



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

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During December of 1864, The Confederates under General John B. Hood would take what was left of his army, battered at the Battle of Franklin on November 30th, to the outskirts of Nashville.

Meanwhile, on December 1st, the Federals had retreated to what was quickly becoming a fortress in Nashville. Anchored by Ft Negley and ringed with several smaller forts, the federal entrenchments circled the southern side of the city. Federal Troops were pouring into the city from all sides, and with Schofield's 23d and 4th Corps joining the mass of Union Troops, the numbers approached 100,000 Men.

On December 2nd, Hood's confederates reached Nashville, and set up a line directly across from the Federal Entrenchments, roughly on the path that present day I-440 now runs. Many Confederate Entrenchments were destroyed by that Interstate construction. Now what little is left of Nashville's Civil War history is in danger of being lost because a large part of Ft Negley Park is being considered for Commercial Development.

We need your help! Follow this link for the latest information on how you can help us:  
[Keep An Urban Park In Nashville.](#)

Chip Huffman – President

## New & Renewing Members November 2017

Betty Callis	Hendersonville, TN
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## Rob Hodge Shares *Battle of Franklin* Box Office with Save The Franklin Battlefield

November 5 saw the screening of "*The Battle of Franklin: Five Hours in the Valley of Death*" at Franklin Theatre. The award winning film was produced by Rob Hodge who hosted this showing to a full house. The film uses much footage from the 2004 reenactment sponsored in part by STFB.

Rob has long been committed to aiding Franklin preservation projects. He raised over \$20,000 through a sponsored reenactment march in Virginia that he then donated to STFB for the purchase of Collins Farm in 2001. And in the recent past, he

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donated a portion of the film's box office to Franklins Charge and STFB.

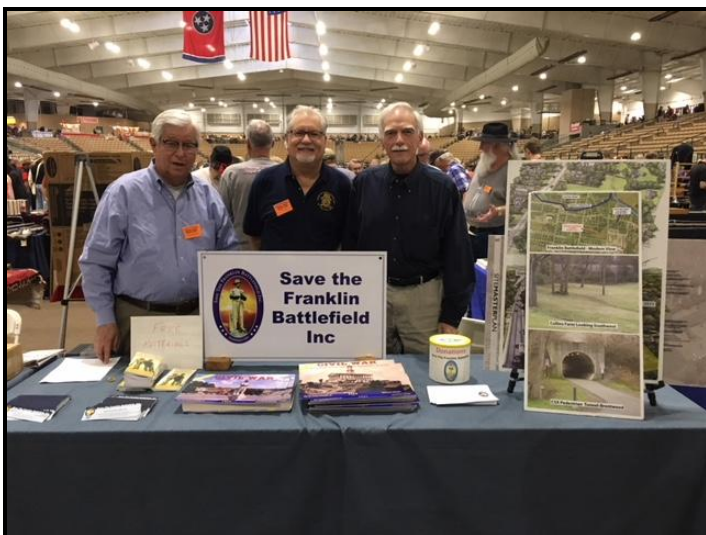
This year on the November 30 Battle of Franklin anniversary, STFB officers met Rob near the restored Carter farm office to accept a \$1,280 check for a portion of the film's box office receipts. "This will be used for future land purchases," said STFB President Chip Huffman.



**Rob Hodge (hat) presents \$1,280 check to STFB for future dirt purchases. Looking on are (l-r) Treasurer Sam Huffman, President Chip Huffman, Vice President Bobby Hargrove and Secretary Sam Gant**

### Civil War Show A Big Success

STFB volunteers again came forward to man the STFB Civil War Show booth at the Williamson County Ag Center December 2-3.



**Sam Huffman, Chip Huffman and Dean Carr pose for a photo at the STFB Civil War Show booth. Not shown are volunteers Mike Walker and Chris Mills**

As always, STFB members stopped by to get the latest news about all of the projects underway by all of the preservation groups here in Franklin. Many are collectors or vendors from distant locales and come just for the show – and to talk with us. We also have visitors from the local area who know little about the Battle of Franklin and preservation efforts of the last 20 years. We are always eager to tell the story.



