



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

This past month we were happy to host a tour of Loring's Advance, guided by Eric Jacobson, CEO of Battle of Franklin Trust, author and historian. Eric provided excellent and insightful information that was new to many attendees. We also participated in the Arbor Day activities at Pinkerton Park sponsored by the City of Franklin. We were happy to meet and greet booth visitors and tell them our part of the story in the Civil War preservation efforts in Franklin.

In our last newsletter we mentioned the Descendant's Reunion, it is scheduled for September 23-25, 2016. For details see: <http://www.boft.org/events/descendants-reunion.htm>. The Symposium on the Battle of Franklin is scheduled for October 21 - 22. <http://www.boft.org/events/symposium.htm>.

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association held their annual Meeting and preservation tour in Franklin on May 14. They visited 4 sites that they helped buy.. TCWPA's mission is to protect, interpret and make accessible Tennessee's surviving Civil War battlefields state-wide for present and future generations.

Thank you for your continued support. If you are not a member of STFB we urge you to visit our web page (www.franklin-stfb.org) and join our preservation efforts. Visit us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>).

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members April 2016

Ellen & Jerry Allen	Cary, IL
Dan Andrews	Nashville, TN
Suzanne Burns	Brentwood, TN
Austin CWRT	Austin, TX
Philip W Duer	Brentwood, TN
Ann Herbert Floyd	Franklin, TN
James S Hackett	Brentwood, TN
Rob Hodge	Nashville, TN
William Kennedy	Columbia, TN
James A Lafer III	St Clair Shores, MI
Ronald & Marty Ligon	Franklin, TN
Emily Magid	Franklin, TN
Daniel McCarthy	Western Springs, IL
Karen Emerson McPeak	College Grove, TN
Arthur Mellor	Durham, NC
Dr John & Carol Petty	Wartrace, TN
Gale & Lyn Pewitt	Franklin, TN
Bob Ray	Crossville, TN
Richard Roberts	Brooklyn, NY
Richard & Teresa Shepler	Duck River, TN
Michael Skinner	Franklin, TN
Amy & Tom Stone	Mt Airy, MD
Greg Wade	Franklin, TN

Cotton Gin Marker Update We're There Already

In the STFB April newsletter, we called for donations to our marker fund in order to replace the Cotton Gin marker that we had erected in 1998. (See [Dec 1998](#)) New research and recent archeological digs have produced new information that makes the original marker slightly inaccurate. So we need to replace it

The membership response to our open call has been astonishing. Our fundraising goal was met

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within three weeks of the newsletter going out. We thank all of you who responded so quickly and we send a special thank you to Stewart White of Jacksonville, Florida. Stewart called to ask how much was needed to complete the project, and when told, said he would send a check for that – and did.

We think it is fantastic that we now have the funds needed to start work on the marker. But for the troops here on the ground that plod on and on day after day, year after year, Stewart's act has larger meaning. Stewart also rang the bell that reminds all of the local troops that there are people all over this country who care mightily about the Franklin Battlefield, and who will gladly help us if only they knew what we needed done. So again, Stewart, thank you for helping us and thanks for ringing the bell. More later.

Brandywine Valley CWRT Re-enlists at Franklin

Preservation Committee Chair Robert Sprague recently wrote once again to say that the Brandywine Valley CWRT of Paoli, Pennsylvania had selected STFB to receive their gift of \$300 for the preservation, protection and promotion of the Franklin Battlefield.

This CWRT also donated to land purchase in April 2014 and again in February 2015. We are very pleased and honored to have the Brandywine CWRT as part of our preservation efforts, and hope the CWRT members can one day come visit Franklin to see what they helped accomplish. Just give us a heads-up when you plan to visit and we will have someone show you the preservation work now underway.

Franklin Battlefield Commission To Mark Trench Line

The Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission has an active project underway to place markers on city streets where the Federal trench line crossed. The idea behind the effort is to have a daily reminder to our citizens and visitors that they are on a Civil War Battlefield, and to mark where the battle actually happened.

In 2014, the Commission also sponsored the project to acquire replica carriages for the four authentic 6-pounder guns on Franklin Square. The visual enhancement of the Square has proven to be a

powerful attraction for our visitors to have their picture made on the Square with the cannons. And getting our visitors on foot is the first step to getting them into downtown shops and restaurants.

Local historians have identified best-guess locations for the trench markers based on battle maps and personal accounts. Commission members are working to get the necessary City and State permissions to place the markers, and preliminary designs have been sent out for cost estimates. The general plan is to have four-foot obelisks on either side of the streets where the Federal trench line crossed. The plan is to install the markers in the public right-of-way but the affected landowners are also being contacted to get their comments. Funding has been requested but no firm completion date has been set.

TCWPA Annual Meeting and Tour

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association held their Annual Meeting May 14 at Fleming Center in Franklin. During their meeting they reviewed their year's activities and presented Preservation Awards to preservation advocates from across the state. The Bob Ragland Award was given to Billy King for his preservation initiatives at Big Black Creek and other projects in west Tennessee. The Presidents Partnership Award was presented to Representative Charles Sargent for securing funds for the Carter House State Historic Site and other funds for statewide preservation projects.



Billy King and Representative Charles Sargent (center) display their awards with the entourage about to begin the tour of Franklin reclamation parcels.

FYI - TCWPA is developing a statewide plan to identify opportunities to preserve and interpret Tennessee's Civil War military story at more than 150 important battle sites in Tennessee. These sites were identified in the 1993 National Civil War Sites Advisory Commission's report on the nation's battlefields. Three volunteers teams are compiling data for each site and hope to publish an assessment of each site that local preservation advocates can use.

The group then toured four Franklin sites – Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, Collins Farm, Lorings Advance, and the under-some-assembly Carter Hill Battlefield Park. Only a few had ever seen the Lorings Advance 5-acre parcel since it has been land-locked until recently. See tcwpa.org



The tour traveled by Franklin Trolley that was very easy and quick to enter and exit. Tour guides were Julian Bibb, Eric Jacobson, Brian Walker – Parks Dept, Jim Ogden – Historian Chick/Chatt NBP, Sam Huffman

Battle of Franklin and American Memory History Symposium Oct. 21 – 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. 21 - 22. The two-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."

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. Eric Jacobson, author and Battle of Franklin Trust CEO, will be tour guide both days.

The event cost is \$450 per person and includes admission to all lectures, transportation for bus tours for Oct. 21 - Oct. 22, and box lunches both days. Also included is a reception Thursday evening at Carter House, a dinner at Carnton Friday night, with cocktails and light food Saturday evening. Registration is limited to 50 attendees.

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. Symposium tickets can be purchased at www.boft.org For more information contact Brittany Mayfield at (615) 794-0903 or brittany@boft.org

News In Review May 2016

The Battle of Franklin Trust to hold exclusive historic tour – Williamson Herald - 5/4/16 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust offered a special battlefield tour of the Lovell properties in the Carter Hill Battlefield Park, which is recognized as one of the nation's most important Civil War battlefield acquisitions. The guided tour was held on Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at the Carter House. This event allowed guests to view and explore the Lovell properties and its surrounding areas, many of which have not been seen yet by the public.

Bibb, Schrorer honored at McGavoc Dinner — Williamson Herald — 5/5/16 — FRANKLIN — This year's McGavock Medal honorees were Marianne Schroer and Julian Bibb. Schorer, chairwoman of the current board, was instrumental in merging the BOFT, Carnton, and the Carter House boards into a single cohesive board that represents all the properties. Bibb, a local attorney and co-founder of the Battle of Franklin Trust, has been involved with acquiring property and a leader in preservation for years.

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