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

President's Message

Work continues on reclaiming the Battlefield here in Franklin. A key player in the reclamation of the Franklin battlefield has been the Civil War Trust (CWT). They have generously used their donor list and grant writing skills to fund the larger land purchases here in Franklin. As a National preservation organization, they need your financial support for them to help Franklin and other battlefields. www.civilwar.org

SFTB recently made a donation for the purchase of the Lovell Property. This important property is on the trench line across Columbia Avenue from the recently cleared Domino's property. The reclamation of this parcel has begun and the newly confirmed trench lines are currently marked with gravel mounds.

As you know, battlefield preservation does more than just create passive parks for the city residents. They are a magnet, along with the Downtown area, for tourism. Heritage Tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry, and as a result of the money spent in Franklin along with hotel/motel taxes, Franklin has been able to hold down tax rates in both the city and the county. If you hadn't considered it, it is all the more reason to support battlefield preservation. It's vacation season, so come see the progress that we are making in reclaiming battlefield land. Please continue to follow us on Facebook and our web page. Thanks for your continued support.

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New Cannon Carriages Now Viewable On Google Maps

Yes - if you look at the Public Square in Franklin, TN on Google Maps, you will now see Franklin's cannons mounted on their new reproduction carriages that were installed last November.

The aerial view of the Square still shows the old concrete pedestals under the guns, but the updated [street view](#) shows the new carriages. Several street view pictures are available, so be sure to choose the May 2015 version.

If you haven't traveled to Franklin lately, you can now Google-visit to see the new vista of the Public Square. Everyone who sees our authentic Civil War cannons on the new carriages agrees that the Franklin Public square now clearly announces to our visitors that they have arrived at a major Civil War Tourism destination.

Carter Hill Battlefield Park Update



Carter Hill Battlefield Park as seen looking north across Cleburne Street from Pizza Hut site

As we wait for the purchase of the two Lovell properties to finalize, some work is being done to fill in the Dominos and strip center foundations with top soil, cover the trenches with protective gravel, and generally grade and seed the park grounds. This is just a holding action until the Lovell deal closes. At that time, all of the properties held by the Heritage Foundation, Franklins Charge, and the Civil War Trust will be transferred to the City of Franklin for a City Park. After the two Lovell houses are moved, that property will also transfer to the City to complete a nearly 20 acre Carter Hill Battlefield Park.



The excavated segments of the Federal trench line are now covered with gravel to identify and protect them. The two Lovell houses are directly across Columbia Avenue.

The Franklin Parks Dept has already been budgeted to improve and interpret the new park with walking trails, benches, a parking area and other amenities. The park will also have the signature cedar rail fences that all Franklin Battlefield Parks now have. The interpretive signage will be created and donated by the National Heritage Area program at MTSU.



A current view of Carter Hill Battlefield Park looking south from the trench line.

The Heritage Foundation bought the cotton gin site (to the left of this view at 109 Cleburne Street) in 1997 – a leap of great faith. The City bought the Pizza Hut site (in the distance) with the support of then-Mayor Tom Miller in 2005 and created a City Park. Now, after nearly 20 years of hard work by local preservation groups and the Civil War Trust, we have the Carter Hill Battlefield Park taking shape before our very eyes.

STFB Donates \$5,000 To Lovell Purchase

At the June meeting of the Franklin CWRT, the stars were aligned and all parties were present for STFB officers to finally make the \$5,000 check presentation to Julian Bibb for the purchase of the Lovell properties that will close in the next month or so. Julian is an attorney with Stites & Harbison PLLC and a principal with Franklins Charge. Julian has served as a pro bono attorney for all of Franklin's preservation groups for over twenty years and has generously assisted STFB on several occasions. "The STFB Board had authorized the donation some months ago, but with vacations and schedule conflicts, we had a difficult time getting everyone together for a picture," Mora commented.

