



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

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The **big news from Franklin** is that Franklins Charge and The Battle of Franklin Trust have contracted to buy the two houses on Columbia Avenue just south of the Carter House. The property is now home to the 'flower shop' that visitors see when they are inspecting the bullet holes in the south side of the Carter farm office. The land to be acquired lays between the two Federal trenches where soldiers fought in the dark at point-blank ranges.

The 1.6 acres are priced at \$2.8 million so much work will have to be done to complete the purchase. The two groups plan to apply for state and Federal grants for a large part of the cost. Stay tuned.

More news - STFB has acquired a strip of land from Meadowlawn Drive to the 5-acre Lorings Advance parcel bought by the Civil War Trust in 2011 with major help from STFB. Until now, the parcel was land-locked and STFB had to impose on neighbors to lead tours or to bring in maintenance equipment. To make the new access useable, STFB will install a culvert, grind some stumps and construct a swinging beam gate – then add the strip to the Lorings Advance parcel.

And the removal of buildings on Cleburne Street continues. Just one more house and the strip mall remain to be demolished. In just a few months, we will have a park

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members May 2014

Gary Battistoni	Ocean City, NJ
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## Flower Shop Adjacent to Carter House Under Purchase Agreement

Franklin's Charge, Inc. and the Battle of Franklin Trust have announced a purchase agreement to acquire 1.6 acres on the west side of Columbia

Pike, adjacent to the Carter House. Just south of the red farm office, this area was originally the Carter family garden where the Federal main trench line and retrenchment line saw fierce fighting. The property includes two houses on Columbia Avenue. The land, currently owned by Reid Lovell, is now home to Franklin Flower & Gift Shop and the non-profit Williamson County CASA.

The \$2.8 million contract allows Franklin's Charge and Battle of Franklin Trust one year to raise the necessary funds to complete the transaction. The group plans to apply for state and federal grants and a bank loan while the funds are raised.

With this acquisition, nearly 20 acres in downtown Franklin will be saved, and will collectively represent one of the largest urban public Civil War attractions in the nation.

### **Civil War Trust Honors Tennessee Preservationists**

The Civil War Trust, the nation's largest Civil War battlefield preservation group, held its Annual Meeting in Nashville May 28-31. Many tours of Middle Tennessee Civil War sites were offered along with several seminars on western theater leaders and battles.

At its Awards Dinner on May 31, CWT President Jim Lighthizer presented its annual top honors to state Deputy House Speaker Steve McDaniel, the city of Franklin and Murfreesboro's Stones River National Battlefield.

Franklin's Battlefield Preservation Commission earned the Brian Pohanka Preservation Organization of the Year award for "its continuing role in making the protection and promotion of Franklin's historic resources a civic priority."



**Sam Huffman (left) at STFB booth at CWT Conference**

### **Portraits Of History Line Main Street**



Franklin's downtown acquired a new look in May when workmen from the city's Streets Department began hanging 102 decorative flags, many of which include 13 different portraits of characters in Franklin's 150-year-old drama: The Battle of Franklin. Carrie McGavock to Tod Carter to Mariah Reddick to U.S. Gen. Schofield, are just a few of the vintage photographs capturing the attention of visitors to Historic Downtown Franklin.

The new Franklin150 banners will remain on downtown light posts through the battle anniversary in November, and are planned to be used in future years. See [www.Franklin150.com](http://www.Franklin150.com) for a complete list of scheduled commemoration activities.

### **Cannons On The Square Update**

The Cannons on the Square Committee continues to raise funds to replace the four gun mounts on the Franklin Square downtown. The plan is to remount our four authentic Civil War 6-pounders on new gun carriages of the type used in our National Parks. All four guns were manufactured between 1847 to 1861.

Our many supporters agree that as the sesquicentennial nears, these unique and special artifacts of the war years should be presented in their original battlefield dress. And our visitors know that when they see mounted cannons, they have arrived on a Civil War battlefield. These new carriages with our original guns will dramatically make both of those statements for the Franklin Battlefield.



**Gun mounts today**



**Proposed gun mounts**

The cost to purchase and install the carriages on abbreviated, ground level concrete pads is approximately \$60,000. The committee has applied for funding from State and regional preservation groups, the City of Franklin and other organizations. Even so, the Committee will need to raise a substantial portion of the \$60,000 from private donors.

The fund raising will end June 30, 2014 – so please send your tax-deductible donation today to:

STFB: Cannons on The Square Campaign  
PO Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

For more information and a **printable flyer** on the project, see [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org)

### **Tennessee Sesquicentennial Events**

The **Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission** has announced Franklin and the Middle Tennessee Campaign as the Signature event for their statewide programs, with November 13-16 officially designated for statewide ceremonial events and educational activities which will be free and open to the public.

Registration is now open for Tennessee’s 2014 Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event that remembers the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Titled “The Last Campaign in Tennessee,” the commemoration will take place on November 13-14, 2014 in Franklin and surrounding historic locales.

The event will feature educational symposiums, book signings, a Sesquicentennial Civil War exhibit offering rare and unique artifacts from the Battle of Franklin, musical presentations and living history demonstrations, Confederate and Union."

To register for the 2014 Signature Event, email [tn.civilwar150@tn.gov](mailto:tn.civilwar150@tn.gov) or call the registration line at 615-532-7520. The Signature Event is jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Tennessee Civil War

National Heritage Area, Tennessee Historical Society, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and Franklin150.

### **News In Review June 2014**

**1861 Project tells human side — The Tennessean — 5/21/14 — FRANKLIN** — Producer Thomm Jutz made a record about the Battle of Franklin that’s about more than the short, bloody firefight that erupted on Nov. 30, 1864. The third volume of “The 1861 Project” album series devotes most of its songs to recounting how soldiers and others coped with the battle’s aftermath. The volume was released with a kickoff at the Lotz House.

**Take a listen to the Voices of the Battle of Franklin driving tour — Williamson Herald — 5/30/14 FRANKLIN** — As told in story form, by individuals whose voices will seem recognizable immediately, the *Voices of the Battle of Franklin* is a most appealing tool for learning about the landmark event that has defined this community. The stories, which have gained national acclaim surrounding the battle, are now available for permanent audio enjoyment thanks to a group of students in the 2014 graduating class of Leadership Franklin. The group of four—Jason Ritzen, Kelly Gilfillan, Kristen Corn and Will Powell, worked to create a one-of-a-kind app available for download through the I-Tunes Store.

**Groups discuss next steps for preservation — Williamson Herald — 6/3/14 — FRANKLIN** — Members of various preservation, heritage tourism and Battle of Franklin organizations met at the Fleming Center to discuss the next chapter in the Battlefield Reclamation initiative in Franklin. The meeting was to continue a conversation that began at an earlier Battlefield Preservation Committee meeting where the concept was discussed for all six property owners to come together – excluding the state owned property located directly across the street from The Lotz House – and potentially conveying land to the City of Franklin for a park.

**Re-enactors have stories to tell at Franklin event — The Tennessean — 6/8/14 — FRANKLIN** — Re-enactors were at each of the 11 homes and buildings on the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour, a fundraiser for The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County. The buildings near downtown Franklin each have some connection to the Civil War battle that took place there in late 1864.

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	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
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