

CANNONS ON THE SQUARE CAMPAIGN



Future view of Franklin Square

Today, there are four Civil War era cannon tubes displayed on the Franklin, Tenn. Public Square. These are original Civil War cannons that are mounted on unattractive, inappropriate concrete pedestals that do not do justice to these historic artifacts or add to the aesthetics or character of the best small town in Tennessee.

Volunteers from several Franklin preservation groups have formed a Committee with the mission to purchase carriages and to mount the four guns on the Franklin Square as pictured in this rendering. The plan is to do this by November 30, 2014: the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Franklin.

To-date, the Committee has studied various options and determined that the cost to procure and install four new National Park-quality reproduction No. 1 Field Carriages is approximately \$60,000. The Committee plans to donate the carriages to the City of Franklin.

The plan is to apply for funding from State and regional preservation groups and to other organizations for grant money. The Committee will still need to raise a substantial portion of the \$60,000 from private donors. Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and has offered to receive and hold the donated funds as the project progresses. All donations to this project are tax-deductible.

These city-owned cannon tubes are original bronze Federal Model 1841 6-Pounder Field Guns, cast in Massachusetts between 1847 and 1861. Two were cast in Springfield by N. P. Ames Founder in 1847; one in Chicopee by Ames Company in 1853; and one in Boston by Cyrus Alger & Company in 1861.



Current concrete pedestals



Proposed gun carriages

Your generous contribution will ensure these historic guns are protected and mounted appropriately as an honor to those brave soldiers who served during the Civil War. They will also serve as a visible and lasting reminder to future generations of the great struggle that is an important part of our American heritage.

Send your contributions by 30 May 2014 to:

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If you or your group can make a substantial gift or have questions, call Sam Whitson (615-852-1076) or Sam Huffman (615-480-9539) to make arrangements. For more information see www.franklin-stfb.org

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