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Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

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I enjoyed seeing many of you at our Loring's Advance Tour this past Saturday. It was a beautiful Spring day here in Franklin and a great day to be touring the latest preserved parcel of the Franklin Battlefield with our STFB members and guests.

With the passionate presentation of Eric Jacobson along with new research we shared, I know that everyone went away impressed with how important saving this parcel is to a better understanding of the Battle of Franklin. Our collective ongoing research is bringing new insight into much of the action on the eastern half of the battlefield.

Read details about the tour in this Newsletter along some tidbits of our research along with other news and event notices.

Also, don't forget Fort Granger "Park Day" on Saturday March 31st from 8AM-12 noon. Visit www.franklin-stfb.org for more information and a link to signup. See you there.

Also, Franklin Arbor Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Pinkerton Park. STFB will have a booth and will provide reenactors to lead tours of Fort Granger. Other volunteer groups will also have booths and MTEC will handout trees and hotdogs. Come be part of this community event.

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members February 2012

Phillip Allen	South Bend, IN
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Henry Simpson	Birmingham, AL
Scott & Kathy Speedy	Franklin, TN
Bo & Lillian Stewart	Franklin, TN

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Kathy & Mack Wells	Franklin, TN
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Remembering Bill Heyd



William F Heyd III

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden illness and passing of STFB Board Member and good friend Bill Heyd. Our deepest expression of sympathy is extended to his family and especially to his widow, Mrs. Janice Heyd, and to their children.

Bill was a graduate of the University of Michigan, Master of Architecture and a member of AIA American Institute of Architects. Bill and Janice retired to Franklin seven years ago and Bill immediately became a serious student of local Civil War history. He was well aware of the challenges faced by the preservation community. He joined the STFB Board last fall and was an eager volunteer worker. He was a member of Sons of Union Veterans; an avid Civil War re-enactor; a member of Cherokee Artillery, Rome, Ga. and Bankhead Battery, Memphis, Tenn.

Fort Granger "Park Day" Saturday March 31, 2012 -- 8AM - 12 Noon

The City of Franklin Parks Dept is encouraging volunteers to help clean up Fort Granger on Saturday March 31, 2012 --- **8 AM to 12 Noon**. The old county 4-H show barn property between the fort and Eddy

Lane is now included in the Fort Granger Park and is part of the cleanup project. . If you haven't visited Fort Granger lately, this is your chance to view the general plans for new park facilities. This project also assists the Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission's intentions to prepare Fort Granger Park for the 150th battle anniversary. The Parks Dept plans to expand the interpretation of Fort Granger to showcase the Fort's importance in the Battle of Franklin

The Parks Dept **needs individuals and groups to sign up** – to do so, email parksinfo@franklintn.gov to request a simple registration/release form OR see www.franklintn.gov to the Parks page to download the form. Links to the forms are also on the STFB web site. Please bring gloves and pruners and lots of enthusiasm. Parks will supply water and drinks. For more information please call Deanna at 794-2103

City of Franklin Arbor Day Saturday, April 21 - 10 AM to 2 PM

The Annual Arbor Day activities this year will run from 10 AM to 2 PM at Pinkerton Park. Several public service groups will have information booths set up and Middle Tennessee Electric Corporation will pass out free tree saplings and their world famous grilled hotdogs. The Franklin Fire Department will display some of their fire apparatus for kids of all ages who like to hangout around fire trucks. For info phone Andrew Orr 550-6741 or email Andrew.Orr@franklintn.gov

STFB will staff an information booth with handouts and will do guided tours of Fort Granger for those who want to see the expanded park and the new Eddy Lane access.

Civil War Sesquicentennial License Plate Needs Your Help Right Now



Our friends at Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association report they are getting close to the goal of

1,000 signups for the new 150th license plate but **they are not there yet**. They also say that they **are running out of time** because the deadline is June 30th to have all 1,000 signups and checks collected.

