



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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CARTER HOUSE AND COUNTY CLOSE TO LAND TRADE

Officials from the state and county are working on an agreement which would allow a trade of property on Columbia Avenue and Fowlkes Street in Franklin. On Tuesday, state officials agreed to the concept of the land trade when they met with County Executive Robert Ring. The next step will be to proceed with appraisals and surveys of the properties so that a contract can be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the September meeting.

The 3.5 acres facing Fowlkes St. behind the existing Boys & Girls Club is what the county is looking at to build its new community service building. Organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club and Community Child Care and other human service providers will occupy the building. A bond for \$2.9 million has already been approved by the county.

The state will receive 2.5 acres beside the Carter House. Thomas Cartwright, director of the Carter House, said the land to be gained has historical significance and the exchange will provide a "win-win situation" for all parties involved. "This will help the children and the community by giving them more land to expand while helping with history as well," he said. The historical significance of the adjacent land includes a critical part of the Union attack. The Union main trench line is south of where the county hopes to build a 34,000 sq. ft. building.

Kudos to Thomas Cartwright, Executive Director and the Carter House board and to Robert Ring and his commissioners for their hard work and relentless pursuit of an arrangement that benefits all parties. Hooray!!!!

From Your President

This is your organization, do you have the Volunteer spirit to help with some of the projects Save The Franklin Battlefield would like to see happen?

The following list may contain the very thing you have an interest in.

We have a calendar to put together, do you have photos of a middle Tennessee battlesite that you would like to have included? Want to write an article for the newsletter? Would you like to help with our tours? Want to join a committee to help with our Annual Meeting coming up in November?

If you have been wanting to get involved and didn't know how, now that you know, call the office or write our post office box. Your board looks forward to hearing from you ASAP!

E. J. Neeley

The News In Review by Peter Schofield

Highlights from print media articles of interest to the battlefield community

Bicentennial celebrates Civil War life – The Tennessean – 7/3/93 – Life in the momentous decades before and after the Civil War will be revisited in October, when the city of Franklin hosts its third annual Bicentennial Celebration. Battlefield and cemetery illuminations, choir concerts, historical exhibits, tours and a specially written play are among a number of events in the works during the month-long celebration, the third of four annual events leading to the city's bicentennial party in October, 1999. "This year's bicentennial event will be a little different, says Franklin public information officer Bob Holladay. "For the first time we're marking a period from which no one is still alive. We're in the realm of history, away from personal experience and memories." The city-sponsored event runs from 2-8p.m. October 24, on the square. Historical artifacts from the Tennessee State Museum will be on display in the City Hall Mall, along with a model railroad depicting Leiper's Fork and Franklin. Clothing from the 1845-1895 era will be on view in the square, as will artifacts from the African-American Heritage Association and private Civil War collectors and dealers, among others. Refreshments will be sold. Interested in displaying a collection or volunteering? Call Holladay at 791-3232.

Civil War buff arrested – The Tennessean – 7/9/98 – A Civil War buff from France agreed recently to return to Pennsylvania to face charges he shot and wounded a man during a re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. Christian Evo, 52, of Muret, France was arrested in a Washington hotel. He faces Pennsylvania state charges of simple assault and reckless endangerment in the shooting of Clinton Wakefield Epps, 22, of Charlottesville, Va. Epps was shot in the neck during a three-day re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg, which drew

about 15,000 performers to a 300-acre farm near the Pennsylvania battlefield.

Indian festival held in Franklin – The Tennessean – 7/9/98 – The Alliance For Native American Indian Rights brought its Honor and Ancestors Festival to Franklin recently with authentic arts and crafts, storytelling, traditional dancing and drums. The first-time festival was organized as a fund-raiser for the alliance, which has been prominent locally in recent months in opposing the removal of ancient graves from the Brentwood Library construction site and the routing of State Route 840 across the site of an ancient settlement. "This gives us a chance to be in a different light," said Kenny Petty, one of the organizers. "Our purpose is to do a little education about some of the Native American culture and maybe to clear a few things up about the misconception television gives Native Americans."

CW Find – The Sharpshooter – 7/98 – The Associated Press reported on June 10, 1998, that the 10-foot propeller-well-cover and a deck plate from the famed Civil War vessel USS Monitor have been recovered by researchers documenting the condition of the sunken wreck. The recovered artifacts join the ship's giant propeller and part of the shaft, which had been brought to the surface earlier, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said. The Monitor, the first ironclad turreted warship, fought the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia to a draw on March 9, 1862. Before its Confederate service, the Virginia had been named Merrimac. The Monitor later sank in a storm off the North Carolina coast. The wreck was found in 1973 and designated a marine sanctu-

ary two years later. The propeller and other materials will be placed in the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va. (Ed Note: *The Sharpshooter* is the monthly newsletter of the Middle Tennessee Civil War Roundtable, Trent Johnson, President, 791-7981)

Forrest's Cavalry rides again – The Tennessean – 7/12/98 – Under the gaze of a new Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest statue, 400 sons and daughters of the South yesterday remembered the Dixie of their ancestors and their favorite Tennessee war hero. And as they waved hundreds of Confederate battle flags and hurraed the singing of *Dixie*, secessionists fever emerged. The Joseph E. Johnston Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans organized the event. Also participating were 40 other SCV camps, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and 10 re-enactment groups in period dress. In attendance was state Sen. Doug Henry, D-Nashville, who got the state to clear trees from the interstate view of the statue. The statue, in a private Confederate Flag Park has drawn criticism. Some say the statue reveres the South's racist past. Forrest was a slave trader and the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Mike Hill, president of the League of the South, said, "There can be no peace until we are a separate and (our) own people. . . free to follow our own destiny." He contends the war is not over, and like-minded Southerners must declare independence "from the alien forces that misrule this land of ours." The separatist sentiments of the speakers, articulated in somewhat vague battle-cries, seemed to spring from discontent with the federal government. (Ed Note: It is the purpose of this column to review-the-news irrespective of the non-political mission of STFB or the views of its individual members.)

Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, Inc. Continues Organizational Initiative

The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, Inc., a state-wide organization created by the Tennessee Historical Commission / Tennessee Wars Commission to serve the state on a wide range of Civil-related issues and interests, continues its organizational initiatives. Under the leadership of its President, Stuart Moore, of Fairview, and facilitated by Fred Prouty, Military Sites Preservation Specialist for the Tennessee Historical Commission and Director of Programs for the Tennessee Wars Commission, the group is charting the course of the new TCWPA. The team currently includes:

- Chuck Brown, Mt. Pleasant
- Jean Byassee, Nashville
- T. W. Comer, Hendersonville
- Douglas Cubbinson, Mt. Pleasant
- Brent Dukes, Clarksville
- Kent Glaser, Nashville
- Woody Harrell, Shiloh
- Ed Hopper, Gatlinburg
- Gary Hunt, Brentwood
- Dorothy Kelly, Knoxville
- Jerry Lessenberry, Humboldt
- Shane Miles, Strawberry Plains
- Stuart Moore, Fairview
- Mary Ann Peckham, Murfreesboro
- Bob Ragland, Murfreesboro
- Peter Schofield, Bretwood
- Lori Shropshire, Antioch
- Andy Smith, Indian Mound
- Robert Wallace, Dover

Issues worked on at the latest meeting held on June 20 at Clover Bottom Mansion, home of the Tennessee Historical Commission / Tennessee Wars Commission, included:

- Fund Raising Technicalities
- Membership Development
- Membership & Publicity Brochure
- Newsletter Production
- Logo
- Webpage

The next meeting will take place at Clover Bottom,

2941 Lebanon Road in Nashville, at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 1. Organizations and individuals with Civil War-related interests are urged to attend and become involved in the formation and operation of this free standing, state-wide, not for profit organization being developed to serve all counties, communities, organizations and other entities with Civil War-related issues and interests across Tennessee. Many of you who read this newsletter fall in this category. TCWPA needs you. You need TCWPA. As some wise sage once said, "None of us is as good as all of us!"

UPDATE OF COTTON GIN PLAQUE

We are inspired by the reponse to help with the funding for the STFB marker for the Carter Cotton Gin Plaque so much that we are talking about our third marker to help visitors to the Battlefield know what took places so long ago.

Thank you to all who have sent in their checks and thank you ahead of time for the checks that will be coming in. We have received over \$1226 toward the goal of \$1425.

The text is ready and the marker has been ordered, we need a few more donations so that we can dedicate the marker during the Descendant's Reunion in October. Thank You!

The Civil War in Williamson County Day by Day 1999 Calendar

The STFB 1999 Calendar project is well underway according to Board member Joe Smyth who is coordinating the effort. The calendar will have notes that describe day-to-day events in Williamson County, Tennessee. Smyth added that each month will also feature a large picture of a historical place in Williamson County with descriptive notes. STFB plans to annually revise and print the Day-by-Day calendar as a fund raising project.

"This calendar will be an excellent educational piece for local residents and visitors who are interested in the Civil War era in the county," predicted Smyth. "For much of the war years, both sides conducted campaigns, patrols

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and raids in the Middle Tennessee area that resulted in many encounters and skirmishes here."

From mid-1862 to mid-1863, Union commanders concentrated forces here for an advance toward Atlanta, and again in late 1864, Hood's Army of Tennessee invaded middle Tennessee as part of a last great Confederate effort to win the war. During these times, there were huge battles at Murfreesboro, Nashville and Franklin. "Plus," continued Smyth "there were other serious fights at Thompson's Station, Brentwood, Franklin (3 more times), Triune, Spring Hill and elsewhere. All of these events, plus many more, will be chronicled in the STFB Day-to-Day Calendar."

"The calendar will be a top quality, professional piece. It will go to the printer September 1 and be available October 1," said STFB Treasurer, Sam Huffman. "Except for deciding on the 13 pictures, Joe's team has gathered all of the necessary day-by-day materials, and during August we will cull and edit the materials into something that will actually fit in the calendar." David Fraley and Ronnie Mangrum at the Lotz House Museum have worked hard to help Joe Smyth with the research.

"Between now and October", said Huffman "we will be soliciting pre-sales of the calendar to raise funds for the printing costs. The planned retail price is \$11.99 plus shipping and handling costs. For those who order and pay \$12 for calendars now, STFB will deliver or ship for free. We are counting on funds from pre-sales to cover the printing costs." See the **Calendar Order Insert** that is included with your newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 4** -STFB sponsored Cemetery Tour of Old City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery in Franklin.
- October 9 - 11** - Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion hosted by the Carter House.
- October 24** - STFB to take part in City of Franklin "Years of GLory - Years of Conflict, 1845-95".
- November 7** - Rededication of Battle of Nashville Monument.
- November 15** - STFB Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, 2 - 4 pm at Otey Hall, St. Pauls's Episcopal Church, Franklin, nessee.

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

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Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	-Individual	\$12.00	
	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commerative Belt Buckle	\$12.00	
	1989 Commerative Paperweight	\$12.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
		Order Total	