



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

April is looking to be a busy month for Save the Franklin Battlefield. Various activities are planned and will be kicked off by a Clean Up Day at Loring's Advance. We plan additional clean up at LA to get it ready for a Tour scheduled for that last week of the month. In other articles within this newsletter you will have an opportunity to volunteer to help clean up and are invited to attend the tour of Loring's Advance. The tour will give you an opportunity to see LA's facelift and get a better understanding of the role this property played during the Battle of Franklin.

You will also note that we will be participating in the Arbor Day activities taking place in April. Look for us there, as we continue to support the city and continue to share our role in preservation with our visitors.

We would like to congratulate our friends at the Heritage Foundation on moving in to new office space. They recently relocated to the renovated Old, Old Jail located at 112 Bridge Street here in Franklin, and they host the STFB Board Meetings.

Be sure to check out the details on the Battle of Franklin 3-day Symposium Oct 20 – 22. It promises to be a wonderful event.

Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>), please continue to support our webpage.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members February 2016

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STFB Archives Project Announced

Last fall, we announced that we would post all of the STFB Newsletters (that we could find) to the STFB web site at www.franklin-stfb.org/newsletter.htm The earliest edition we located was May 1993, although we think Susan Church created the first STFB

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Newsletter in 1992. Let us know if you have paper newsletter copies that we are missing.

We began publishing the STFB newsletter electronically in 2008 and have been posting it to our web site ever since. We had to search our paper files for copies of pre-2008 newsletters and scan them for the newsletter archive. Big job.

Now we are adding a [Document Archive](#) category to the Newsletter page. The first document added is the [Franklin Battlefield Preservation General Timeline](#) - a compilation of information about preservation events from newspaper clippings, STFB newsletters, and other historical sources. The intent is to set in place the important milestones and turning points of the battlefield preservation journey here in Franklin. As you know, over the past 150 years hundreds of dedicated volunteers and donors have been part of this march toward a vision of a Franklin Battlefield Park.

Other important documents will be added to the Document Archive as we get them scanned. Watch this space.

Lorings Advance Tour Saturday, April 23 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

STFB members and the general public are invited to a walking tour of the Lorings Advance battlefield parcel on April 23 at 10:00am. This will be the first tour of the 5-acre battlefield since we cleared the undergrowth from the fence lines and the ravine. That work provides a much clearer visual reference of how this important battlefield parcel fits into the overall flow of events during the Battle of Franklin.

Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust and author of several Civil War books, will lead the tour. STFB will provide maps and handouts of the poster-board displays and have Board Members on-hand to answer questions. Soft drinks and water will be provided.

In 2001, Lorings Advance LLC was formed by nearby local neighbors to purchase this open 5-acre parcel surrounded by their properties. Their intent was to keep this 5 acres of battlefield from being developed. This land is southwest across the RR tracks from Collins Farm, which STFB also purchased in 2001. In 2011, the LLC sold it to the Civil War Trust who received a National Parks Service ABPP grant and a

\$50,000 donation from STFB. STFB then acquired the Meadowlawn maintenance entrance in 2014 and keeps the property mowed and cleared.

Parking – Full size cars and pickups can drive into Lorings Advance from the east end of Meadowlawn Drive. Small cars and low-suspension vehicles will have to park on Meadowlawn Drive. See you there.

Lorings Advance Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 9 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

The Trail Life Troop and their leaders from the Concord Road Church of Christ will spearhead a cleanup day at Lorings Advance in preparation for the planned Lorings Advance Tour later in April. We invite other STFB volunteers to come join the effort.

One team will cut undergrowth and remove it from a portion of the ravine. Another team of younger volunteers will gather sticks and refuse from the area cleared by the brush grinder last fall.. This team will have trucks and trailers to carry the gathered material. Both groups will stack the cut limbs for the City chipper service to remove. Gloves, loppers and a couple of small chain saws required.

Parking – Full size cars and pickups can drive into Lorings Advance from the east end of Meadowlawn Drive. Small cars and low-suspension vehicles will have to park on Meadowlawn Drive.

Arbor Day Activities Saturday April 16, 2016 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please join The Franklin Tree Commission and the City of Franklin Parks Department for tons of fun in the trees with opportunities in tree climbing, kids' activities, food, information and free tree saplings at Pinkerton Park in Franklin from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

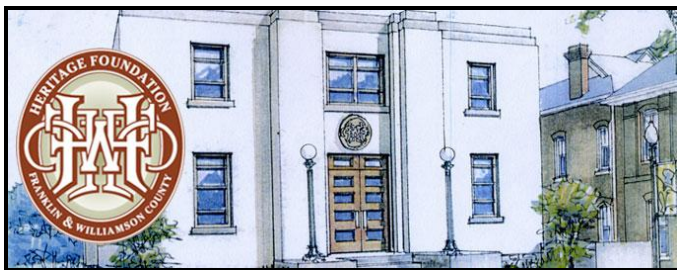
STFB and other non-profits will have their regular information booths set up, and Middle Tennessee Electric will provide tree saplings and hot dogs.

Master tree climbing instructor Tim Kovar, from Tree Climbing Planet, will guide individuals into the crown of a tree for a public tree climb with several stations. All certified equipment will be provided during this annual family friendly event. Participants will ascend

into the tree using the same rope-and-saddle method that canopy researchers use. “Getting up into a tree – being surrounded by the branches – is just a great way to explore nature,” said Tim Kovar. “Not only is it just plain fun, it connects us with the natural world in a way that not many people are exposed to.”

The tree climb is free and open to the public. Participants must be at least six years old and be wearing closed-toe shoes. For more information please email parkinfo@franklintn.gov or call 615-794-2103.

Heritage Foundation Moves Into Old, Old Jail



The Old, Old Jail at 112 Bridge Street was the County Jail from 1941 until 1970. It was then used for various government purposes until it fell into disrepair and 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 was very honored and proud to hold its March Board Meeting in one of the meeting rooms at the Old, Old Jail. A public grand opening celebration and open house are planned later this spring. For information see historicfranklin.com or 615-591-8500

Battle of Franklin and American Memory History Symposium Oct. 20 – Oct. 22, 2016

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.

“We look forward to welcoming attendees to Franklin to see the incredible progress we have made in the last several years reclaiming lost portions of the battlefield,” The Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson said.

“For some, it might be the first opportunity to see the Franklin battlefield revealed from beneath pavement and asphalt.”

Attendees will learn about the events leading up to the Battle of Franklin, the battle itself, and civilian perspectives. There will also be a focus on overall memory of the war and how we bridge the century and a half between the war and our modern times. This all-inclusive weekend will allow guests to learn about these pivotal moments in American history in a unique way.

Admission cost is \$450 per person and includes all meals, admission to all lectures, and transportation for bus tours from Oct. 20 – Oct. 22. For \$50 guests can add an additional tour that will take place on Sunday, Oct. 23.

All proceeds will benefit the campaign to save the Carter House outbuildings. Accommodations are not included, but symposium guests can book a room at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Franklin for a special discounted rate starting at \$169 per night. October will be a very busy time here in Franklin, so book your room ASAP.

Tickets can be purchased at a link found at www.boft.org . For more information contact Brittany Mayfield at (615)794-0903 or brittany@boft.org

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