



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

SPRING 1996

**Report from the President.** I have the distinct pleasure of providing this 2nd quarter update. Our board has been busy and is meeting on a monthly basis. We have an ambitious year planned. First, let me extend a warm thank you to past board members Pam Lewis and Thomas Cartwright, who have inspired us to act and erect a historical marker on the site of the last remaining Battle of Franklin Breastworks in June.

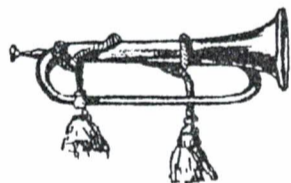
In addition, our appreciation goes to the IBM Corporation and Sam Huffman, who have enabled our office to have a fully functional computer workstation. Many thanks go to E.J. Neeley for editing and arranging for the reprinting of our Battlefield Driving Tour Brochure.

We are now publishing our newsletter on a regular basis as a result of the efforts of Lynne Pope. Call the office with your comments and article requests or submissions.

We have some great plans for 1996. S.F.B. expects to produce two additional tours in our series: Spring tour of the 18963 engagement of Thompson's Station and the Fall tour of the 1864 Army of Tennessee retreat from the Tennessee Campaign. We will dedicate two historical markers including one at the site of the Cotton Gin. We are arranging for a Fall Confederate Cemetery illumination. S.F.B. will link up with the Carter House to assist with their first modern day descendants' reunion. We will also plan several guest speakers on the War Between the States and Historic Preservation.

We are in need of your help! Please send in your 1995-6 dues if you have not paid in the past 6 months. It helps this newsletter come to you as well as providing for our preservation reserves. How can you best ensure that our Franklin Battlefield will be protected for our children's children. Visit some of our monthly meetings. Call Lynne Pope and offer to be placed on our volunteer contact list. We also need "worker bees" to assist these committees: Fundraising, Membership, Newsletter, Preservation and Publicity. Together, we can make a difference. Let's make 1996 our most effective preservation year!

*Tom Van Dyke, President*



**Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville, Tenn.,** Scofield, Captain Levi T., Cleveland, Press of the Caxton Co, 1909, 67 pps.

With the passing of each November 30, fewer and fewer veterans of the battle of Franklin were among the living to relate the horrors, heroism, and circumstances of those five tragic hours. To mark the passage of forty-five such November 30ths, a Union veteran officer decided to publish his account of the events that followed Gen. Hood's advance into Tennessee during the late autumn of 1864.

Captain Levi Scofield, an engineer officer serving with the Union Army's 23rd Corps, relates in his book The Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville, Tenn. the events that brought him into "hell...let loose." Throughout the book the author recounts his experiences on the march as well as in the battles. Information concerning different areas of the battlefield, as related by other veterans of the battles of Franklin and Nashville, are used to produce a comprehensive account of the placement of troops and the actions reported from their fronts.

Combining this narrative with many original photographs, maps, and line drawings, the author gives The Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville, Tenn. an ease of understanding this often confusing campaign. The author chose sixty-nine photographs to be published within this work. Many images are of commanding officers, but more importantly, several show the ground over which the battle of Franklin was fought. These photographs were taken approximately twenty years after the cessation of hostilities and before the southern side of Franklin was developed. They are particularly useful for researchers and historians who want a better perspective of the original battlefield. Also, the author added original line drawings of battle scenes and acts of heroism exhibited by Union and Confederate soldiers. The maps included within this work are clear and concise and give a fairly accurate interpretation of the battle-lines discussed throughout the publication.

Capt. Scofield's work has long been a rare and much sought after resource by researchers and historians. As interest in the American Civil War continues to grow daily on a national level, this work is one that is not only significant as a local history, but one that can potentially demand the attention of interested parties across the United States. Researchers, historians, collectors, buffs, and even tourists will find a reprint of this work intriguing enough to want a copy for their own library.

*Patrick Craddock  
Curator of Lotz House Museum*

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## 1996 MEMBERSHIP / UPDATE FORM

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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SPRING DRIVING TOUR

On Saturday, June 8 we will conduct the next in our series of battlefield tours for STFB members & the general public. We will meet at the **Thompson Station Depot** at 4:00 p.m. More details will follow in our June newsletter - or call the STFB at 591-1774.

### COME TO A BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the STFB Board of Directors will be Monday, June 3 at the Williamson County Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. All STFB members and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### IMPORTANT BOOK OFFERING

Save The Franklin Battlefield is sponsoring the re-publication of *Retreat From Pulaski To Nashville* by Captain Levi T. Scofield (see book review on page 1). Originally printed in limited quantities in 1909, this Union Engineer's excellent eyewitness account of Hood's 1864 Tennessee Campaign, with emphasis on Franklin, is virtually unknown to all but the most ardent of Civil War buffs.

Wiley Sword has written a new *forward* to the book for STFB. Mr. Sword is author of *Embrace An Angry Wind*, considered by many to be the best recently written book on the Middle Tennessee Campaign of 1864. The reprint is indexed, and the first 1,000 copies are a numbered limited edition.



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The book sells for \$20 and will be available summer 1996. You can reserve your copies by sending your pre-payment with the **Order Form** below. All proceeds from the sale of this book will be used to fund the programs of Save The Franklin Battlefield.

### STFB BUMPER STICKERS

We ask your help in showing grassroots community support for upcoming STFB events. Please display the enclosed stickers on your vehicle (or give them to someone who will). We hope this will heighten STFB name recognition.

We have field tested these stickers and they will adhere to all BMW, Volvo, Porche models - in addition to all American cars. (We haven't approached Corvette or Harley owners yet - probably won't).

### THE LOTZ HOUSE

Also enclosed this month is the new Lotz House Museum brochure. If you haven't visited recently, you should stop by. The Lotz House Museum is a gracious donor of office space to STFB.

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*Retreat From Pulaski To Nashville, Tenn*

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