



# 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

The Sesquicentennial events in Franklin continue from now through the end of the year. Visit [www.franklin150.com](http://www.franklin150.com) for a list of events scheduled to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. We encourage you to attend and participate in these.

Progress continues on the creation of the Civil War Park on the land where Dominos Pizza is located. Though it appears that progress has stopped, don't despair, it will move forward shortly and we should have an open park area soon.

The Battle of Franklin Trust is planning Battle Scarred: A Special Exhibition at Carnton Plantation to open August 2, 2014 and the display will feature never before exhibited objects, many of which have not been together in 150 years. Incorporating artifacts, graphic elements, patron interactivity, light and sound, the display will be the first of its kind in Franklin. Activity continues as STFB supports the initiative to acquire gun carriages for the cannon at the town square and your contributions for this effort are appreciated. The goal remains to have the carriages installed and on display by the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We would like to thank our membership throughout the US who constantly tell the story of Franklin and its place in Civil War History. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support and continue to follow us via our newsletter, web page and on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

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## Cannons On The Square Update

The fund raising drive by the Cannons On the Square Committee to buy new carriages for the four cannons on Franklin Public Square is now complete, and Committee Chairman Sam Whitson reports that the new carriages have been ordered.

A big thank-you goes to all who donated to this project and to the Tennessee Wars Commission and to the City of Franklin who both made grants to the project.

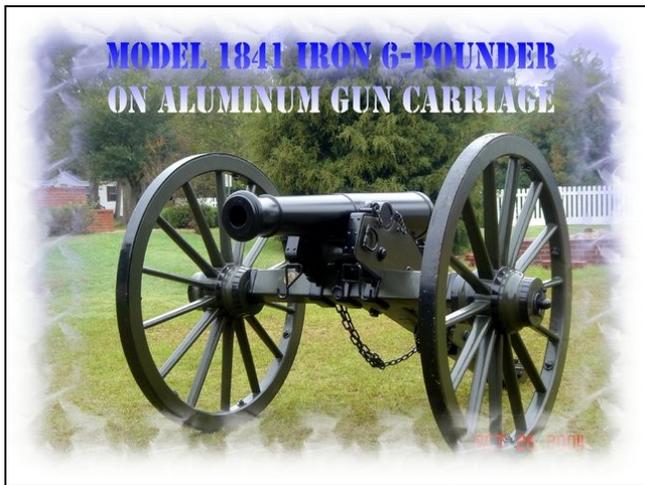
A local Engineering firm and a heavy crane company have both offered to assist in the site preparation and installation of the carriages.



**Current concrete stands to be removed**

As it turns out, removing the present concrete stands without damaging the square landscaping and walks is a daunting task. At an estimated 4,000 pounds each, the concrete stands will require a heavy crane with the lift and reach to remove the stands in one piece. The stands were made with rebar and footings and can't be easily broken-up. Of course, the very first step is to remove the tubes, place them on custom-made cradles, and store them in a secure location.

The four tubes are all matching Model 1841 6-Pdr guns made before the war. They absolutely are a national treasure and are simply irreplaceable. Franklin is very blessed to have them.



**Manufacturer's picture of aluminum carriage**

The new carriages are high-detail cast aluminum and look very much like they are made of wood. They will display the four guns in their original battlefield

appearance – and they will last at least 150 years. Each carriage's wheels and trail will be set on three exposed concrete pads that will leave mostly all grass under and around the carriage. The carriages have a considerable order lead time and much work is necessary for the site preparation. However, the Committee is confident the carriages will be in place by November 30, the Battle Anniversary, says Whitson.

## **Work Continues on Carter Hill Park**

The latest building to be removed on Cleburne Street is the brown-stone house just east of the blue house purchased years ago by the Heritage Foundation.



**The brown stone house on Cleburne St. has been removed**

The general goal is to assemble roughly 20 acres around the Carter House and Cotton Gin as the Carter Hill Park. Not all of the needed property has been acquired yet. There is one more house across Cleburne from this house yet to be removed – and the demolition of the Dominos strip mall hasn't begun yet. Yes, the original plan was for all to be cleared by June 30. Before the park can be landscaped, an archeological study needs to be done and funding for that has been received by Franklins Charge and that is good news.

