



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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Well! the Civil War Trust (CWT) is at it again – and we're glad. They have issued a contract to purchase yet another property in the vicinity of the "Civil War Park" off of Columbia Ave in Franklin. This property will add to the land for the proposed park that hopefully will be open for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.

We expect visits to Franklin by attendees of the Civil War Trust Annual Conference to be held in Nashville next week. Should you recognize a visiting group in the area, be sure to thank them for their efforts on behalf of preservation in Franklin.

Activity continues as STFB supports the initiative of acquiring gun carriages for the cannon located in the Town Square and your contributions for this effort are appreciated. Look for further information in this newsletter about how you can help in this endeavor.

As usual, STFB is always working to identify properties that will expand preservation holdings within Franklin and Williamson County. In this vein, we would like to thank our members across the U.S. who are constantly telling the story of Franklin and its place in Civil War History. Your efforts are greatly appreciated as well as your contributions - both good wishes and financial assistance are always welcome.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members April 2014

Sandra Abramson	Antioch, TN
James Addicott	Rice, MN
Dan Andrews	Nashville, TN
Nancy Bassett	Collierville, TN
Julian Bibb	Franklin, TN
Suzanne Burns	Brentwood, TN
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Carlton Houghton	Essex Junction, VT
Don & Roni King	Brentwood, TN
Doug Lewter	Madison, AL
Ronald & Marty Ligon	Franklin, TN
Patrick McIntyre	Nashville, TN
John Moloski	Harrisonville, MO
Richard Simpson	Lancaster, PA
Amanda Sinclair	Brentwood, TN
Phil Walker	Nashville, TN

Simpson Campaigns In Hershey, Pennsylvania

We recently received a letter from Dick Simpson saying that Rick Hollis of the Hershey CWRT presented Dick with a check for \$100 after Dick presented his program "**The Forgotten Battle of Franklin, Tennessee**". Dick informed the group that the funds would be forwarded to STFB for battlefield preservation here in Franklin. We thank Dick for helping us but this is a common thing for Dick to quietly do.

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You see, Dick visited Franklin in 2003 and was amazed by the Battle of Franklin story that was totally new to him. He also realized that the folks back home in Pennsylvania and Vermont, where he shares his time, would also see Franklin as an entirely new Civil War area of study. Dick immediately gathered materials and slides for a presentation that he has updated and expanded several times. He and his wife Deborah returned to Franklin in 2010 to refresh his material. In his talks, he tells of the battle and also of the preservation efforts now underway here in Franklin. He truly is a steadfast friend of the Franklin Battlefield.

During the past twelve years, Dick has told the Franklin story to many dozens of CWRTs and historical groups in the northeast - and has raised thousands of dollars for Franklin preservation. There is no way for us to express proper thanks to Dick for telling and selling the Franklin story. Dick and Deborah are always welcome to come visit once again – let's see now, November would be good.

Cleburne Street Update

The Civil War Trust, the Washington, D.C.-based Civil War heritage group, recently announced it had contracted to buy the house and land at 110 Cleburne Street on the south side. It is known as the Eley House and the purchase should complete by June.



The Eley House at 110 Cleburne Street is under contract

The house is not occupied currently. It will not be moved but some of the lumber, components and trim will be salvaged for use by house restorers.

Once cleared and seeded, the property will be included in the Cotton Gin Park on Cleburne Street near Columbia Ave. The 110 house is directly across

Cleburne Street from the brown stone house in the following picture. That house is scheduled to be removed as well. The major landclearing demolition project will be the removal of the Dominos strip mall along Columbia Avenue later this spring.



View eastward along Cleburne Street with Dominos in the foreground and the brownstone house in the distance

Much of the demolition planning is being done by the Franklins Charge preservation group in cooperation with the Civil War Trust. The goal is to have these six properties cleared, graded and seeded to look like a park by June 30.

Time's Awaiting Go Get Your Civil War Tag

Mary Ann Peckham at the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association asked us to remind you that each Civil War license plate they sell will bring in \$16 per year for Civil War preservation in Tennessee.



There is no need for you to wait. You can pick up your Civil War plate any business day at your local county office – call them with any questions. If you still

have unused months on your current tag, just take the tag with you for exchange. You will pay your normal one-year registration (let's say \$50 and fees) plus the \$35 specialty fee. Then you will get credit for the unused months on your current tag - and your new Civil War plate will be good for a full year. See there, it's simple. Just go do it.

And, STFB still has a few dozen of the 'Go Get Yours' business-card size magnetic eyecatchers to call attention to your plate. When you see an STFB booth, stop by and get a mag tag while they last.

Cannons On The Square Campaign Update

Local preservation groups have formed a Committee with the mission to purchase gun carriages to mount the four guns on the Franklin Town Square. These are four original Civil War 6-Pounder cannons made between 1847 and 1861. They are unique and special artifacts of the war years and are now mounted on unimpressive concrete pedestals.

With the number of visitors we expect during this Sesquicentennial year, the guns really need an updated and more dramatic presentation on the Square. New, authentic gun carriages are the answer.

The Committee has studied various options and decided to procure and install four new National Park-quality No. 1 Field Carriages. These are the same reproduction carriages used in our National Parks. The cost to purchase and install the carriages on abbreviated, ground level concrete pads is approximately \$60,000.



The proposed carriages are identical to those used in National Parks

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. Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and has offered to act as steward for the donated funds during the project. All donations to this project are tax-deductible.

Send your contributions by 30 May 2014 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

All Things Franklin 150th

Remember - The Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau maintains a composite roster of all scheduled Sesquicentennial Events at **www.Franklin150.com** You can benefit three ways from their effort.

- 1 – You can see all the 150th events as far out as 2015
- 2 – You can plan your organization's events to avoid schedule conflicts
- 3 – You can post your events on their composite schedule with web links to your info sources

It's a great tool – use it to your advantage

News In Review May 2014

Attorney Julian Bibb named Williamson County Impact Award Winner — Williamson Herald — 4/20/14 — FRANKLIN — Stites & Harbison, PLLC attorney Julian L. Bibb has been named a Williamson County Impact Award winner by the *Nashville Business Journal*. Through Bibb's leadership, Stites & Harbison has raised more than \$40 million for Williamson County nonprofit organizations and has organized 27 different nonprofits. Bibb coordinated efforts to preserve Civil War Battlefield sites in Franklin, which led to the Civil War Trust awarding him the Shelby Foote Preservation Legacy Award. He has also received the Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Legacy Award; Williamson County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award; a Certificate of Merit from the State of Tennessee Historical Commission; and the Caroline J. Cross Community Volunteer Award.

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	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
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	"Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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