They feel it is going to be a very, very close-run thing and really need your help to put it safely over the top. Please don't delay. Go to **TCWPA.org** and register for the plate. When they reach the 1,000 hurdle, they will instruct you to send in a \$35 check. When you do pick up your new plate later on, this \$35 and the unused portion of your current registration will be credited against the cost of your new Civil War plate.

If you live outside of Tennessee, call all of your Tennessee friends and tell them to get off their couch and sign up. It would be absolutely tragic if TCWPA gets this close to creating a Tennessee Sesquicentennial plate, and then have it all fall short due to the folks who were counting on somebody else to carry the load. **C'mon, sign up today.**

Lorings Advance Tour - March 17 Attracts 33 Visitors



Historian Eric Jacobson discusses the troop movements and battle action of Hood's attack across Lorings Advance parcel

After threats of early morning showers, a beautiful sunny day greeted 33 visitors to Franklin for a tour of Lorings Advance – a 5-acre portion of the close-in Franklin battlefield purchased last fall by the Civil War Trust and STFB. As did many before them, several visitors commented that they were old-time Franklin residents but totally surprised and pleased to see five open acres of the Franklin battlefield in the middle of town. And it is protected, too.

Eric related that 10 Federal guns were placed behind the east end of the trench line on Lewisburg Pike, or

just east of it on McNutt Hill, and fired more than 1,150 rounds into the attacking Confederates. Four more guns at Fort Granger could reach the Confederates as they formed up near Carnton Plantation. The guns on McNutt Hill opened just as soon as the attack came into view, and continued their fire until after 8:00 PM. Brutal was a word Eric used often.

News In Review March 2012

Nashville fell to Union 150 years ago today — *The Tennessean* — 2/25/12 — NASHVILLE — The bad news reached Nashville on a Sunday morning, so scary and unexpected that church pews emptied in a flash. The Confederacy's Fort Donelson, thought invincible days before, had fallen to Union soldiers some 80 miles down the Cumberland River. So began The Great Panic, an unprecedented scramble in an unfortified city of 30,000 people, a bustling river port geographically poised to grow as a rail hub. Fearing a vicious Yankee attack, families fled, officials covered and mobs rioted for nine days. And then, 150 years ago today, a beleaguered mayor surrendered the South's first capital city without a fight.

Williamson County tourism spending pays off tenfold — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 2/28/12 — FRANKLIN — Every dollar Williamson County spends luring tourists results in a tourist spending \$10 in Williamson County. That's a pretty good return, and the statistic helps tell the story of how lucrative the industry can be. Just four years ago the county saw \$6 for every \$1 spent promoting its Civil War battlefields, its shopping and its amenities for business travelers. Mark Shore, executive director of the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, says he can expand the market even further but needs a stronger investment from local government. When counting actual dollars spent, Williamson County is outpaced only by the state's biggest draws — Nashville, Memphis and the Smoky Mountains.

Franklin's Charge must raise cash to make Domino's fall — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 3/2/12 — FRANKLIN — Franklin's Charge is eyeing the final piece of land needed to complete a dream for historic preservationists: creation of a Civil War park on Columbia Avenue. They want a parcel that contains a Domino's Pizza restaurant and a small retail center at 1221-1225 Columbia Ave. owned by developer Donnie Cameron. Cameron is seeking \$1.85 million for the property. By May 1, Franklin's Charge must raise \$500,000 that the group needs to secure a \$250,000 grant from the Washington, D.C.-based Civil War Trust as well as a \$250,000 donation from an anonymous donor who wants to help Franklin's Charge.

Volunteers Needed to Clean Up Fort Granger Park — *Williamson Herald*— 3/6/12 — FRANKLIN — On Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m. to noon, history buffs and preservationists from around the country will team up with the Civil War Trust to help clean and restore America's priceless battlefields, cemeteries, and shrines. In Franklin, the volunteers will clean up Fort Granger Park at 113 Fort Granger Road. For information about Park Day at Fort Granger, call Deanna Scheffel at 615-794-2103 or e-mail parkinfo@franklintn.gov.

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