



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

September 2014

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

## President's Message

On Saturday, Sept. 13, our preservation efforts for the Lorings Advance parcel got a huge boost when volunteers of the Trail Life Troop from the Concord Road Church of Christ and their leaders joined with STFB volunteers to cut brush and undergrowth.

This important site is where Confederate brigades under the command of Generals Walthall and Loring were pounded by a storm of canister and shell fire from Federal batteries on McNutt Hill and at Fort Granger. At the north edge of the property lies the ravine where, more than likely, Gen. John Adams led his brigade west to attack the Federal trench line some two hundred yards away. Adams was killed in this attack which petered-out near the cotton gin.

Today, the open view of this battlefield parcel is threatened by invasive brush and undergrowth in the fence rows, low spots and especially the ravine. It was our good fortune that the Trail Life Troop, along with their leaders and STFB members, volunteered to cut the brush from along the south fence line and from a substantial part of the lower section of the property. There is more work to do, but this effort opened parts of the property for a much better view. Thank you, Trail Life Troop. You are good help, and good friends of the battlefield.

Don't forget – all of the 150<sup>th</sup> events and schedules are listed at [www.franklin150.com](http://www.franklin150.com)

Dan Mora - President

## New & Renewing Members August 2014

Mark & Mary Aulman	Woodland, CA
Ed Bearss	Arlington, VA
Carter House Board	Franklin, TN
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John Riopelle	Delmar, NY
19 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Vol Inf K Co	Monroe Twp, NJ



**Trail Life Troop and their leaders from the Concord Road Church of Christ joined with STFB volunteers to clear undergrowth on the Lorings Advance parcel on September 13**

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## Cannons Are Removed New Carriages Expected in October

Well before dawn on September 10, Franklin Streets Director Joe York and his crew had their equipment positioned with the volunteers from Sentry Crane to remove the four Model 1841 6-pounders and their concrete bases from Franklin Square. This is the first step in the plan by the Cannons on the Square Committee to remount the guns on new replica #1 carriages before the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin in November.



**Even the moon witnessed the removal of the cannon bases**

Low overcast partially hid the moon and threatened rain, but never did it. On plan at exactly 6:00 AM, the workmen began fitting the lifting straps and, with a few small trial lifts, soon had settled on a secure and safe method to harness and raise the first gun.



**The first gun tube is moved onto its waiting cradle at dawn**

Dawn was just breaking as the first tube was swung out over a trailer with purpose-made cradles for the guns. Designed and assembled by Randy Whidby of the Franklin Water Dept., the padded and pallet-mounted

cradles permit the cannon, at 800 lbs each, to be easily and securely moved with a forklift. The guns will be stored in a secure off-site location until the carriages are installed in October. The first concrete base required a bit more rigmarole to harness securely, but it too was soon lifted onto a second trailer. The crew then moved shop 90 degrees around the Square, and did it all again. With their work methods now well proven, the next three cannon and base removals went much quicker.



**The last gun tube is carefully lowered onto its cradle**

Estimated to require 2-3 hours, the job was actually finished inside of an hour and the last cannon was lowered onto its cradle at 6:45 AM. More later.

## Lotz House Foundation Dinner with Ed Bearss

Executive Director J.T. Thompson and Tennessee State Museum board member Pam Lewis jointly announced today the two organizations will host American icon Ed Bearss and seven other historians for a "Historian's Dinner" **Nov. 29 and Nov. 30** to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864.

The seated dinner will be held at the Eastern Flank Battle Park Hall. On Nov 29, the reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, the reception begins at 7:15 p.m. with dinner at 7:45 p.m. Tickets to the "Historian's Dinner with Ed Bearss" are \$150 per person marking the 150th anniversary of the battle. Tables of 8 include an historian at each table, which brings the cost for seven seats to a discounted total of \$1,000. Seating is limited to 80. Reservations can be made at [jtt@lotzhouse.com](mailto:jtt@lotzhouse.com) or 615-790-7190. For info see [ww.lotzhouse.com](http://ww.lotzhouse.com)

