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

President's Message

We continuously strive to keep you informed on the Battlefield preservation efforts in Franklin. Recently, our volunteers began a project to scan and post all of our past newsletters to our online newsletter archive. They provide an important reference source on all past preservation efforts.

We are also posting photo albums of local preservation events on our Facebook page. Some of the photos will be current while others will serve as a pictorial history of past events. We will continue to post photos in the coming weeks. You may see yourself.

Preservation of battlefield property to serve as a passive park continues to receive mixed support from some city residents. As a component of Heritage Preservation our battlefield parks attract thousands of visitors every year. These visitors contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to the economy of Williamson County and the city of Franklin.

Next month we will have a summary of the economic impact of tourism in Williamson County. The Williamson County Visitor and Convention Bureau is compiling their latest numbers. Remember, tourism dollars help keep our taxes low.

We thank you for your continued support. Visit our web and Facebook pages.
<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members July 2015

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William Terry	Poughkeepsie, NY
Jody & Pat Thompson	Franklin, TN

STFB Newsletter Archive Expanded

As many of you know, STFB maintains an archive of our monthly newsletters beginning with January 2006. During this summer, STFB volunteers have scanned and added all of our older newsletters dating from May 1993 onward. The newsletters are indexed so you can key-word search that index with your browser's *Find* command Ctl-F.

From the outset, our newsletters included a "News in Review" column that summarized preservation related articles from local and national newspapers. And we included announcements

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and reports on the events of all local preservation groups. Thus, the STFB newsletter archive shows the general historical track that we have collectively followed here in Franklin all these years.

We have not found and archived all of the early newsletters. If you saved those missing newsletters, please send us copies so they can be added to the STFB newsletter archive.

The STFB newsletters show that the theme of our early efforts was to do battlefield public tours and to include articles that attracted public interest in our local history and preservation efforts. Mary Pearce was on our Board in the early years and continually advised us that local government leaders are powerless to assist preservation unless there is broad community support to do so. So tours we did. Many.

The [June 1997 is a must-read issue](#). Some 18 years ago, the events reported in that newsletter set the common path for all of us here in Franklin.

The Civil War Trust mentioned in the June 1997 newsletter is not today's Civil War Trust. In 1997, there were two national Battlefield Preservation groups – the Civil War Trust (CWT) was a subsidiary of The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the other was the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS). Both saved Civil War Battlefields.

Great wisdom soon prevailed and in 1999 the two groups merged into the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT). This was the organization that came to Franklin in 2002 to announce they would help local preservation efforts. In 2011, the name morphed one last time into the Civil War Trust (CWT) who today is our great partner in Franklin preservation.

In 2005, the CWPT commissioned a formal survey of 400 Franklin voters. Three-fourths of them agreed that the City of Franklin should do more to aid Battlefield Preservation. Since then, the City has been an active partner in many preservation projects. Mary was right.

Carnton Extended Tour Now Available

Carnton now offers a comprehensive walking tour of Historic Carnton. The tour focuses on some elements of the Battle of Franklin, how Carnton was used as a field hospital, the history of the McGavock family and

Confederate Cemetery, as well as the history of slavery at Carnton, in Tennessee, and across America.

The tour will visit five locations on the property. You will begin with a brief history of the site's early years, then proceed inside the house for approximately 45 minutes. From there, the tour will continue onto the slave quarters. Once finished, you will walk through the historic and recreated family garden before finishing in the family and Confederate cemeteries.

Arrive at Carnton at least 15 minutes prior to tour time. The Extended Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. About 45 minutes will be inside and 45 minutes will be outdoors. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of ten or those with limited mobility. Tickets: \$25 (all ages)

Tour schedule - Tuesday through Saturday at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Reservations are recommended, but not required for Extended Tours held Tuesdays through Fridays. Reservations are required for Extended Tours held on Saturdays. Please contact Angell Wallace at (615) 794-0903 or angell@boft.org for questions or to make reservations.

Lotz House Announces Atlanta Tour October 21-25

Battleground Tour of the Atlanta Campaign Part 2 *The 151st Anniversary - Siege and Fall of Atlanta*

The Lotz House Civil War museum has teamed up with historians Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins for an exclusive battleground tour of the Atlanta Campaign Part 2 on Wednesday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.

