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Franklin's Charge has Closed on the Spivey Purchase

Franklin's Charge reports that the purchase deal for the Spivey property has closed. The one-acre parcel lies on the west side of Columbia Pike and is two doors south of Carter House. There is now one remaining parcel between the Spivey property and the Carter House. It is directly across Columbia Pike from where the Domino's Pizza previously stood.

This commercial property was owned by two sisters who operated a pottery shop in the house for many years. They wanted the property to somehow be returned to battlefield, and were very patient during the two years it required to find funding and get the many environmental approvals that attend State and Federal grant programs.

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The one-acre Spivey parcel has been purchased by Franklin's Charge. It lies directly in front of the 1st KY Battery display on the Carter Hill Battlefield Park.

The general plan is for the property to eventually become part of the Franklin Battlefield Parks, but many details remain to be worked out before that is possible. The house on the site will probably be moved or removed, and the house will probably require asbestos remediation before finding a buyer to move it. All public utilities will be removed as part of the reclamation process.

Civil War Show December 7-8, 2019

The Williamson County Ag EXPO Center in Franklin, TN was the site of the annual Civil War show on December 7th and 8th of this past year. As usual, Save The Franklin Battlefield had a booth that was manned by board members and officers for the entire weekend. The story of the Battle of Franklin and the efforts to reclaim and preserve the battlefield were told repeatedly to the many attendees who stopped by to ask. Our goals of educating and gaining new members to help in the fight to save our Battlefield were realized over and over!



STFB Booth at the Civil War Show

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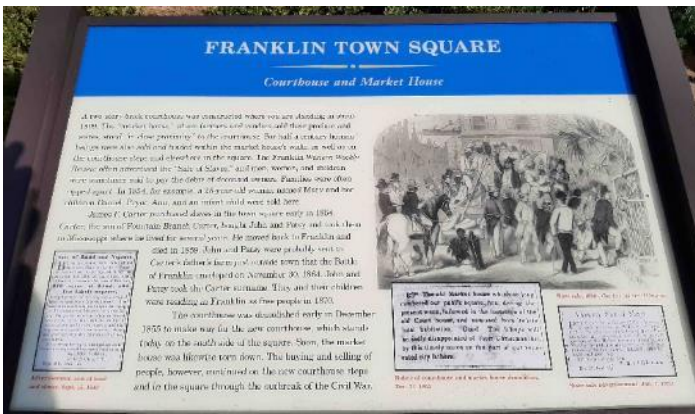


Artillery Demonstration at the Civil War Show

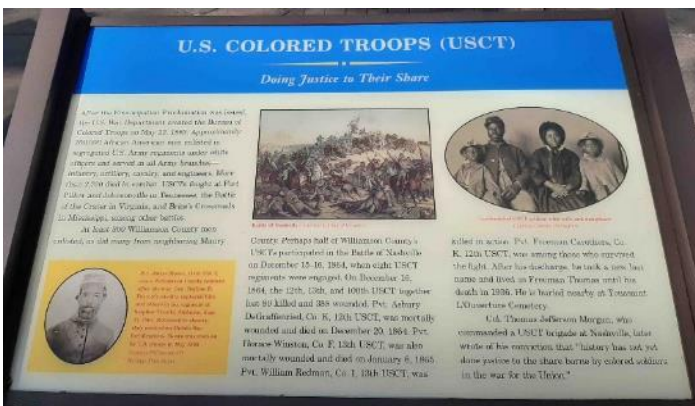
Fuller story monument dedication

On October 17, 2019, the City of Franklin, TN unveiled 5 Markers on the Public Square that are intended to tell the "Fuller Story" of life in Franklin before, during, and after the Civil War. A large crowd filled the square to commemorate the day. The Markers are not meant to erase history, but to add to it.

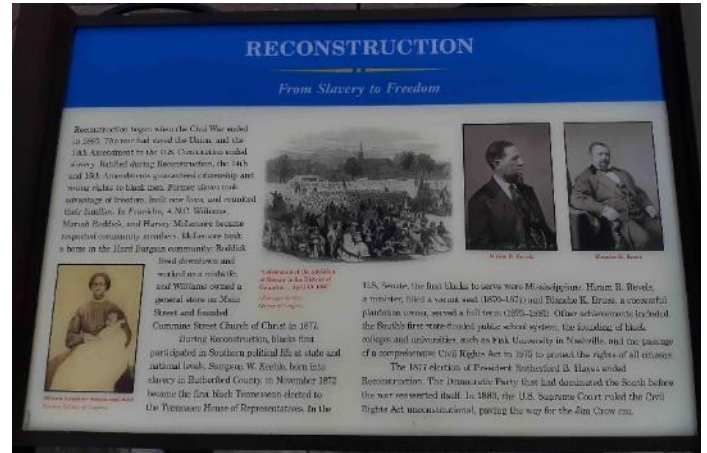
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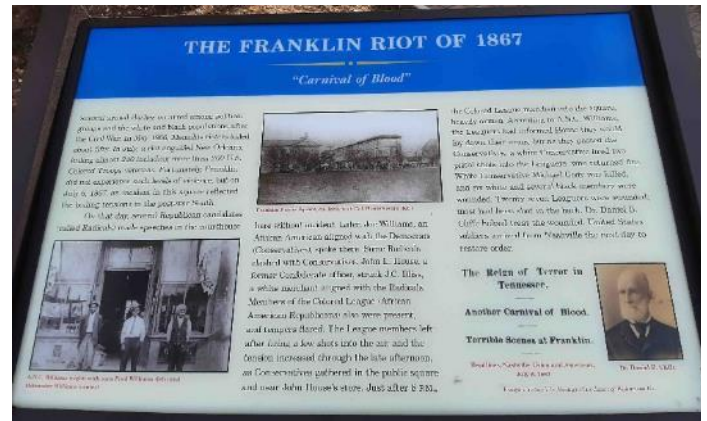
Franklin Town Square Marker



