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Season's Greetings

We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season!

Board Election

As we mentioned in the November Annual Meeting Issue, we need to renew the following Board members to a 3 Year Term:

Sam Gant
Bobby Hargrove

To cast your vote, click [Election ballot](#). Be sure to click 'Submit' after you have entered your vote.

Contact Information Update

Also, as we mentioned last month, our Membership Database has been corrupted due to factors beyond our control. To help us confirm information, we are asking each member to fill out a form with information that will help us verify and confirm details.

If you didn't fill out the form last month, please click [Contact Information Form](#) to open the form which will allow you to update your Membership Information. Be sure to click 'Submit' after you have entered your updated information.

DAR plans restoration of Collins Farm

Longtime members recall that through your generosity and support, STFB in 2001 purchased Collins Farm, located on the Franklin Battlefield eastern flank to save it from development. After placement of a Conservation Easement, the property was sold to the City of Franklin in 2007 and has since been open to the public as a city park.

The following article, reprinted from the Williamson Herald previews new plans for the site by the DAR. STFB wholeheartedly endorses the new plans for the site.

Williamson DAR looks to establish headquarters, renovate historic property

By Brooke Wanser

Reprinted from the Williamson Herald Dec 22, 2020

Williamson County's Daughters of the American Revolution could soon begin the restoration process on a Civil War property they hope to use as their headquarters and a teaching space.

Located on 5 acres near Carnton, the Collins Farm was the former home to plantation manager William Collins and his family. Following the 1864 Battle of Franklin, the farm was a field hospital and temporary gravesite for the dead.

In 2019, Franklin's Old Glory DAR chapter approached the city about pursuing a public-private partnership to restore the farm to working condition.

During the most recent Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, City Administrator Eric

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Stuckey said working with the DAR to renovate the property would be an investment in the city.

“This is a great way to work with an organization that’s engaged in the community,” he said. “We can do something that benefits both the community and one of our local nonprofits.”

In Franklin since 1897, the DAR primarily functions to honor veterans and preserve history, said chapter regent Sarah Ford. According to their website, the local chapter has over 250 members.

Though the property is a Civil War historic site, Ford said their mission includes preserving all war history and sharing with the younger generations.

By locating their headquarters at the Collins Farm, Ford hopes to provide office and event space, as well as educational days for local schools.

The property consists of two main buildings and a shed, as well as a garden. Ford said the chapter would commit to investing \$400,000 for the property’s restoration.

Ford has had previous site visits with city officials.

“It’s in pretty bad shape,” she said of the main structure.

City Parks Director Lisa Clayton agreed with that assessment, noting the property is, “in dire need of a full restoration.” She sees the potential partnership as an opportunity for that restoration and said the city would consider a long-term lease agreement.

The property is across Lewisburg Pike from a piece of land recently purchased by the Battle of Franklin Trust and other local nonprofits.

The city purchased the Collins Farm in 2007 from the Save the Franklin Battlefield Trust for \$47,000. Under the preservation nonprofit, the property was declared a conservation easement by the Land Trust.

“This is really about the history,” Clayton said. “These women really want to engage with our community.”

“You’re dealing with a lot of ladies who are into history and into genealogy,” Ford said at the meeting. “We look forward to taking care of this property, for the city, with the city. I think that’s our main goal.”

The BOMA will vote on the matter at a meeting in 2021.

The 6th Ohio Battery display at the Carter Cotton Gin is now complete

Franklin Parks Department has completed the 6th Ohio Light Artillery display by installing the second 12 Pdr Napoleon. The Hinman family who has an ancestor in the 65th OVI donated funds for the gun. Both

regiments are part of the Sherman Brigade made up of the 64th OVI, 65th OVI, the 6th Ohio Battery and McLaughlin’s Cavalry Squadron. John Sherman, a US Senator from Ohio, raised the Brigade in 1861.

The family’s ancestor, Lt Col Wilbur Fisk Hinman, served in the 65th OVI and after the war wrote the Regiment’s history titled **“The story of the Sherman Brigade”**.



The 6th Ohio Battery was dug into the Federal trench near the cotton gin. The cotton gin is to the rear of the guns. Both Napoleons are on #2 field carriages with the Hinman gun in the distance.

The 64th OVI and 65th OVI were both assigned to Conrad’s forces in the advanced line 700 yards south of the main trench line and east of the Columbia Pike. This placed the two Ohio Regiments directly in front of the 6th Ohio Battery.



