



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of  
Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

## President's Message

There are many upcoming Civil War related events in the Franklin area this spring - opportunities for fun, learning, and for you to pitch in and make a difference as well.

Don't miss the Battle of Thompson's Station 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at Homestead Manor on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be living history including cavalry, artillery, and infantry reenactments. See [www.Thompsons-Station.com](http://www.Thompsons-Station.com) for details.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Franklin Civil War Round table will present Dr. Steve Davis speaking on "What the Yankees did to us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta". In his recently released book of the same name, Davis will explore among other things, how fires began, against orders, by Northern soldiers, and the "destruction" of the city. You are missing out if you are not a regular at the monthly Franklin Civil War Round table meetings.

Also see the article in this Newsletter on Park Day at Fort Granger on April 6<sup>th</sup>, a great opportunity for you join with other volunteers in making improvements to this site, one of the best preserved Civil War earthen forts in the country.

Visit the Upcoming Events page at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) for the latest details on these and other events. Come out and join in. We need you.

Mike Walker – President

## New & Renewing Members January 2013

Shelly Andrews	Chattanooga, TN
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## Carter Cotton Gin Battlefield Park Deal Is Closed

On a cold and threatening February afternoon, a crowd of national, state, and local supporters of

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Franklin's Carter Cotton Gin Park project met at the future park site to commemorate the conclusion of a successful fund-raising drive and the purchase of the Domino's retail center, the focal point of the drive. "The Carter Cotton gin Park will be a key component of Franklin's sesquicentennial events in 2014," Franklin's Charge President Paul Gaddis stated.



**Civil War Trust President Jim Lighthizer congratulates donors and volunteers on making the Cotton Gin Park a reality, and announces that all debt is paid off**

In the last year, the Civil War Trust (CWT) and Franklin's Charge have raised \$2.2 million in grants, donations, and pledges to buy four Columbia Avenue parcels, including the centerpiece – a \$1.8 million Domino's Pizza restaurant and retail center – as well as two properties facing Cleburne Street and another on Columbia Avenue at the site of the Federal Forward Line.

As the ceremony began, Paul Gaddis spoke to the significance of Franklin's battlefield reclamation and introduced the other speakers who included CWT President James Lighthizer; Tennessee Transportation Commissioner John Schroer; County Mayor Rogers Anderson; Co-Chairman of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Carroll Van West; Founding member of Franklin's Charge, Julian Bibb; and Battle of Franklin Trust Historian, Eric Jacobson. Each speaker added another dimension to the almost incredible story of how plans for the Carter Cotton Gin Park developed and how Franklin has become the national model for battlefield reclamation

**Civil War Trust & Franklin Parks Dept  
Set Park Day - April 6 8:30AM - Noon**

The Civil War Trust has set April 6 as the nationwide Park Day for communities to rally volunteers to

improve their local parks. Franklin Parks Dept is again joining the CWT program and asking for volunteers at Fort Granger Park on Saturday, April 6.

Much work has been done at the park since Park Day 2012. The 4-H buildings and woven wire fencing have been removed and a cedar rail fence has been added along Eddy Lane. This signature fence is installed at all city Civil War Parks so that our visitors can easily find our Civil War sites.



**The new cedar rail fence along Eddy Lane. Looking west, Fort Granger and the overlook are in the distance**

This year, we will clear undergrowth and plant shrubbery to "dress up" the park, so you will need to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, and pruning shears. Later improvements will include an entrance gateway, plus improvements to the drive and parking area.

**Arbor Day Announced for April 20  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

The City of Franklin has announced Arbor Day for April 20, 2013 at Pinkerton Park. Several conservation and preservation groups will have booths at the event to explain their programs to the visiting public. This is always a good family event and this later date should avoid the blustery weather that chilled the crowd last year.

STFB will have a booth at the event and will staff a tour of Fort Granger at 11:00 AM. The reenactors will be at the fort all day and available to visitors for the entire event. This will give you an opportunity to learn about Fort Granger and see how the Parks Dept has incorporated the 4-H property into Fort Granger Park.

