



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

Did You Know That on:

Apr 11, 1862 - 8th Tennessee CS Cavalry force attacks a Federal camp at Wartrace

Dec 12, 1862 - Federals attack in downtown Franklin with fighting around a flour mill and along Harpeth River

Mar 19, 1863 - Federals attack CS forces at Spring Hill, Liberty, and Richland Station

Oct 1, 1864 - Forrest's cavalry conducts raids at Spring Hill and Carters Creek Station

If these events are news to you, you will absolutely treasure your copy of **The Civil War in Williamson County, Tennessee Day by Day 1999 Bicentennial Calendar**. It is packed with day-by-day events in Williamson County and surrounding geography during the war years.

"We have seen some of the color proof mats" said STFB's Joe Smyth, who is coordinating the effort,

"and the final calendar is going to be dynamite." 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 an on-going fund raising project. They will be sold through local area merchants, book stores, on the STFB web site, and by phone orders. If you can volunteer to help us make deliveries and keep our records straight, call Lynne Pope at 615-591-1774.

The 1999 calendar will be available in mid October. Until then, STFB is 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 help cover the printing costs.

From Your President

What are they building at the base of Winstead Hill?

This is a question I have been asked over the last few days, so I also asked a few people and I thought I would share with you the responses I got.

In 1994, the City of Franklin bought 62 acres of land at the base of Winstead Hill. The city has awarded a 120 day contract to the Hawkins Partners' Corporation, who by the way did the signage for Fort Granger, to develop Winstead Hill Park.

They have started phase one. The park will have a half mile walking trail, parking lot, lighting, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles and rest rooms.

I have not seen any drawings of the rest room facilities that are to be built. It is my hope that the structure will not compromise the integrity of the hill nor distract from the monuments that have been placed on the hillside over the last few years to honor those men who lost their lives on the historic afternoon, November 30, 1864.

E J Neeley

The News In Review by Peter Schofield

Highlights from print media articles of interest to the battlefield community

Main Street communities to meet here

– **The Tennessean** – 9/10/98 – The Tennessee Main Street Association will welcome members to historic downtown Franklin October 8 and 9 for the First Annual Tennessee Main Street Conference. Participants will hear presentations from preservation and community development specialists in sessions about marketing, downtown design, historic districts, investment tax credits, fund-raising and heritage tourism. A highlight of the conference will be the First Annual Main Street Awards of Excellence during a ceremony at Otey Hall in the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Awards will honor outstanding people and projects throughout the state, including volunteers, public/private partnerships, design projects, special events and fund-raisers. For more information about the conference contact Cate Hamilton or Fay Fisher Jones at 591-9091.

Heritage Foundation logo wins international recognition – **The Williamson Leader** – 9/10/98 – The logo for the Heritage Foundation has been chosen as one of the best designed worldwide during the past year by "Graphics," an international journal of design and communication. The logo will be featured in the magazine's annual (publication) and will tour with the *Strathmore/Graphics* traveling showcase. The showcase tour begins in Connecticut this month and will eventually travel throughout the world. "I knew the logo was strong but I never realized it would achieve this kind of recognition," said Mary Pearce, executive director of the Heritage Foundation. "I'm happy for the talented group who designed this logo for us," she added. The logo was created by Robertson Design of Brentwood. "Every company or organization has a unique personality and spirit. I think we really captured the feel of the Heritage Foundation with this design," said John Robertson, principal of the firm. Jeff Carroll, one of the designers who worked on the project said, "In the design field *Graphics* represents a real benchmark for success. To have your

work included in their annual is the same as winning an Oscar or Grammy award."

Shopowner proposes sculpture of tragic hometown hero – **The Tennessean** – 9/17/98 – Tod Carter, the best-known hero of the Battle of Franklin, may soon live again on Main Street if sculpture Mike Walton's dream comes true. Walton, a local businessman as well as an artist, hopes to build a life-size bronze likeness of the young soldier who has long been a popular local legend. The figure would sit in front of Walton's Antique and Estate Jewelry at 410 Main Street, virtually in the shadow of the Confederate monument on Franklin's square, of which Walton also has sculpted bronze miniatures. Inspired originally by the bronze statues he found on many street corners in Asheville, NC, Walton says recent talk of the city's commissioning a bronze life-size sculpture of Ben Franklin for its bicentennial prompted him to propose the project to the city. Captain Theodorick "Tod" Carter was one of three Carter brothers from Franklin who served in the Confederate Army. In the November 1864 Battle of Franklin, he is said to have led a charge along Columbia Avenue, where his family home was at the center of the battle, with these words, "Come with me boys, I'm almost home!" Carter was critically wounded only 525 yards from the house in which he was born, now known as the Carter House Museum.

