



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

President's Message

If you're like most of our members, you check the **New & Renewing** list each month to see from where our membership hails. At last count, we had members from 42 states and three foreign countries. It is very reassuring to all the local preservation groups that Franklin matters to so many people. Some have been steadfast contributing members for twenty years or more.

About one-fourth of our membership has chosen to receive the Newsletter by email to reduce our printing and postage costs. Of course, when their membership nears expiration, we do send a paper Newsletter with the renewal documents needed to extend their membership. Some are slow to respond, and we may end up sending 4-5 renewal notices – all of which erodes the original intent of going paperless. So help us even more, when you get your renewal notice, mail it ASAP. Thanks for helping us.

Another reminder - we recently said how your purchases on Amazon could help STFB. When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**, we receive a small donation from Amazon for each purchase. At your first logon, select STFB as your charity. Tell your friends. Thanks.

Continue to follow us on Facebook, as we plan to put up picture folios of some of the current and past preservation activities. Thanks for your continued support.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members February 2015

Phil Allen	South Bend, IN
Shelly Andrews	Chattanooga, TN
Mary Ann Avola	Piscataway, NJ
Ernie & Nell Bacon	Franklin, TN
James Buente	Franklin, TN
John Chaballa	Barnegat, NJ
Nancy Conway	Franklin, TN
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Tom & Judy Derickson	Montgomery, AL
Philip Duer	Brentwood, TN
Beverly Eckley	Livermore, CA
Ann Herbert Floyd	Franklin, TN
Kathleen & Dennis Garoutte	Bloomington, MN
Bettye Harper	Franklin, TN
Betsy Hester	Franklin, TN
Mrs David Logsdon	Lyles, TN
Nick Kaup	Northbrook, IL
Patricia Knapp	Nashville, TN
Mr & Mrs Ronald Ligon	Franklin, TN
Gary Matthews	Dublin, OH
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STFB Pledges \$5,000 For Lovell Purchase

The Save The Franklin Battlefield Board recently wrote to Franklins Charge committing \$5,000 of its Land Purchase Fund for the purchase of the Lovell property. The target properties are the two houses adjacent to the south boundary of the Carter House State Historic Site. This ground was the scene of horrific hand-to-hand and point-blank trench-fighting for several hours in the darkness after the initial Confederate onslaught at the Battle of Franklin.



The two Lovell houses stand just south of the red-brick Carter House

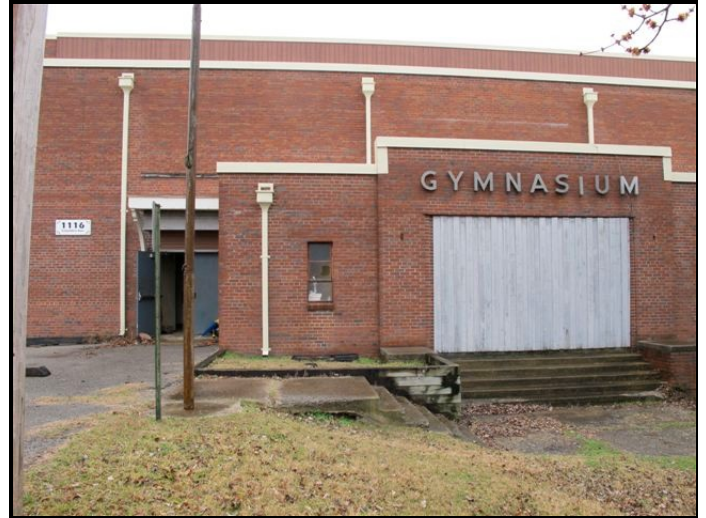
This purchase will be funded by public donations, local non-profits, the Civil War Trust, the American Battlefield Protection Program and the City of Franklin. The City will not use property and sales taxes, but rather will use part of Hotel/Motel taxes over several years. This purchase will complete the roughly 20 acres planned for the Carter Hill Park surrounding the Carter House, including the Carter cotton gin site. The purchase details are still being discussed and will close in May. Watch this space.