Yes, the schedule has slipped a bit, but this is not the time to be discouraged or impatient. It has been 150 years since the battle and a few more weeks to reclaim a battlefield park won't make a big difference.

## **Battle of Franklin Trust Presents Battle Scarred**

**FRANKLIN, Tenn.** – On Aug. 2, The Battle of Franklin Trust will reveal *Battle Scarred*, an exhibition commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. This special showcase will reside in The Fleming Center at Carnton Plantation and remain

available to the public until April 26, 2015, marking another significant anniversary: the day Confederate Gen. J. E. Johnston surrendered the Army of Tennessee.

“We look forward to sharing *Battle Scarred* with the public as part of this sesquicentennial year,” said The Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric A. Jacobson. “The Battle of Franklin Trust curator Joanna Stephens dedicated two years to the planning of this impressive display, and has successfully collected many items that have not been viewed together for 150 years.”

*Battle Scarred* is a chronologically organized experience that will begin in 1860 and continue through the tragic events of November 30, 1864. Covering more than 1,600 square feet, this display will capture the ultimate cost of war and the importance of the Battle of Franklin as part of our national heritage.

Thoughtful interpretation of eyewitness accounts guided the design, which incorporates graphics, light, sound and more than 100 artifacts.

Highlights of the exhibition include a variety of never before displayed items and enlistment cards for each visitor outlining the military service of a soldier involved in the Battle of Franklin. The enlistment cards are intended to help participants personalize the ramifications of such a battle, and the fate of each soldier will be revealed. The average self-guided tour will last 30 to 60 minutes, and admission is \$10 per adult. Tickets can be purchased on-site and do not include a tour of Carnton Plantation. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Local families and visitors will have additional time to explore and enjoy the exhibit at monthly family nights sponsored by Williamson Medical Center. Each family night will have a unique theme. These educational evenings will take place after hours on the third Thursday of each month during the exhibit. For more information or to view a complete sesquicentennial schedule of events, visit [www.BattleofFranklinTrust.org](http://www.BattleofFranklinTrust.org).

## News In Review July 2014

**House move hits bump in the road — The Tennessean — 6/25/14 FRANKLIN** — On May 7, Nashville house-mover Richard Camp hauled a portion of the blue house at 109 Cleburne St. more than 40 miles away to its new owners' property in

Giles County. The house had to be separated so it could be moved and reassembled successfully. Nearly two months after the first portion was moved, the house's remaining portion still sits in Franklin on Cleburne Street, raising questions about when the work will be completed. Though the move may be stalled, public interest is peaking in creating a battlefield park on Columbia Avenue in time for the Battle of Franklin's 150th anniversary.

### **Rep. Blackburn, state leaders discuss tourism in Franklin — The Tennessean — 7/8/14 —**

**FRANKLIN** — The passage of a key piece of federal legislation, The Travel Promotion Enhancement and Modernization Act is critical to attracting people to Tennessee attractions, said state Tourism Commissioner Susan Whitaker. State legislators want to ensure the tourism department has the money necessary for advertising, stated state Rep. Charles Sargent. For every dollar spent on visitors coming to Tennessee means a \$19 return to the state.

### **Battle of Franklin Trust unveils 'Battle Scarred' — Williamson Herald — 7/15/14 — FRANKLIN —**

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### **\$9M in place for Williamson County's Academy Park project — The Tennessean — 7/18/14 —**

**FRANKLIN** — One of the new buildings on the old BGA campus will be a \$6 million, 25,000 sq. ft., enrichment center, serving as a local meeting place. The other new building at Academy Park will be an 8,675-square-foot performing arts center. The \$3.2 million project will repurpose the existing Coverdale Hall, which served as the former BGA library and gymnasium. The project will add 3,517 square feet to the existing 5,158 square feet.

### **Grants to pay for study of battlefield — The Tennessean — 7/19/14 — FRANKLIN —**

The Tennessee Wars Commission announced a \$20,000 archaeological survey grant to Franklin's non-profit Franklin's Charge to investigate the land near the intersection of Columbia Ave. and Cleburne St., where historians believe the bloodiest fighting occurred in Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864.

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