Hear voices from the past in tours by lantern light – **The Tennessean** – 9/17/98 – If graveyards and October conjure up scary images of Halloween, think again. Next month three historic Franklin cemeteries offer "illuminating" history lessons that may surprise you but won't raise a hair on your head. As part of the third annual celebrations leading up to Franklin's 1999 bicentennial, Rest Haven Cemetery, The old City Ceme-

tery and Toussaint L'Ouverture cemetery invite guests to take a lantern-lighted tour of the past October 3 and 4. Each cemetery illumination tour will feature costumed re-enactors portraying those by whose graves they stand telling their life stories and giving a unique glimpse into local history. Among the prominent Franklin citizens of years past who will be re-enacted are Tod Carter, killed near his family home on Columbia Avenue during the Battle of Franklin; Dr. Daniel Cliffe, a local surgeon who became a Union sympathizer over the course of the war; and Dr. Daniel McPhail, in whose small brick office on Main Street the Williamson County Tourism offices now are headquartered. The tours, sponsored by the African American Heritage Association and Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., are free and open to the public. The Toussaint L'Ouverture tour runs from 5-8 PM Saturday October 3. A shuttle service will take visitors up the steep hill from Del Rio Pike. The tour of Old City Cemetery and Rest Haven Cemetery takes place Sunday October 4 from 5-8 PM.

Heritage Foundation to help owners mark Bicentennial – **Williamson Leader** – 9/17/98 – The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County is inviting owners of buildings in Franklin that were also standing between the years 1845 and 1895 to mark the property with a yellow ribbon during the city's Bicentennial month of October. "We are working with CPS, Inc. and Boy Scout Troop 137 to create packets for each property Owner – residential and commercial," said Heritage Foundation Executive Director Mary Pearce. "CPS is donating the ribbons and the Boy Scouts are creating the packets for us." Franklin's third Bicentennial event is set for Saturday, October 24, on the public square. Included will be music, food, historical exhibits and a play about

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Franklin during the Civil War. Including homes and businesses, Pearce estimates there to be as many as 300 buildings still standing in the city that were also standing between 1845-1895. "This includes some of the great houses like Carnton and the Harrison House and small buildings like Dr. McPhail's office on Main Street," Pearce said. "We intend to place special ribbons on the National Register sites, such as the Carter House, Fort Granger and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery." The yellow ribbons will be available by October 1, and can be picked up in the city administrator's office in city hall.

Thessin will lead Heritage Foundation's education - The Tennessean - 9/18/98 - Margie Thessin of Franklin has been tapped to lead the Heritage Foundation's Heritage Classroom program that last year served nearly 10,000 local students. As the foundation's new Heritage classroom Teacher Thessin will dress in historic costume and visit schools countywide to present programs about local and regional history. Her emphasis will be students in kindergarten through seventh grade, but church groups, scout troops and other organizations also may take advantage of her programs. "I'm very excited about becoming the Heritage classroom Teacher," Thessin said. "We love this town. We've lived in West Virginia and Florida, but we feel at home here. And it's nice to find a job where I can use my history degree - finally."

Markers honor Fort Granger and black military hero - The Tennessean - 9/21/98 - An important Civil War fort and an African American military hero will be saluted with historical markers Oct. 24, as Franklin's 1998 bicentennial celebration gets underway. A bronze plaque honoring George Jordan, a former slave from Triune and the county's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner, will be unveiled by Franklin and Williamson County officials at 2 p.m. in front of the county courthouse. Two new historical markers illustrating the importance of Fort ranger will be dedicated by the city, which owns and maintains the former Union lookout post as a passive public park, at 11 a.m. "We are very excited about the things that are happening at Fort Granger," says Jay Johnson, Franklin city administrator. "We have now created a pamphlet about it that is available at local tourist and historic sites, and of course, we have the markers." The new markers will complement several others installed last year. One will detail the size of the Federal presence in Franklin during the war. The other, a large panoramic photo collage will stand on the wooden walkway overlooking Figure's Bluff and Pinkerton Park. The collage will offer a detailed view of what soldiers in the fort might have seen, including the important road to Murfreesboro, the railroad depot, the Williamson County Courthouse, downtown Franklin and Winstead and Breezy Hills.