**Thompson's Station Commemorates  
150th Anniversary of Civil War Battle  
Saturday, March 9, 2013**

On March 9, 2013, Thompson's Station's antebellum estate Homestead Manor will relive its fateful past, as reenactors and historians from throughout the region assemble to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War battle there on March 5, 1863.

This living history day put on by the Thompson's Station Economic Development Committee (EDSC) will feature artillery, cavalry and infantry demonstrations, reenacted scenes from the battle, walk-through exhibits including a sutlers camp and battlefield hospital, historian presentations, food and crafts vendors and an evening dance to period music. The event begins at 9:00am with the dance from 5pm to 7pm

This educational event is open to the public and is suitable for school-aged children and older. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$1.00 per adult admission. All donations will be put toward historic preservation efforts in the community.

The EDSC is currently seeking sponsors and volunteers to support this event. To get involved, please email [battle@thompsons-station.com](mailto:battle@thompsons-station.com) or call Town Hall at (615) 794-4333.

Registration is now open for reenactors and vendors. Details and applications are available online at [www.Thompsons-Station.com](http://www.Thompsons-Station.com). For more information, contact:

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## News In Review February 2013

**Hillsboro, battlefield road contracts OK'd — *The Tennessean*—Williamson A.M. — 1/31/13 — FRANKLIN** — Franklin aldermen tied up final details on two of Franklin's most anticipated road projects: widening a portion of Hillsboro Road and building an access road into the city's Civil War Park at Carnton Lane. Franklin aldermen approved a new contract to construct the 5,014-linear-foot driveway into the 110-acre Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. When completed, the road will keep traffic from Lewisburg Pike off Carnton Lane and provide easier access to the park.

**Donations support restoration program — *The Tennessean*—Williamson A.M. — 2/1/13 —**

**FRANKLIN** — The McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation has received a \$5,000 grant from Middle Tennessee Electric Customers Care program, according to Nancy Bassett, chairwoman of the nonprofit that maintains the cemetery. In addition, the Tennessee Sons of Confederate Veterans is sending a \$1500 check. Both donations go toward the \$12,000 needed for the remainder of the cemetery restoration.

## **Tennessee embraces its past with heritage tourism — *The Tennessean* — 2/5/13 — FRANKLIN —**

While nationally historic homes are struggling to attract visitors and stay solvent, Williamson County's Civil War sites continuously buck the trend, pulling in a steady stream of visitors from near and far. Historians and tourism officials expect their numbers to continue a steady climb beyond 2014, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Attendance at two antebellum homes, Carnton Plantation and Carter House in Franklin, rose 4.6 percent from 2011 to 2012, said Eric Jacobson, chief operating officer and historian of Battle of Franklin Trust, which manages both homes. Some 83,841 people toured the homes last year to hear the stories and see blood stains on the floor and bullet holes in the bricks.

## **Civil War Trust aims to replenish reserves — *The Tennessean* — 2/8/13 — FRANKLIN —**

The Washington, DC-based Civil War Trust, which is the U.S.'s largest Civil War land preservation organization, aims to replenish \$49,000 that it used from its cash reserve to help buy the Domino's Pizza restaurant and two other properties along Columbia Avenue. . After years of work, the trust and local supporters raised a total of \$2.2 million in pledges, donations and grants to purchase the 1.5 acres of land. But the deal wasn't closed without some internal reserve money from the Trust. To repay the money, the group is now turning to its 55,000 members to raise money to repay the reserve fund spent on buying the Franklin acreage.

## **Donations aid cemetery restoration — *The Tennessean*—Williamson A.M. — 2/14/13 —**

**FRANKLIN** — Middle Tennessee Electric Customers Care, Inc., presented its donation of \$5,000 to Franklin Chapter 14, United Daughters of the Confederacy, trustees of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Corp. So far, A & S Restoration has cleaned and sealed half of the stones in the cemetery. The trustees are seeking funds to complete this treatment for the rest of the stones. For more information concerning the history of the cemetery and the need for donations see: [www.McGavockCemetery.org](http://www.McGavockCemetery.org).

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