preservation.

Funding for the Old Harpeth River Bridge marker was made possible by the foresight of Cal Bohnke, a good friend of STFB who through his estate donated the \$2,190 cost of the marker.

You can support the placement of a future marker by sending a donation with a note that it should go to the **STFB Marker Fund**. You will be making an investment to preserve the richness of our Civil War heritage that will outlive us all.

Thank you.

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members August 2011

Gerald Bartig	Huntsville, AL
Thomas Beal	Glenn Dale, MD
Dave Bond	Beavercreek, OH
Chad & Amy Comer	Gamaliel, KY
Firelands CWRT	Norwalk, OH
N Westchester Cnty CWRT	Athol, MA
Col Robert & Ann Dennison	Franklin, TN
The Carter House	Franklin, TN
Sam Huffman	Brentwood, TN
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Martin McGirt	Franklin, TN
Ben Nance	Nashville, TN
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Mark & Karen Perreault	Norfolk, VA
Howard & Sheila Stephan	Lexington, KY
Jerry & Ruth Swedeen	Franklin, TN
19 th Virginia Vol Inf K Co	Monroe Twp, NJ

Dedication of the Old Harpeth River Bridge Historical Marker

On August 27, Save The Franklin Battlefield and the Williamson County Historical Society dedicated a historical marker near the site of the Old Harpeth River Bridge on First Avenue, North in Franklin. Rick Warwick, WCHS, discussed the establishment and evolution of the bridge and the abutment site area. Rick presented several old photos that showed the various configurations of the bridge over the years.

Sam Gant, STFB, discussed the Civil War significance of the bridge and site, as well as paid tribute to Calvin Bohnke who is memorialized on the marker. Mike Skinner, City Alderman,

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discussed the importance of Civil War preservation to the City of Franklin. In addition to representatives of the sponsoring organizations, representatives from Franklin's Charge, the Sons of Union Veterans, the Nolensville Historical Society and Jay Franks' Enterprise Construction Company were present.

Battle of Franklin Annual Memorial Illumination Set For November 30, 2011

The Illumination Ceremony memorializing the 10,000 casualties of the November 30, 1864, Battle of Franklin will be held on this year's anniversary of the Battle. The Illumination will be held at Rest Haven Cemetery where both Confederate and Union soldiers are buried as well as many residents of the town who, following the Battle, cared for the wounded and buried the dead.

Schedule Now Set For The 147th Civil War Re-enactment

DATE: Saturday, October 15th - Sunday October 16th
PLACE: Harlinsdale Farm, 239 Franklin Road,
Franklin, TN 37064

Civil War re-enactment with soldiers in traditional Civil War dress, encampments, sutlers (a civilian merchant who sells provisions to an army in the field), lectures and demonstrations held at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm

- Event open to public: Saturday – 10am to 5pm
Sunday – 11am to 4pm
- Reenactments of the Battle of Franklin both days
Saturday 2:00 pm
Sunday 1:30pm
- Admission is \$5.00 per person per day with children age 6 and under admitted for free
- Large area on park property for spectator parking, including specialized handi-capped parking area
- Last year's two-day event witnessed over 4000 spectators. Those attending this year are encouraged to arrive early to allow for parking, visiting the Union and Confederate soldier camps, and taking in the various Civil War Period sutlers; selling wares available to soldiers of the time period.
- Several modern food vendors on-site
- Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to view battle reenactment
- This year's battlefield to be twice the size and scope of the 2010 event
- Large presence of artillery, cavalry, and infantry, both

Union & Confederate

- All Franklin City Park rules apply to include no alcohol sold or brought on-site

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 10:00am / Event site opens to the public
- 10:00am / US & CS camps open for the public to view soldier life up close
- 10:30am – 1:45pm / Activities Tent programs. Including presentations by individuals impersonating; General Robert E. Lee, Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Mrs. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and others. Presentation and discussion of Civil War surgical herbs, and, the role of artillery in the war.
- Keynote speaker: Eric Jacobson, Chief Operating Officer and Historian for the Battle of Franklin Trust and author of "For Cause & For Country" and the soon to be released, "Baptism of Fire".
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm / Battle of Franklin Reenactment
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm / US & CS camps open to the public
- 5:00pm / Event closes to the public

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 11:00am / Event site opens to the public
- 11:00am / US & CS Camps open to the public to view soldier life up close
- 11:30am / Civil War period church service open to spectators at activity tent
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm / Battle of Franklin Reenactment
- 4:00pm / Event closes to the public

Belmont Mansion hosts Civil War Symposium Nov 11 & 12, 2011

Belmont Mansion, The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society (BONPS) and the Lotz House have teamed up to bring a significant symposium on the Civil War to Middle Tennessee Nov 11 and 12.