**The STFB booth (foreground) seems almost lost in a sea of activity. This photo shows about half of the tables on the main floor. An upper level of tables surrounds the arena.**

### Another Gun is Added to Carter Hill Battlefield Park

A replica 12 pounder Napoleon cannon was installed near the Carter cotton gin just in time for the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the battle. It represents the 6 Ohio battery that was positioned near this place.



**The gravel line on left marks the actual Federal trench line. The cotton gin foundation west wall can be seen just to the right of the gun tube.**

In October, three replica ordnance rifles were placed at the Federal trench line near Columbia Avenue to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Battery. The cannon displays are a project of Franklins Charge who organized a Cannons on the Battlefield Committee led by Cullen Smith. Fundraising continues in order to purchase a fourth ordnance rifle, and another Napoleon to complete the displays.



**A fourth ordnance rifle will be added to the 1st Kentucky Battery display when the needed funds are raised.**

By happenstance, the 1<sup>st</sup> Ky Battery is pointing at a small white house (on left in photo) on the west side of Columbia Avenue. This is the Spivey commercial property that is now under purchase contract by Franklins Charge for roughly \$1.4 million. The house is directly across the street from where the Dominos used to be – we really love to say that. Fund raising is just beginning, so stay tuned.

## News In Review December 2017

**Commentary: “The Battle of Franklin and why our Civil War matters,” by Eric Jacobson — Williamson Herald — 11/16/17 — FRANKLIN** — Visitors to The Carter House, Carnton, and those who walk the battlefield “want to know why the Civil War matters. I tell them every chance I get that it does matter. It matters a great deal, because in 1864 the United States was on the verge of complete collapse. Somehow we survived, and the century and half since then has not been easy, but here we are, and we remain the greatest country the world has ever known.”

**A Force for Preservation: Heritage Foundation shapes Franklin — Williamson Herald —**

**11/16/17 — Franklin** — In the past 50 years the Heritage Foundation has protected 21 buildings, placed numerous historic signs around the county, protected thousands of acres of land, and hosted festivals that have gained national attention. It was instrumental in revitalizing a dying town and protecting a growing city and a county’s character, making both a destination for visitors from around the world.

**Lotz House Foundation member donates Battle of Franklin chairs — Williamson Herald — 11/16/17 — FRANKLIN** — Lotz House Foundation member Reid Lovell donated to the Lotz House the two antique chairs that witnessed the bloody Battle of Franklin from their home in Carnton on Nov. 30, 1864. The chairs belonged to Minnie Van McGavock Stuart, a relative of John and Carrie McGavock

**Battle of Franklin luminaries to be displayed Nov. 30 — Williamson Herald — 11/20/17 — FRANKLIN** — On Nov. 30, The Battle of Franklin Trust displayed luminaries at dusk to honor the casualties inflicted during the Battle of Franklin, 153 years ago. The ceremony was at Carter Hill Battlefield Park. Brief remarks were delivered and the names of casualties were read aloud. Visitors were invited to walk through the luminaries to experience this somber event. Carnton and Carter House were open to the public for free walk-through tours.

**Restored Carter House farm office to highlight battle scars from Nov. 30, 1864 — Williamson Herald — 11/27/17 — FRANKLIN** — The Battle of Franklin Trust opened the Carter House farm office in a special presentation on Nov. 28 commemorating the completion of a \$170,000 restoration project. Built in the 1840s, this building was heavily damaged during the Battle of Franklin which was fought on Nov. 30, 1864. It was once used as an office and living space for the Carter family, and now the restored building will be a centerpiece of the tour experience at the Carter House.

**Carter Hill Battlefield Park adds a fourth cannon to site of battle — Williamson Herald — 12/1/17 — FRANKLIN** — Another cannon was delivered to the Carter Hill Battlefield Park and situated as it would have been 153 years ago when this was the site of bloody fighting in the Battle of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864. This replica, 12-pounder Napoleon cannon was added to the park to join the three 3-inch Ordnance rifles that were just dedicated last month.

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