Guides needed for home tour - Brentwood Journal - 9/17/98 - The Brentwood Historic Commission is asking for volunteers to serve as tour guides at the Pleasant Hill Mansion

next month during The Governor's Club (Premier Estate) tour of homes. The Historic Commission will not have its own home tour this year, as it has in years past. Instead, The Governor's Club has asked that it showcase the authentically-restored Pleasant Hill Mansion during the development's display of William Poole homes, slated (daily) from Oct. 9 through Oct. 25. Brentwood Mayor Anne Dunn said most years see 400 to 500 volunteers turn out to help during the Historic Commission tour, which raises money for (historical) projects during the year. For every ticket sold for the Governor's Club tour, \$1 will go to the Historic Commission, according to Brentwood Community Relations Director Linda Lynch. Volunteers for this year's tour are needed for two shifts Sunday through Thursday and three shifts Friday and Saturday. For information contact the Municipal Center at 371-0060 and ask for Margie.

AUSTRALIAN STFB MEMBERS VISIT FRANKLIN



*Joe Smyth and
Ronnie Mangrum
with
John and
Tracey Guimelli
during their
recent visit to
Franklin.*

Here are pictures of our STFB members from Hong Kong. They are Australians. John Guimelli is a pilot for Cathy airlines and he and Tracey are assigned to Cathy's Hong Kong hub.

They found us at our web site and joined up a year ago. John is a CW buff and they spent the last 4 weeks touring the battlefields of the eastern theater... BUT they made a special effort to visit Franklin... They said it was the highlight of their trip. Joe Smyth, David Fraley, Ronny Mangrum and Thomas Cartwright went out of their way to show John & Tracey around...they only had one day here. They didn't have time to see all of downtown Franklin or the other battlefields in Williamson Co. Sooooo, they said they would have to come back when they next have vacation time. Remember, they are HALF A WORLD AWAY.

They said they had a wonderful time in Franklin and were very appreciative of the efforts and knowledge of Joe, David, Ronnie and Thomas. Those 4 were very impressed with the depth of John's knowledge of the '64 MidTenn campaign. It all shows the drawing power of the American CW, the story of Franklin, and the effectiveness of using a web site to tell our story.

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Dear Sam

Just writing to say thank you for the photos of us at the Lotz House. It was a great thrill to see ourselves via the wonders of computer, at now, one of our favourite towns and with our new friends.

Sam, we can't thank you enough for the way you looked after John and I during our visit to Franklin. It was totally unexpected, and we were honored to be escorted through the town and surrounds with such knowledgeable guides being Joe, David, Thomas and Ronnie. They are all such nice people and made us feel very welcome. We were enlightened to many things previously unknown to us regarding the Battle of Franklin that's for sure. We are so sorry we didn't spend more time there. Not only is there so much history to be learnt, but the town is gorgeous, and I'm so sorry I didn't get any serious shopping done! Next time, and there will be a next time!

Again Sam, thank you for an amazing day. We also would have loved to have maybe had dinner with you and yours, but will save that and the shopping, as I said, for next visit.

Kindest regards
Tracey Guimelli

THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE MONUMENT: A SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society and partially funded by a grant from the Tennessee Humanities Council. Keynote address by James Lee McDonough. For a detailed brochure giving time, place, and particulars. call 780-2971.

Upcoming STFB Events:

October 4 - Cemetery tour of Rest Haven and City Cemetery from 5 - 8 pm. No admission charge.

October 12 - Board Meeting at the Williamson County Library beginning at 6:30 pm.

October 24 - "Franklin - Years of Glory, Years of Conflict 1845-1894" downtown Franklin 2pm - 8pm.

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	-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	