The gift will be used to help buy the two Lovell houses just south of the Carter House. Those two buildings will then be moved to uncover a portion of the Federal trench line from the Battle of Franklin that will then

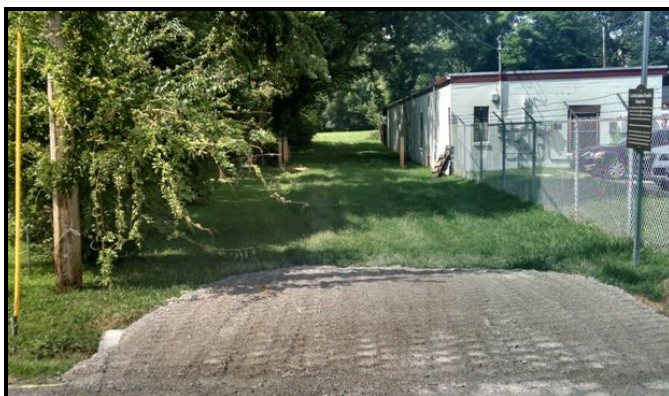
become a part of the city's Carter Hill Battlefield Park.

STFB had made an earlier \$1,050 donation to Franklins Charge. "That gift was made with funds that were given to STFB and designated for Franklins Charge. We try to transfer that type of gift in a timely fashion to the intended recipient," Huffman said. "This \$5,000 donation is accumulated Land donations from many of our members to be used at the STFB Board's discretion," he added. The money will be used to follow STFB's credo to "buy dirt".



STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman (left) and President Dan Mora present a \$5,000 check to Julian Bibb for the Lovell purchase.

New Culvert Installed At Lorings Advance Entrance



The new culvert provides maintenance vehicle access from Meadowlawn Drive to the 5-acre Lorings Advance parcel

A newly installed culvert on Meadowlawn Avenue now provides a vehicle entrance into the Lorings Advance battlefield parcel, purchased in 2011 by the CWT with STFB help. This narrow alleyway property was acquired by STFB in 2014 with the expert help of Julian Bibb at Stites and Harbison.

Since then, an Eagle Scout designed and built the swing-beam gate (seen near the white building) and the Dixie Sherman Concrete Company in Franklin donated the culvert sections needed for the road. "This important improvement will allow us to get mowing and chipper equipment onto the property," said STFB Secretary Sam Gant. Gant has coordinated much of the undergrowth removal and the gate project for STFB. "We hope to enlist volunteers later this year to help remove additional undergrowth," he added.

The overall general idea, but not yet a plan, is for STFB and the CWT to eventually donate these Lorings Advance properties to the City for a Battlefield Park.

News In Review July 2015

Remnants of Confederacy stir debate over remembering nation's past — The Tennessean — 6/29/15 — FRANKLIN — In Franklin, where the Confederacy suffered a bloody defeat in the Battle of Franklin, preservationists have a unique opportunity to tell a more complete story, said Eric Jacobson, who heads the Battle of Franklin Trust nonprofit. Franklin is the site of a nationally recognized effort to "reclaim" battlefield land from modern development for a planned city park and new visitor center. He said that there are "extensive plans to talk about Reconstruction, to talk about the role of freed slaves, to talk about the role of disenfranchised Confederates."

Battle of Franklin Trust announces Carnton Plantation extended tour — Williamson Herald 6/30/15 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust will offer an extended tour of the historic Carnton Plantation, to begin July 7, 2015. This special and comprehensive walking tour will include visiting five locations on the property and will focus on some elements of the Battle of Franklin as well as the history of Carnton before, during and after the Civil War.

Commentary: What's so civil about the Civil War? — Williamson Herald 7/2/15 — FRANKLIN — "Over the years, Our Town has done — as it should have — an admirable job commemorating the families shattered and the lives given during the Civil War. . . ." states William Carter, in a commentary for the *Williamson Herald*. "It is my opinion, however, that we — the citizens of Our Town — have done enough, and any future attempts to celebrate the war through parks or museums or three-day weekend events be left strictly to private enterprise with no input, whatsoever, of Our tax dollars or public lands."

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