



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

On March 11, the Nashville Tennessean reported that the Carter House Battlefield Park continues to work on closing a purchase deal to buy a nearly one acre parcel to expand the Park's current 20 acres.

Know as the Spivey Property, the price tag is \$1.36 million dollars, and will significantly add to the Carter Hill Battlefield Park and to the soldier's view of the Carter farm from the south that existed on November 30, 1864.

Additionally, 11 acres on the southwest side of Fort Donelson National Battlefield was purchased by the Civil War Trust using a \$20,000 grant by the Tennessee Historical Commission and Tennessee Wars Commission. The land is now protected and may one day be added to the Fort Donelson National Battlefield.

Both of these important preservation actions were funded in part through the Tennessee Civil War Sites Preservation Fund. In 2017, the Tennessee Legislature and Governor Haslam established this fund, administered by the Tennessee Historical Commission, to provide an ongoing revenue stream specifically for battlefield land acquisition.

The importance of this watershed legislation in preserving Tennessee's Civil War battlefields cannot be overstated. This funding is a huge assist to saving battlefields across the state.

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Save The Date STFB Annual Meeting November 15, 2018

Time and place details will follow, but put the date on your calendar. You will want to be there.

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Mike Skinner Joins the STFB Board Of Directors



STFB President Chip Huffman (l) welcomes Mike Skinner (r) to the STFB Board

After serving many years on the STFB Advisory Board, Mike Skinner has joined the Board of Directors of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. Mike came to Franklin in 2004 after retiring as the Manager of the Environmental and Sanitary Dept for Memphis and Shelby County. Soon after arrival in Franklin, he became a STFB member and a regular supporter of STFB events and projects. Mike also has served as a Franklin Alderman and will be a big assist to STFB in working with the City. Welcome, Mike.

Cannons on the Public Square Placed The Nashville Tennessean - March 23, 1909

(County Historian Rick Warwick found this 1909 article in the County Archives. It describes the first version of concrete pedestals for the cannons, and not [the pedestals replaced in November 2014 with the replica carriages](#))

Franklin, Tenn. March 22 - (Special) The four cannon which the Daughters of the Confederacy received

through the United States Government to beautify the grounds around the Confederate monument on the Public Square, are being mounted. The pedestals are of concrete and will be placed at all four sections of the park. The Interurban Railroad Company agreed to mount the cannon if the Daughters of the Confederacy would consent to let them place poles in each corner of the park so that they could make a circuit of the Square with their cars, which was agreed to, and this addition will help the looks of the park considerably.

The Friends of Stones River Battlefield Need Your Help

[The Friends of Stones River Battlefield](#) are not exactly happy about a brand-new distribution center moving into the battlefield area in Murfreesboro. The property in question is at 2150 Northwest Broad Street.

O'Reilly's, an auto parts corporation that has more than 5,000 stores in 47 states and 8 stores in Rutherford County, has already bought the property that sits on a battle site. The company plans to use the land to build a new distribution center for Middle Tennessee customers.

The land that the company plans to build on is a site on which the Battle of Stones River was fought. The property has been vacant ever since the old GE plant was torn down and it sits on Northwest Broad Street. The GE plant shut down in 2006 and was later torn down in 2013.

The property backs up to the Artillery Monument and McFadden's Ford in the preserved battlefield area. The site was central in both days of fighting during the Battle of Stones River. Visit the Friends web site and join their email list.

The center would create about 400 new jobs but would create very intrusive heavy truck traffic in/out of the Distribution Center. This is hardly what you would want to see in the middle of one of the nation's most important Civil War battlefields.

Also, please note that on April 28, the state-wide [Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association](#) will hold their Annual Meeting at the Murfreesboro Convention Center. The program agenda for the Annual Meeting will be published on their web site

TCWPA.org in the next few days, and the meeting Registration web page will go live soon. The O'Reilly Distribution Center and its threat to the battlefield will be discussed. You can help by reading the Friends web site, and registering for the TCWPA Annual Meeting.

Remember, with all of our preservation groups working together, we have reclaimed the Greer Stadium for re-incorporation into the Fort Negley Park. Likewise, we all need to work together to preserve the integrity of the Stones River Battlefield. See you in Murfreesboro on April 28th.

Battle of Franklin Descendants' Reunion October 6-8, 2018 Registration Now Open

The Battle of Franklin Trust will host the eleventh annual Descendants' Reunion during the first weekend in October 2018. Descendants of soldiers and civilians who experienced the Battle of Franklin gather to share stories and learn more about their ancestor's legacy. This event includes dinners, speakers, and guided tours of sites relevant to the Battle of Franklin.

For questions, please contact Jayde Smith at jayde@boft.org or (615) 786-1864.

Registration Fee	\$185 per person
BOFT Member Discount*:	\$160 per person

Fee includes dinners Friday and Saturday, lunch on Saturday, transportation for tours on Saturday, speakers, and breakfast on Sunday. Fee does not include accommodations - see below for more information.

*If you are unsure of your current membership status, please contact Elizabeth Harbin at liz@boft.org or (615) 786-1864. You might like to become a member prior to registration.

Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved at a reduced rate for attendees of the Battle of Franklin Descendants' Reunion at the:
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs
700 Cool Springs Boulevard
Franklin, TN 37067

(615) 261-6100

\$132.00/night Please note: Attendees must book directly with the hotel

For Registration and Reunion event daily schedule <https://boft.org/descendants-reunion>

News In Review March 2018

BGA students research, honor black Civil War veterans — Williamson: The Tennessean — 2/18/18 — Franklin — With guidance from local historian and BGA parent, Tina Jones, BGA's middle school students used records to research soldiers from the 13th U.S. Colored Infantry during the Civil War. The students placed the information which they had found on poster boards which were displayed at the Williamson County Archives. Thirteen pavers honoring veterans from the 13th U.S.C. I. will be unveiled on Memorial Day at Veterans. Park near the Archives.

Franklin earns battlefield grant to expand — Williamson: The Tennessean — 3/11/18 — Franklin — The Franklin's Charge received a \$630,000 grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission and Tennessee Wars Commission to preserve the Spivey tract — slightly less than an acre of commercial property on Columbia Avenue. The tract would add to the 20 acres of the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. Franklin's Charge and The Battle of Franklin Trust have entered into a purchase contract with property's owners.

Nashville Mayor Proposes City Park to Atone for Its Slave History — The New York Times — 3/14/18 — Nashville — As cities throughout the South move to take down monuments of Confederate leaders, the mayor of Nashville unveiled a plan this week for the city to honor an overlooked part of the Civil War era: the contributions and sacrifices of slaves. Under the proposal, announced Tuesday by Mayor David Briley near a Union Army stronghold built by thousands of former slaves, green space would be carved out in the heart of Nashville and a historic site rich in African-American history would be preserved. He said it was time for Nashville to recognize its slavery past.

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