The symposium will launch with a reception at the Lotz House in Franklin, Tennessee on Friday, November 11. The reception will be hosted by BONPS President Phillip Duer and Thomas Flagel, author of "The History Buff's Guide--" book series. Attendees will be able to tour the historic Lotz House Museum, meet each of the symposium speakers, and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The formal Symposium will begin at Belmont Mansion

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Five guest speakers will focus on unique perspectives regarding the fall and occupation of Nashville, and the battles at Ft. Donelson and Shiloh. Thomas Flagel, assistant professor of American History at Columbia State Community College, will moderate the event.

Panelists will include:

- Thomas Cartwright - Franklin-based historian, one of the nation's leading authorities on the Battle of Franklin.
- Tim Johnson, author and professor of history at David Lipscomb University, who has appeared on the History Channel, C-SPAN and NPT.
- Carole Bucy, professor of History at Vol State Community College and the newly appointed Metro Historian.
- James McDonough, noted author of *Five Tragic Hours* and *Nashville: The Western Confederacy's Final Gamble*.
- Doug Richardson, Park Ranger and Chief of Interpretation at Fort Donelson.
- Dr. Bobby Lovett, long-time professor of History at Tennessee State University and authored several books on African American history, most notably "African American History of Nashville, Tennessee, 1780-1930."

"Middle Tennessee is rich with Civil War history. Our inspiring past combined with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War creates an ideal opportunity to host this event," said Belmont University's Mark Brown. "We are honored to welcome these exceptional writers, speakers and historians to Belmont University."

A snack with coffee will be served in the morning and a lunch will be provided in the afternoon. Following lunch, visitors will take a guided tour of the Belmont Mansion.

Tickets to the event are \$75 and include the reception, the symposium, Sesquicentennial commemorative Hatch Show Print, a mini ball, and the *BONPS Guide to Civil War Nashville* autographed by Mark Zimmerman. This event is being sponsored by Wade and Egbert Insurance Partners and Kay, Griffin, Enkema and Kolbert. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact jt@lotzhouse.com for more information.

News in Review September 2011

Franklin Theatre to premier long-awaited film on Franklin's Unknown Soldier — *Williamson Herald*— 9/15/11 — FRANKLIN— Two years after thousands of people lined Franklin's downtown streets to honor the sacrifice of an unknown Civil War soldier recovered from the battlefield, the long-awaited premiere of the film chronicling the event and its impact has arrived. "Heading Back Home: Franklin's Unknown Soldier and the Civil War's Five Bloodiest Hours" will be shown to the public for the first time at the Franklin Theatre on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35, with proceeds donated to battlefield preservation efforts in Franklin.

Battle of Franklin Trust Associate Historian to discuss Gen. Patrick Cleburne and others at cultural event — *Williamson Herald*— 8/30/11 — FRANKLIN— Battle of Franklin Trust Associate Historian Robert Cross will be the featured speaker at the inaugural Authentic Ireland Cultural Evening on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion at O'More College of Design. O'More College is a new global partner with this traditional Irish organization. The event – the first in a series of lectures on Irish heritage that will occur on the second Monday of every month – is free and open to the public.

Church's Civil War study begins today — *The Tennessean*, "Franklin Review Appeal" —9/7/11 —FRANKLIN — Franklin First United Methodist Church began a weekly study session on the Civil War today. During the video study led by the Rev. Gary Gallagher, a professor at the University of Virginia, attendees will learn about the Civil War from many different perspectives. The Wednesday sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. and there is no cost to attend.

State Library add Civil War letters — *The Tennessean* — 9/14/11 — NASHVILLE — For the first time, the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville has a collection of letters from white officers who led black troops during the Civil War. The collection is "Brother Charles: Letters Home to Michigan," correspondence of the Wadsworth Brothers. The writings are by two white members of the 16th U.S. Colored Infantry, which was encamped in Clarksville from 1863 to 1865.

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