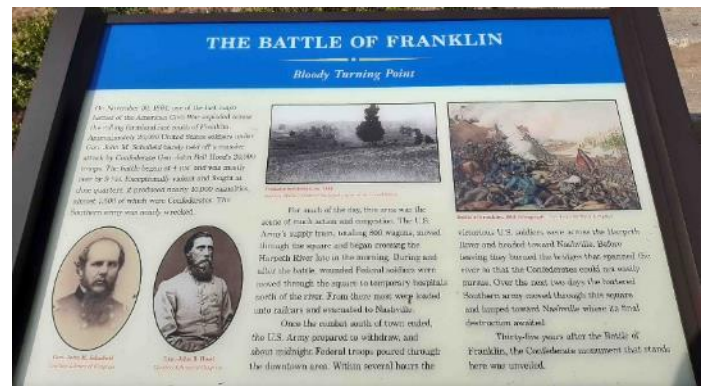
US Colored Troops (USCT) Marker



Reconstruction Marker



The Franklin Riot of 1867 Marker



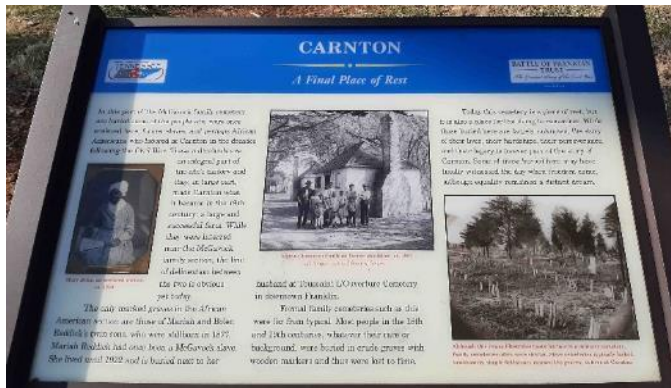
The Battle of Franklin Marker

Monument to Enslaved Graves at the Carnton Cemetery

On November 9, 2019, a 10,000 lb Monument was uncovered for the first time at a ceremony in the Slave Cemetery at Carnton Plantation in Franklin. For years, the only markers to be seen at the cemetery were small stones and rocks that barely protrude above the ground. Surely, these stones were carefully chosen by loved ones to honor their friends, family, and elders that had passed on. But now, the deceased slaves of Carnton have a large beautiful monument to honor their contribution to the community of Carnton and Franklin.



Carnton Slave Marker



‘Carnton – A Final Place of Rest’ Marker



The Slave Cemetery at Carnton

News in Review Jan-Feb 2020

MLK Day celebration explores next steps through unity in Franklin — *Williamson Herald* — 1/21/2020 — Franklin — Last year’s celebration centered largely around the Fuller Story initiative in Franklin. In October, part of this initiative was fulfilled with five markers installed around the Public Square. But Kevin Riggs, pastor at Franklin Community Church, explained the mission is not yet complete, as they seek to install a U.S. Colored Troops soldier statue in front of the old Williamson County Courthouse.

Battle of Franklin Trust reveals new information on Tod Carter — *Williamson Herald* — 2/6/2020 — Franklin — Tod Carter was captured at Chattanooga in Nov. 1863 and escaped as he was being moved from Johnson’s Island in northern Ohio to another POW camp in Maryland. Under the pen name “Mint Julep,” Carter narrated his escape through letters written to “John Happy,” the nom de plume of Albert Roberts, editor of many Confederate newspapers.

Franklin’s Charge reflects on preservation success, looks to future — *Williamson Herald* — 2/10/2020 — Franklin — The Franklin’s Charge collaboration started back in 2003 from an effort to save the portion of the battlefield that was Carnton Country Club. The golf course was slated to become a residential development. Franklin’s Charge and The Battle of Franklin Trust have partnered together to reclaim a handful of properties around Franklin, including the former Domino’s Pizza site, now Carter Hill Battlefield Park on Columbia Pike, and the former Ceramic & Craft Workshop property across the street. Franklin’s Charge has secured another piece of property on Columbia Pike, and now is looking for more property.

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