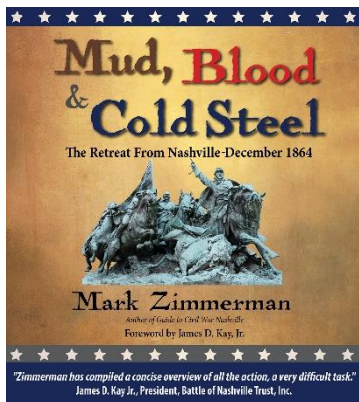
The Hinman Gun has a 8 X 5 bronze plaque mounted on the left side of the trail acknowledging the Hinman family and their ancestor

When the Federal Advanced line gave way to the overwhelming Confederate assault, the battery held their fire to allow the men in the advanced line to scramble over the main line parapet to reach safety. Lt Col Hinman records in his book that the 64th OVI lost one officer wounded; five men killed, twenty-one wounded and thirty-eight captured – total sixty-five. The 65th OVI lost three men killed, twenty wounded and forty-one missing – total sixty-four.

Mud, Blood & Cold Steel: The Retreat from Nashville, December 1864

By Mark Zimmerman

Reviewed by James D. Kay Jr.,
President, Battle of Nashville Trust, Inc.



Mud, Blood & Cold Steel: The Retreat from Nashville, December 1864 takes a fresh look, for the first time with campaign and battle maps, at the unprecedented and brutal pursuit of the Army of Tennessee by Federal troops following the decisive Battle of Nashville.

The non-stop action begins at Compton's Hill and surges 120 miles in ten days over rugged terrain and in horrendous winter conditions to the final showdown between Wilson's blueclad troopers and Forrest's stubborn rearguard.

This thrilling tale, written by historian Mark Zimmerman, author of Guide to Civil War Nashville, is told largely in the words of the participants themselves and draws from the research and opinions of other historians and authors. Well-organized chapters help explain the complicated flow of events as they happened. The 184-page book, which includes a foreword by James D. Kay, Jr., features 16 original maps, including eight battle maps, orders of battle, major characters, timeline, and bibliography.

The combat includes The Battle at the Barricade, Hollow Tree Gap, West Harpeth, Richland Creek, Anthony's Hill, and Sugar Creek. The book is meant to be a "detailed overview" of the campaign, accessible to Civil War scholars and general audiences alike. "Mark Zimmerman has been able to compile a concise overview of all the action, which is a very difficult task."

News in Review Oct-Dec 2020

Carter House to unveil memorial for 4-legged friend in Battle of Franklin — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 10/16/19 — Franklin — Animalia Health & Wellness and the Battle of Franklin Trust will welcome Harvey, the beloved mascot of the 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at the historic site. Through the generosity of Animalia, a bronze sculpture of Harvey is the first tangible component completed for the new Carter House museum. The 104th Ohio was located on the main federal line of defense south of Franklin, positioned near Fountain Branch Carter's cotton gin during the battle.

Battle of Franklin Trust, Friends of Franklin Parks, others buy key portion of battlefield — Williamson Herald — 8/28/2020 — Franklin — A buying partnership that included Battle of Franklin Trust, Friends of Franklin Parks, Save the Franklin Battlefield and the American Battlefield Trust came together Thursday to purchase at auction more than two acres of core battlefield on a tract of land near Carnton. The property was purchased through Parks Auction Company for \$107,500. The land is on Lewisburg Pike across from Collins Farm, alongside Thompson ally and backing up to the Harpeth River.

County Commission votes to remove Confederate flag from county seal — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 9/20/2020 — Franklin — After two months of debate, the Williamson County Board of Commissioners voted 16-7 to accept the county appointed task force's recommendation to remove the Confederate flag from the county seal. The Commission's next step to remove the flag permanently is to send the Tennessee Historical Commission a resolution requesting the change to the seal.

Aldermen to vote on USCT statue in downtown Franklin — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 10/28/2020 — Franklin — Franklin leaders will vote on a new sculpture in downtown depicting a U.S. Colored Troop. The statue will stand in front of the historic courthouse as a life-sized replica facing the Confederate statue in the square.

Franklin to erect statue honoring U.S. Colored Troops — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 12/2/2020 — Franklin — The Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the installation the 6-foot granite statue of a U.S. Colored Troops soldier to be placed in the Public Square in Franklin. The statue was approved by a 7-0 vote.

'Fuller Story' focus of Confederate Reckoning event — *The Tennessean* — 12/2/2020 — Nashville — The USA TODAY Network South Region's Confederate Reckoning series presents the first in a series of impactful events over the next year. A Dec. 3 virtual panel discussion explored the origins, success and future of the "Fuller Story": How Franklin, Tennessee, brought erased Black history to life in the public square where a Confederate monument has stood for over a century.

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