**PLUS** - Ed Bearss, assisted by Thomas Cartwright, will

also lead a bus tour of the Franklin Battlefield on both the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. On both days after breakfast at 8:30 a.m., the tour will embark at 9:00 a.m. and last until 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100. The bus can accommodate only 52 attendees so sign up right away at 615-790-7190 or [www.lotzhouse.com](http://www.lotzhouse.com)

### **Blue-Gray Days at Carnton Plantation Reenactment Spectator Ticket Sales November 15-16**

The reenactment event this year will have several hundred troops on each side with infantry and much artillery, but no cavalry. The Saturday event will portray the Confederate assault up the middle, over the advanced line and briefly through the main line. The Sunday event will portray the Confederate assault from the Carnton Plantation area against the Federal left and into the killing canister and shell fire from McNutt Hill and Fort Granger.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance** and will go on sale Sept. 15. Tickets will remain on sale until Oct. 31 unless they sell out. Please note that separate tickets must be purchased for Saturday and Sunday, and space is limited.

Tickets will be available for purchase at Carnton Plantation, The Carter House and online at [www.battleoffranklintrust.org](http://www.battleoffranklintrust.org) Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free, but parents are cautioned that because of the amount of firing at the event it may not be suitable for infants and toddlers. If tickets are purchased online, shipping and handling charges will apply and tickets will be sent via mail. No one will be admitted to the event without a ticket.

### **News In Review September 2014**

**Final portion of battlefield site house moved — The Tennessean — 8/18/14 — FRANKLIN —** Plans for Franklin's Columbia Avenue Civil War battlefield park are finally rolling forward. A months-long delay to move a portion of a historical house formerly located at 109 Cleburne St. ended Tuesday when a house-moving crew hauled away the second part of the home. It was located on land where park supporters want to create a 20-acre Civil War park.

**Randal McGavock's missing Civil War diary back in Tennessee— The Tennessean — 8/21/14 — FRANKLIN —** The long-lost diary of prominent Nashville historical figure and Civil War officer

Randal William McGavock is now back in Tennessee. McGavock, who served as Nashville mayor from 1858 to 1859, kept meticulous diaries of his life's travels, which he detailed in nine volumes. Eight of those volumes have been kept at the Tennessee State Library and Archives since 1960, officials said. The ninth volume, which chronicles McGavock's early days fighting in the Civil War, was discovered by Andrea Shearn, a retired science teacher from California, who donated the diary to the state archives to complete the state's collection of diaries on McGavock's life.

### **Try to Imagine The Greatest Story of the Civil War — Your Williamson — September 2014 —**

**FRANKLIN —** One hundred and fifty years after the Battle, Franklin is reclaiming reminders of the determination, courage and passion of those who came before us: twenty acres of interpreted Civil War battlefield property in the heart of a city's downtown--acreage formerly comprised of three private homes, six businesses and a pizza parlor. Today, three homes have been moved: one to Giles County where it will be preserved; one to provide affordable housing for a family on the east side of town; and one dismantled to be rebuilt as a turn of the century farm house. Each business is being relocated to a better, more efficient location. Seven property owners are involved in this reclamation project.

**Franklin Barrels will get Carriages — The Civil War News — September 2014 — FRANKLIN —** After decades of sitting on concrete supports, four original bronze artillery pieces will soon grace the Franklin Square mounted on their own carriages. The tubes were given to the city in the early 1900s by what was then the War Department, now known as the Department of Defense. A \$20,000 grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission's Tennessee Wars Commission and a \$31,000 grant from the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen helped raise the \$62,000 needed for the carriages. They are expected to be in place before the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, November 30.

**Fight for Franklin Civil War park begins — The Tennessean — 9/3/14 — FRANKLIN —** On September 3, Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson began weekly meeting at the Carter House to challenge supporters to raise money to buy the land, which includes a florist shop and a house. Supporters also are pursuing federal grants. The meetings lead to an Oct. 16 community fundraiser at the Carter House, where supporters hope to collect at least \$150,000 in donations and pledges.

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