



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Dedicated To The Preservation, Protection and Promotion Of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

CHECK YOUR LABEL

Does your mailing label have a '97 on it? If not, we have not received your check for 1997 dues. Save The Franklin Battlefield needs your continuing support. In the past we have counted you among our loyal supporters, and we want to continue to count on you. Please join in our efforts, and mail your 1997 dues as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance for giving this matter your immediate attention.

STFB WEB SITE

The STFB internet Web Site is now live at www.franklin-stfb.org - check it out. Some of the 'link to' pages are not quite ready (NQR) but the basic Home Page and most of the supporting pages are good-to-go.

The site has a page on how to join Save The Franklin Battlefield organization - with a membership form that can be printed. If friends ask you about joining up, have them print the membership web page and send it in.

Remember, this page is accessible to every internet citizen **in the world** - so encourage your friends and associates wherever they live to look at our site.

If you can help us with additional reference materials, important Civil War link-to pages, or authoring assistance, give us a call. Also, we don't have a scanner available - can you help us scan some photos and graphics? if so, call Lynne at 591-1774 or Sam Huffman at 370-3842.

STFB 1996 FINANCES

In order for you to better understand the finances of STFB, below is a summary of STFB income and expenses for 1996.

1/1/96 Balance	8,513
INCOME:	
Member Dues	2,181
Donations	2,170
Book & other Sales	1,986
TOTAL INCOME	6,337
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration -Phone,Promo,Web Site etc	2,461
Newsletter,Postage,Supplies	1,453
STFB Programs-Markers,	
Tours,Land purchase donations	3,277
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	7,191
Items Purchased for Resale	5,239
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,430
1/1/97 Net Balance	2,420

PRESERVATION IS NOT NEW

Most members of Save the Franklin Battlefield know all about the things we do to mark and preserve the Franklin battlefield. But, did y'all know that there was an attempt to make Franklin a National Park at one point? I, for one, sure wish they had prevailed.

The name of the organization leading this endeavor was the **Franklin National Park Committee**. The chairman of this group was Mrs. N.B. Dozier who was a native of Franklin and a member of the Franklin Chapter #14,

United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). It was the ladies of our still existing local UDC chapter that who lead the charge to get the United States Government to purchase and mark our bloody battlefield.

Mrs. Dozier stated in a speech, given on Confederate Memorial Day 1913, "We as a chapter feel that there is no more historic ground in Tennessee - nay, in this country - than is the battlefield of Franklin, and we know that no battlefield was evermore grandly fought."

The two senators from Tennessee were more than happy to sponsor a bill for the UDC to appropriate the property. The *National Tribune* in Washington, D.C. editorialized thus about the project: *The kindly feeling that has grown up since the war by the blue and gray who stood on the "firing line" calls for a memorial at Franklin that would forever keep green their gallantry.*

The plans that the UDC had for Franklin would have been beautiful today. I have not discovered exactly how much property they were trying to get the Government to purchase. I do know that it encompassed property on both sides of Columbia Pike beginning at the Carter House and going South. It was also to include a huge arch over the pike that was to be a memorial to the soldiers of 1861-1865, both those who wore the gray and blue.

Unfortunately, these plans were for naught. The U.S. Government refused to appropriate the funds for preserving our battlefield. The two main reasons were that they had already saved two battlefields in Tennessee - Shiloh and Murfreesboro. The other reason was because our country was getting involved in the war to end all wars, the Great War, World War I.

I am still optimistic about us reclaiming historic portions of Franklin's blood soaked battlefield. Because the STFB has more members than ever, we have some enthusiastic officers, lots of interest and help from other groups like the Heritage Foundation, the Tennessee Historical Commission, and along with the new group,

Leadership Franklin. If we could continue growing as an organization, continue with our successful fund raising projects, and most importantly, continue to mark the battlefield so locals and tourists know where the fighting took place, we will be able to attain a portion of the grand plan the UDC had at the beginning of this century.

What can you do to help? Get involved with the STFB. Recruit members. Solicit donations from individuals and especially corporations (we are a good tax write off). Mainly, let our city leaders know that you would like to see more property preserved as a memorial to all the men who fought and died right here in our yards and streets.

by Ronny Mangrum

FUND RAISING ITEMS FOR SALE

Don't forget to order your copy(s) of our reprint of ***Retreat From Pulaski To Nashville, Tenn*** by Levi T Scofield. They are selling briskly, and we feel our web site will vastly increase our sales of this excellent eye witness account of Hood's middle Tennessee campaign in the autumn of '64.

The book is carried by the Lotz House Museum, Carter House Museum, Carnton and Franklin Booksellers - all in Franklin. In Nashville you can buy it at Dad's Old Books and Elder's Book Store - and Old Army Books in Lexington, Kentucky.

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. The design shows the Monument circled with the names of the five Confederate Generals killed at Franklin - see our web site for a picture. 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.

NEXT STFB BOARD MEETING
Monday, Feb 9

The next monthly STFB BOARD MEETING will be held on February 9, 1997 at the Williamson County Library Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to all members, prospective members and everyone interested in protecting and preserving the Civil War Sites in Williamson County. We hope to see you there.

BOOK ORDER FORM:

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Retreat From Pulaski To Nashville, Tenn

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

No. of Copies (\$20 each) _____ Amount Enclosed _____
includes shipping & handling

Checks Payable To: **Save The Franklin Battlefield**

Mail To: **Save The Franklin Battlefield**
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

1997 STFB MEMBERSHIP / UPDATE FORM

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