



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

April 2016

www.franklin-stfb.org

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

President's Message

April has been a busy month for Save the Franklin Battlefield. Last week along with the help of Trail Life Troop and their leaders, we spent three hours clearing fence line and other brush at Lorings Advance as we prepare for a tour of the grounds on Saturday 23 April at 10 AM. The public is invited to join us and listen to Eric Jacobson as he leads what will be a very interesting presentation on the historical events on the property in November 1864.

When you read this we will also have participated in Arbor Day activities at Pinkerton Park sponsored by the City of Franklin. We were present to meet with visitors and to share information about Ft. Granger, which is adjacent to the park, and continue to share our role in preservations.

We apologize to you as due to space limitation we were unable to share our friend Greg Wade's story with some very interesting information about Civil War activities on the West Harpeth look for that article in a coming newsletter.

We also want you to be thinking about future events that will take place in Franklin in the coming months. A Descendant's Reunion will take place later this year, plus Symposium the offers an in-depth look at the Civil War in 1864, as well as post-war years. Look for additional information in this newsletter and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>)

Dan Mora – President

Board of Directors

Dan Mora
President
Bobby Hargrove
Vice Pres
Sam Gant
Secretary
Sam Huffman
Treasurer

Robert Huff
Chip Huffman
Mike Walker

Advisory Board

Suzanne Burns
Ben Nance
Fred Prouty
Mike Skinner

Web site



Facebook



New & Renewing Members March 2016

James Addicott	Rice, MN
Lorena Bestor	Kansas City, MO
Bill Bivens	Clinton, TN
Cameron & Kristine Close	Newark, OH
Walter Corey	Lenoir City, TN
Mary Craig	Murfreesboro, TN
Rockland CWRT	Pearl River, NY
Leigh, Lori & James Franklin	Glendale Heights, IL
Daniel Gaskel	Norfolk, VA
Alison & Lawrance Kasten	Cape Girardeau, MO
Spyros & Mavy Lezimis	Chicago, IL
Joan Markel	Knoxville, TN
Gale & Lyn Pewitt	Franklin, TN
Ann Stover	Goodyear, AZ
Gilbert M Sullivan	Birmingham, AL
Craig & Patricia Young	Franklin, TN

STFB Donors Needed to Fund Revised Cotton Gin Marker



April 2014 - The "Blue House" is finally moved from the cotton gin site. The STFB marker is at left in foreground

STFB needs to revise and replace the [1998 marker](#) at the cotton gin site. The Heritage Foundation bought this site in June 1997 (see [STFB newsletter](#))

on a leap of great faith that someday a Franklin Battlefield Park could be reclaimed – and 19 years later it was. STFB and STFB donors also helped with the Heritage Foundation fund raising. In December 1998 ([Dec 1998 newsletter](#)), STFB placed this marker. As with all STFB markers, one side describes the battle actions at this site, and the second side describes the place history. New battle research and the recent archeology digs have produced new information that must now be incorporated into the updated marker text.

However, the real importance of the marker is not just its revised text. For many years, visitors came to Franklin and in great exasperation asked why nothing was being done to save this important battlefield. For nearly 20 years, the STFB cotton gin marker was the lone beacon that led our visitors to the Save The Franklin Battlefield web site – and the connecting web links to the other preservation efforts here in Franklin as they gained traction. This STFB cotton gin marker does not just describe history, it itself is history.

The new marker will cost about \$2,400 and require several months to manufacture. Marker donations will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to:

STFB
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065

We're sorry, but the old marker is already spoken for. Call STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman 615-480-9539 with questions.

Volunteers Help Prepare for Lorings Advance Tour Saturday, April 23 10:00 AM

On a cool, crisp April morning, members of the Trail Life Troop from the Concord Road Church of Christ busily cleared brush from the ravine along the north boundary of the Lorings Advance Civil War site. Troop leaders Mike Hastings and John Rutledge manned chainsaws while other members dragged, hauled, and piled the brush for City of Franklin pickup.

The 5-acre battlefield parcel is owned by the Civil War Trust who bought it in 2011. STFB owns a strip of land that connects it to Meadowlawn Drive as a maintenance entrance. STFB has maintained and improved this very important part of the Franklin Battlefield and hopes one day to see it converted to a City of Franklin Battlefield Park.

This work by the Tail Life Troop was in preparation for the April 23 STFB tour where the Battle of Franklin role of the ravine will be showcased.

Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust, will lead the tour. He will discuss the Confederate troop movement across the Lorings Advance site in the face of overwhelming musket and artillery fire. He will move to the ravine at the north edge of the site. It was here that advancing Confederate soldiers sought shelter from Federal fire and, quite likely, where Gen. Adams rode as he led his men up the ravine and then turned right to assault the Federal line east of the cotton gin.

Tour attendees with full size cars and trucks can enter Lorings Advance parking via this entrance. Low suspension vehicles will have to park on the street.



Shown are some of the 24 Trail Life volunteers who helped clear undergrowth from fence lines and the ravine at Lorings Advance



The hard working volunteers created this 50-foot pile of brush in less than 3 hours

Special note: In November 2014, using private donations and grants from the City of Franklin and the

Tennessee Historical Commission, new replica carriages were installed under the four original Civil War 6-pounders on Franklin Square. ([September](#) & [November](#) 2014 newsletters)

A Commemorative Mug and Dedication Program were given as a gratuity to all of the many donors to the Cannons On The Square project.

We have a dozen or so mugs remaining and will have them at the Lorings Advance Tour. For a \$20 donation, you can have a Commemorative mug and a Commemorative Dedication Program. There won't be any more mugs made so get yours at the tour. The mug is imprinted with **Public Square – Franklin, Tennessee – November, 2014**



A Commemorative Mug and Dedication Program were given to all donors for the new cannon carriages. A few are left.

Open House at The Big House Sunday, May 22, 2 PM – 6 PM



The Old, Old Jail at 112 Bridge Street will host the Annual Meeting of the Heritage Foundation followed by a Grand Opening Celebration for the general public. This building was the County Jail from 1941 until 1970. It was then used for various government purposes until it fell into disrepair and was vacated in 1980. The Heritage Foundation purchased the building in 2013 and is raising \$2.3 million for

restoration and modernization of the building. Many jail features such as jail doors and steel walls were retained in the restoration. An extension was added to the rear of the building to provide elevators, HVAC, restrooms, stairwell and meeting rooms.

The vision is for the Old, Old Jail to be the Big House for Historic Preservation: a public resource for historic preservation, and the first permanent home for the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County. The Heritage Foundation moved into its permanent home in late January and the process of settling in continues.

Save The Franklin Battlefield has held two of our monthly Board Meetings in one of the meeting rooms at the Old, Old Jail. It is perfect for us and we feel this facility will be a huge resource to the many non-profits and preservation groups here in Franklin. A big hats-off cheer to the Board and leadership of the Heritage Foundation for saving this important building, and for creating such a valuable asset for the Franklin community. For information about the Open House or how you can help the Heritage Foundation, see historicfranklin.com or 615-591-8500

News In Review April, 2016

Battle of Franklin Trust, Franklin's Charge announce powerful history symposium — *Williamson Herald* — 3/28/16 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust along with Franklin's Charge recently announced The Battle of Franklin and American Memory History Symposium that will be held Oct. 20 – Oct. 22. The three-day event will welcome guests from across the country for lectures, panel discussions, and tours of the battlefield and historic homes. The discussions will offer an in-depth look at the Civil War in 1864 as well as post-war years. Admission cost is \$450 per person and includes all meals, admission to all lectures, and transportation for bus tours from Oct. 20 – Oct. 22.

Arrington will be site of two-day Civil War battle reenactments — *Williamson Herald* — 4/9/16 — FRANKLIN — Reenactors have two great Civil War reenactments planned at Kings' Chapel Community in Arrington for the weekend of April 16 - 17. On Saturday, a multiple phase scenario will recreate a part of the military action that took place in Triune on Dec 27, 1862. In Sunday's reenactment, the reenactors will tackle a portion of the Battle of Stones River called the "Slaughter Pen." The battle reenactment begins at 1pm

Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc

PO Box 851

Franklin, TN 37065-0851

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



April 2016

Save the Franklin Battlefield Membership / Renewal / Order Form

Name (s) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

QTY	Item	Price	Total
	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	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Perryville” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Shiloh” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Ft. Donelson” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Stones River” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Nashville” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	SHIPPING & HANDLING (Items only) ~ Under \$25.00 - or -	\$4.95	
	\$25.00 and up	\$5.95	
	ORDER TOTAL		

Mail To: Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc ~ P.O. Box 851 ~ Franklin, TN 37065-0851
 STFB Membership is annual. Dues and donations are tax deductible.