



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

September 1996

## REPORT ON STFB INC. FIRST ANNUAL TOUR OF THE BATTLE OF THOMPSON'S STATION

The tour was held on Saturday, August 24, 1996. We met at 3:00 p.m. at The Thompson's Station Depot.

STFB had hoped to gain new members as a result of this tour and were successful. There were about 30 people who came wanting to know about this March 5, 1863 battle and six became new members. Thanks to Sam Huffman, who is salesperson extraordinaire, we sold 5 copies of **The Retreat From Pulaski to Nashville, Tenn.**

STFB presented a copy to The Thompson's Station Library that is housed in the Depot as a thank you to Mrs. Cherry Jackson, Mayor who opened the Depot and gave a mini tour.

I enjoyed doing the research and serving as the tour guide. Hope we can do this next year on the anniversary of the battle.

E. J. Neeley  
Historian

## CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

You may not recognize the figure at the heading of our newsletter. It is the top of the Confederate Monument standing in the square of Franklin, Tennessee.

In 1809 there was a brick courthouse standing in the center of the Franklin square. This structure was replaced in 1859 by the present courthouse.

Today the Monument is one of Franklin's most recognizable landmarks. Representing a Confederate Infantryman standing at parade rest, the figure is six feet, six inches tall and made of Italian marble. The granite shaft on which it rests rises from three supporting bases.

The monument was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter #14 of Franklin, paid for by children's pennies and money from Confederate Veterans at a total cost of \$2,700. The inscription reads "We who saw and knew them well are witness to the coming ages of their fidelity." The statue is facing east, toward the railroad. At that time, 1899, most people arrived in Franklin by train.

The unveiling took place on November 30, 1899, the 35th Anniversary, with a crowd of nearly 10,000 on hand. The statue was not perfect when it was unveiled, however. To place the statue on its base required the use of ropes and horses. While lining it up, the horses were spooked, the statue swayed and the brim of his hat was broken. It was not possible to permanently repair it without risk of the patch falling out and possibly harming someone.

The park land around it was bought at a later date for \$500. Over the last few years the park has changed. After cars hit the monument it was decided to raise the ground and place iron buffers around it so it is no longer at street level.

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## STFB ITEMS FOR SALE

Our reprint of *Retreat From Pulaski to Nashville, Tenn* is selling well and is now available at **Franklin Booksellers**, the **Carter House Museum**, and the **Lotz House Museum**. In Nashville, it is carried by **Elder's Book Store** and **Dad's Old Books**. We are very glad to have their participation and support - they sell lots of books.

Of course if you use the order form below to buy directly from STFB, more of your dollars will go directly to STFB projects. But no matter where you buy it, just be sure to get your copy and extras for Christmas gifts.



We still have a few commemorative paper weights (with felt backing) and belt buckles that were made for the 125th Anniversary re-enactment in 1989. Made of antiqued brass, they are 3 inches across and have the design shown above - including the names of the five Confederate Generals killed at Franklin. They are \$5 each and make great gifts and keepsakes.

We also have a few baseball caps and T-shirts left from previous events. The imprint on both is **I'm Helping SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD**. The caps are one-size-fits-all and sell for \$5. The T-shirts are all XL and sell for \$10.

When you order your book(s), include a note ordering the extra items.

There is no sales tax and we'll deliver or mail your things for free.

Remember, every penny of your purchases go to STFB projects.

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4-6, 1996 The Carter House Descendant's Reunion

NOVEMBER 17, 1996 Annual Meeting of Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc. place and time to be announced in the October newsletter

NOVEMBER 23, 1996 Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc. sponsored McGavock Confederate Cemetery Illumination Tour

NOVEMBER 30, 1996 132nd Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

## DESCENDANTS' REUNION

The Carter House is having a Battle of Franklin Descendants' Reunion on October 4,5 and 6, 1996. This event is the first of its kind since Nov 30, 1914.

The theme for this special weekend is "Whether Blue or Gray - It makes no difference to us, we are friends and brothers now."

Descendants are coming from the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Direct or lateral descendants of the following generals will be here as well: Opdycke, Hood, Adams, Schofield, Forrest and Strahl.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Save the Franklin Battlefield Inc. has as one of our goals for 1996 to help with this reunion. We have been asked to help in the following ways:

Saturday, October 5, - help with lunch set up, serving, and clean up at the Carter House

Saturday, October 5, - 2:00 bulb planting at the Carter House

Saturday, October 5, - as tour guides in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery 3:00 - 5:30

Saturday, October 5, - 8:00 - 11:00 pm help with serving and clean up at the dance at the Harrison House Barn

If you can help volunteer for any of these activities please call Lynne at 591-1774 or 790-3376. Call now !!

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