



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

This month will mark the 149th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin and there is much good news from Franklin. Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the Circle Road at the City's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. It was nearly ten years ago that Franklins Charge was organized from all of the local preservation groups, including STFB, and began the quest to buy and preserve the 110-acre golf course north of Carnton Plantation as a Battlefield Park. The City of Franklin, and then-Mayor Tom Miller, authorized half of the \$5 million purchase price, the Civil War Trust and the National Parks system supplied \$500,000 each – and Franklins Charge began the long slog to provide the remaining \$1.5 million.

Rod and Kay Heller bought and held the property off the market until the public purchase package could be assembled. On November 30, 2005, the deal was closed along with the City's purchase of the Pizza Hut property on Columbia Avenue.

The Franklin Parks Department has gradually improved both properties and the State Transportation Department was instrumental in getting the loop road built.

Interpretive signs will soon be installed and other improvements will gradually be added to the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. This is a huge win for Franklin !! Thank you all.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members October 2013

Paul Anderson	Franklin, TN
Brian & Lisa Beathard	Franklin, TN
North Worchester CWRT	Athol, MA
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Civil War News	Tunbridge, VT
Sara E Edwards	Huntsville, AL
Wide Awake Films	Kansas City, MO
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Mike & Debbie Jeanette	Franklin, TN
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Col(Ret) Sam Whitson	Franklin, TN
Mark Zimmerman	Nashville, TN

Former Car Wash Property Purchased for Preservation

On Thursday, November 14, the Heritage Foundation released the following statement:

FRANKLIN, Tenn. -- The former car wash at the corner of Columbia Ave. and Fairground St. in Franklin has been purchased by a limited partnership with the intent of preserving it from inappropriate commercial development.

The .4 acre parcel has been purchased by Wagner Line Limited Partnership, whose general partner is J. Roderick Heller. Among the limited partners is

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an entity controlled by Mr. Heller's brother, Hanes Heller.

"This parcel of land is one of the four or five most important pieces of land with respect to the Battle of Franklin," said Heller, "and our purpose in purchasing it was to protect it from being developed into a McDonald's or town houses."

The purchase adds to the already impressive list of Civil War properties Heller and his wife, Kay, have taken a lead in preserving. A direct descendant of the McGavocks who owned Carnton Plantation at the time of the Civil War, Heller stepped in to purchase the 110 acres of what is now the Eastern Flank Battle Park in 2005 when it was threatened with development. The Hellers held the property until a public-private partnership could raise the funds to purchase it, and placed a conservation easement on the property when it was deeded to the City of Franklin to guarantee it will never be developed.

In 2007 the Hellers purchased Windermere and the surrounding 40 acres when it was being considered for development. Windermere is a c. 1883 McGavock home adjacent to the Carnton property, and now serves as the Hellers' home when they are in Franklin. It has also been placed under a conservation easement.

"The Hellers are the largest private individual contributors to battlefield preservation efforts in Franklin, and their commitment to saving the places that matter is exemplary," said Mary Pearce, executive director of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County. "They understand the enormous difficulty in reclaiming property once it has been developed and take seriously the responsibility of saving our historical resources for future generations. I am personally grateful to Mr. Heller for playing the lead role in acquiring the Battle of Mill Springs property in my home town of Somerset, Ky., more than a decade ago."

Heller said he has no immediate plans for the property other than receiving the appropriate approvals to demolish the car wash.

Officials Dedicate New Access Road for Eastern Flank Battlefield Park

TDOT Commissioner John Schroer, Tourism Commissioner Susan Whitaker and Franklin Mayor Dr. Ken Moore were on hand Thursday, November 7, for

the official dedication of the new access road to Carnton Plantation and Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. Battle of Franklin Trust COO, Eric Jacobson, Franklin's Charge, Julian Bibb, and Battle Preservation Commissioner Chair, Jay Sheridan also took part in the ceremony.



State Commissioners John Schroer and Susan Whitaker assist Franklin Mayor Ken Moore in cutting the ribbon to open the new road to the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park

The project began in 2011 when Governor Bill Haslam and Commissioner John Schroer joined state and local leaders to award a \$500,000 transportation enhancement grant to the City of Franklin for the Eastern Flank Battlefield Access Improvement Project. The Project also includes Carnton Plantation visitor center parking, interpretive trail network, landscaping, bike racks, signage, bio-retention area and other pedestrian amenities.