Local Officials Tour Old High School Gym

The Carter House Board recently invited government and preservation leaders to inspect the condition of the old Franklin High gym next door. The Carter House Historic Site received this property in 2002 in a land swap with Williamson County. The county continued for a time to use the gym for the Boys and Girls Club program but the building has been vacant for many years and subject to ongoing vandalism and vagrants.

The tour was organized to help coalesce state and local

support for state funding to remove the building from this state property. A previously funded new Visitors Center will replace the gym.



Franklin High gymnasium as it appears today next to the Carter House. A new Visitor Center will look much better.

Franklin's streetscape program is transforming Columbia Avenue from Five-Points to the Carter House – with the old gym remaining as the area's most noticeable candidate for improvement.



State Representative Charles Sargent, Mayor Ken Moore and local preservationists inspect the old Franklin High gym before setting plans

Dominos Demolition Date Delayed



Weather and other construction complications have stymied earlier demolition plans for the Dominos Pizza

shop on Columbia Avenue. The new target date is mid-April, we hope. Several supporters have asked to be notified of the exact date so they can be here to witness this historic event. Franklins Charge spokesmen think they will be able to announce a week or two lead time ahead of the date. So watch all the local web sites and Facebook pages for the big news.

Carriage Donors Receive Commemorative Mug & Program

The Cannons On the Square Committee recently recognized their donors who supported the effort to mount Franklin's four 6-pounder cannons on new reproduction carriages. Each donor was presented with a Commemorative Mug and a special edition Commemorative Program of the November 11, 2014 dedication event.



Commemorative Mugs and Dedication Programs shown “Public Square – Franklin, Tennessee – November, 2014”

Several donors wrote to the Committee and to STFB to say how pleased they were with the thoughtful gifts, and also how pleased they were to have been part of this very important task. Everyone who had seen the Square's new appearance added how glad they were that the Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission made this a priority project for 2014.

The Commemorative Program lists all of the donors who helped fund the Carriages or provided in-kind services. It also has details about manufacturing dates and the foundries of the four pre-war tubes. While doing a detailed survey of the guns prior to removal, Sam Huffman and Sam Whitson discovered that all four were rifled, albeit in greatly worn condition.

We have a few Commemorative Mugs remaining and, while supplies last, will sell them at our event booths for a donation of \$20 each - \$30 if mailed.

Arbor Day Set for Saturday April 18 at Pinkerton Park

Franklins Parks Department has set Arbor Day for Saturday April 18 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This annual event invites the winter-weary public to come out to Pinkerton Park to enjoy the park and learn about the service groups who staff booths there. The Franklin Fire Dept will display some of their fire trucks for kids of all ages to visit. Middle Tennessee Electric provides a free hotdog booth that is always a crowd favorite.

STFB will have a booth (get your mug here) and will provide guides at Fort Granger to show off the great improvements and Eddy Lane entrance that Franklin Parks have made. It looks fantastic. Don't miss it.

Robert Lee Hodge, "Thinking in Pictures and Sound: Making Civil War Films"

At the March 8, Franklin Civil War Round Table, Robert Lee Hodge gave a presentation on, "Thinking in Pictures and Sound: Making Civil War Films." He related his experiences working in the national media in the area of Civil War history research, acting, and film making.

Hodge discussed the challenges he faced in his appearances in dramas such as ABC's *North and South*, and TNT's *Gettysburg* and *Andersonville*. As a paid extra, he had to endure a poor, sparse diet, inadequate lodging, hours of boredom, and painful injury. His most terrifying experience occurred when dragged by a spooked horse after falling with his foot caught in the stirrup. In spite of the hardships, he did have the satisfaction of seeing his image on the big screen in major films.

Rob pointed out that a large distraction in most major Civil War films is the wardrobe of the principal actors while the volunteer reenactors better portrayed the soldier in the field. Another distraction is a California actor attempting a Southern dialect. In contrast to the bad productions, Hodge showed several clips of excellent filmmaking and pointed out their strengths. These clips included some of his film production as well as those of other producers.

Rob Hodge is a generous friend of STFB having furnished the seed money for the purchase of Collins' Farm Park. He also gifted STFB land preservation with a large portion of the gate receipts from Franklin Theatre's showing of his production, "The Battle of Franklin—Five Hours in the Valley of Death "

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	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
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