In making the announcement, Lotz House Executive Director J.T. Thompson said, "Last year's Atlanta tour with Greg Biggs was so successful we wanted to bring it back again to focus on the sites connected to the siege and capture of Atlanta in 1864. Last year sold out and we had participants from as far away as California, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama and North Carolina. It's a truly unique experience for Civil War enthusiasts."

This commemorative tour, which is limited to only 52 people, will kick off with an early afternoon reception on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the Lotz House in Franklin, Tennessee before boarding the Cavalier Tours

motorcoach for the direct run to Marietta. Hotel accommodations are at the Hampton Inn in Marietta.

From Johnston's River Line through Jonesboro, this tour will cover several key battles including Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Utoy Creek and Jonesboro. There will be several stops at each of the fields. Other side stops include Shoupade Park and other portions of the River Line; the Chattahoochee River Crossings and Roswell, GA, an industrial center; the site of Johnston's headquarters where he was relieved of command; the site of the Potter House and Atlanta defenses and the site of Atlanta's surrender.

The group will also see a few museums on this trip with direct Civil War and Atlanta connections including the Marietta Museum; the Atlanta History Center, the Road to Tara Museum (which has only one of two remaining Sherman Neck-ties - the melted and bent rails typical of this campaign) along with some "Gone With The Wind" sites including the museum in Marietta and the Margaret Mitchell House.

Also included is a visit to the Atlanta Cyclorama as part of the Battle of Atlanta tour. On the way back on Sunday, Oct. 25, the tour will tie the Atlanta campaign to Hood's Tennessee Campaign with a stop at the Allatoona Pass battlefield in north Georgia. This October 1864 battle was the first fight of the Tennessee Campaign. The tour will conclude in Franklin.

Atlanta historians are on tap to speak in the evening. Scheduled to appear are Steve Davis, noted Atlanta Campaign author and historian and Charlie Crawford, president of the Georgia Battlefield Association. Another evening historian is planned.

Greg Biggs is president of the Clarksville, TN Civil War Roundtable and an officer of the Nashville and Bowling Green, KY CWRTs. He has studied the Atlanta Campaign for more than 30 years and lived in Atlanta for several of those years.

Robert Jenkins is an attorney from Dalton, GA. His *From Kennesaw Mountain to Peach Tree Creek, 1-19 July 1864*, is due out any day. For those that took the tour in March 2014, Robert was a co-guide for the Dalton phase.

The tour package includes luxury motorcoach transportation by Cavalier Tours, four nights

accommodations, baggage handling, four breakfasts and two lunches. It also includes admission to the Atlanta History Center, Margaret Mitchell House, Marietta Museum, Gone with the Wind Museum, Atlanta Cyclorama, Oakland Cemetery and Road to Tara Museum.

The tour package for an individual is \$685 or double (2 people) is \$555 per person. Triple occupancy is \$510 per person. For more information and to sign up for the tour, contact J.T. Thompson at the Lotz House in Franklin by calling 615-790-7190 or email jtt@lotzhouse.com. For more information visit www.lotzhouse.com.

News In Review August 2015

The Past Shows Us Our Path To The Future — *Battlefield Dispatch* — Summer 2015 —

FRANKLIN — A decade ago the preservation and reclamation Club of Franklin golf course and release of *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. In the upcoming years, sites closer to The Carter House were targeted. The City of Franklin purchased the site of the Pizza Hut near where Confederate General Cleburne was killed. From 2008 through 2015 a half dozen other vitally important properties, almost all contiguous, were saved. The latest achievement is the purchase of the Lovell tract, a key component toward creating the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. It should be noted that the Heritage Foundation and Save The Franklin Battlefield (STFB) were ahead of their times when it came to battlefield preservation. In the late 1990s, the Heritage Foundation secured the "blue house," which stood near the Carter cotton gin site, and in 2001, STFB saved Collins' Farm, an important piece of ground. STFB and the Civil War Trust also purchased Loring's Advance along the railroad tracks where heavy casualties occurred.

Battle of Franklin Trust hosts upcoming lecture series — *Williamson Herald* — 8/10/15 —

FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust will kick off its free lecture series on Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Fleming Center. CEO Eric Jacobson and Franklin Civil War Roundtable founder Greg Wade will lead a discussion, entitled "The Founders, the Evolution of America, and the Road to Civil War." Jacobson, with Wade facilitating, will discuss how America transformed from the time of its founding to the mid-19th century and ultimately why the country spiraled toward Civil War.

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