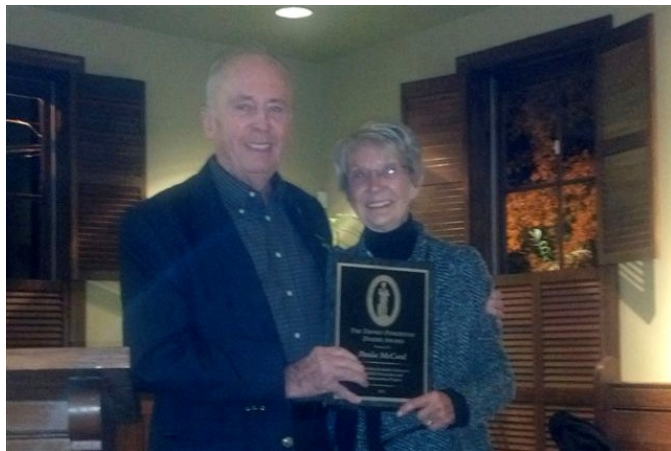
The road serves as the main entrance to Historic Carnton Plantation and follows the general route of the original road to Carnton from Lewisburg Pike. The one-way road also then continues along the Confederate Cemetery and then returns to Lewisburg pike as the main access road through the City's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park

STFB Annual Membership Meeting

On November 14, 2013, Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., Board members and guests met at Otey Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, for the Annual STFB Membership Meeting. STFB President Dan Mora opened the program by welcoming the guests and recognizing the STFB Board members and STFB Advisory Board member, Mike Skinner. Sam Huffman then presented a short history of STFB, including the story of the Collins Farm purchase and maintenance. Sam Huffman offered the invocation before the dinner

that was served by Donna Stokes-Rogers. Following the meal, Dan Mora called the business meeting to order. STFB placed a Board member, Sam Huffman, in nomination for reelection. He was then reelected unanimously to the STFB Board of Directors for a 2014-2016 term of office.

Sam Gant presided over the presentation of the *Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award*. This award is given to the Individual who, in the judgment of the STFB Board, has made a notable contribution to local historic preservation. The *2013 Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award* was presented to Paula McCord, president of McCord Crane Service. The McCord Crane Service has actively supported preservation projects in Nashville and Franklin including the transport and placing of Franklin's Unknown Soldier monument at Rest Haven Cemetery.



STFB Secretary Sam Gant presents the *2013 Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award* to Paula McCord

Bobby Hargrove introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Brian Allison, who spoke on "Gen. William A. Quarles at the Battles of Franklin and Nashville." He discussed special challenges facing Quarles' brigade at each of the battles.

The meeting closed, after concluding remarks by President Dan Mora.

2013 Illumination Set for November 29-30

The Battle of Franklin Trust has announced that the 2013 Illumination will be held at Carnton near the Confederate Cemetery on Saturday, November 30. Volunteers are needed to paint the dots on Thursday, Nov 29 at 10:00 AM and for the Illumination setup and lighting at noon Nov 30. E-mail Leigh Bawcom

at Leigh@BattleofFranklinTrust.org to get on the volunteer list.

This year's event will feature a 10,000 candle display to Commemorate the nearly 10,000 Americans killed, wounded or captured that fateful day here in Franklin. Roughly 100 volunteers and 10 pickup trucks will be needed on Saturday to assemble and to pick up the Illumination materials.

The Illumination each year is a public statement that the Franklin community and our visitors clearly understand our responsibility to remember forever the cost of war and the suffering of those who fell here.

So if you have a truck and many friends, get them signed up as your team to come be part of this special and meaningful community project. For additional details, see: www.bofIllumination.org

News In Review November 2013

Grave Matters — Williamson Herald — 10/24/13 — FRANKLIN — Grave Matters was held on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm as part of Pumpkinfest. The guided tour of the Old City and Rest Haven cemeteries features costumed actors portraying the most colorful, historically important and often tragic souls buried there.

Carnton mansion gets a new address— The Tennessean—Williamson A.M. — 10/25/13 — FRANKLIN — Two years after nabbing a \$500,000 federal road grant, a new \$1.3 million entrance road — called as Eastern Flank Circle — has opened off Lewisburg Pike, making Carnton Lane a dead end. It also gives Carnton Plantation and the Fleming Center new mailing address: 1345 Eastern Flank Circle. The circle gives Civil War tourists a more direct way to reach the 1826 plantation and to see the 110-acre former golf course turned battlefield park along the way.

Tour to walk hallowed ground on anniversary of big battle — The Tennessean—Franklin Review Appeal — 10/30/13 — FRANKLIN — On the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, Thomas Y. Cartwright will team up with fellow historian and longtime battlefield tour guide John Marler for the tour: "Crossfire on the Battlefield: Melee, Murder and Mayhem." Cartwright will give the perspective of the Confederates while Marler will counterpoint the Federal viewpoint.

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