



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

STFB Day by Day 1999 Calendar IS HERE !!

GREAT NEWS ! The CIVIL WAR in Williamson County, Tennessee Day by Day 1999 Bicentennial Calendar has been printed and is being bound and trimmed at a local Franklin print shop. They will be delivered to STFB the week ending October 30 according to Board member Joe Smyth who is coordinating the effort. The calendars then go to another shop to be shrink-wrapped but should be ready for shipment to our retailers by November 4. STFB members and others who have submitted 'pre-orders' for the calendar should have theirs mailed or delivered by November 7.

Although the delivery of the calendars to STFB is a little behind schedule, we will have them for our booth at the CIVIL WAR Show in Smyrna, Tennessee on Saturday/Sunday November 7-8. STFB will also have a booth at the Nashville CIVIL WAR Show Saturday/Sunday December 5-6.

Sales efforts are well under way. "We have had print masters of all the pages, including the front and back covers, for two weeks now, and have shown them to 8 museums, card shops & book stores," said Sam Huffman who is leading the marketing efforts. "Every retailer who has seen the print quality and historical content has predicted it will be their best selling calendar. Now it's simply a matter of quickly getting them into the stores. We are convinced that the calendars will sell themselves, and the called-in re-orders will keep our volunteers busy to year's end."

Now we have immediate need of SEVERAL STFB

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From Your President

We are in need of some Volunteers!

The work has been completed on our Civil War Day by Day calendar. With special thanks to board members Sam Huffman, Joe Smyth, Sam Gant, David Fraley, and Peter Schofield, who have given many hours, we have a calendar that is going to be a collectors item!

Volunteers are needed to address, and in some instances, deliver these calendars. It is not going to be hard work, it is just going to be necessary work if we are to be successful.

Please come forward. Call our office at the Lotz House - 591-1774 - to volunteer. We need your help. Thank you!

E. J. Neeley

DR. WAYNE MOORE TO SPEAK AT STFB ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Wayne Moore, Archivist at the Tennessee State Library and Archives will be the keynote speaker at this year's annual meeting of Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., Sunday afternoon November 15, from 2 - 4 p.m. in Otey Hall at the historic Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on West Main Street in Franklin from. In addition to hearing from Dr. Moore, STFB officers and members will present their prestigious Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award, elect officers, review the past year's accomplishments, discuss plans for the upcoming 1999 bicentennial year, and enjoy seasonal refreshments.

This year's recipient of the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier award

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The News In Review by Peter Schofield

Highlights from print media articles of interest to the battlefield community

Only two Civil war widows remain alive – The Tennessean – 9/25/98 – Daisy Anderson, a Tennessee native whose husband was a slave who ran away and joined the Union Army, has died at age 97, leaving just two known surviving Civil War widows, one a Union widow, one a Confederate. Mrs. Anderson was 21 when she married a 79-year-old veteran, Robert Ball Anderson. It was a marriage of love and convenience, she told *The Denver Post* last year. “I wanted a home, I didn’t have anything. I didn’t have but one dress. We had no chairs; we ate standing up at the table,” she said. “We met 30 days before we got married, and I loved him until the day he died. Her husband was a slave in Kentucky and at age 22 he ran off to avoid whippings and joined the Union Army. Mrs. Anderson’s death leaves two known surviving Civil War widows: Alberta Martin, 91, of Elba, Ala., who was married to a Confederate soldier, and Gertrude Grubb Janeway, 89, of Blaine, Tenn., whose husband was a Union soldier. Last year, Anderson and Martin were recognized at a special ceremony at Gettysburg. Janeway was not invited since at the time no one outside her family knew her whereabouts. After her husband died in a car accident in 1930, Mrs. Anderson moved to South Dakota and then to Steamboat Springs to be near a sister. She became known as an author, poet and lecturer. “She told wonderful stories,” said Dick Mowry, a local audiologist who befriended Mrs. Anderson in recent years.

Calendar offers Civil War snapshots – The Tennessean – 10/2/98 – Civil War buffs in need of a daily fix, and others who love Williamson County history and just need to know whether its Wednesday or Thursday, will welcome Save the Franklin Battlefield’s latest effort. “*The Civil War in Williamson County, Tennessee - Day-by-Day 1999 Bicentennial Calendar*” will offer photos, text and memorable events from the War

Between the States, in a daily calendar format the preservation group hopes will become a perennial favorite. “The calendar is Save the Franklin Battlefield’s contribution to the Franklin/Williamson County bicentennial celebration in 1999,” says Sam Huffman, treasurer of STFB. “It’s also a major educational (outreach) and fund-raising effort for us, and something we hope to expand and update in years to come.” More than 20 individuals and organizations, among them the Carter House, Carnton (Plantation) and the Williamson County and Brentwood Historical Societies, have contributed archival and new photographs for the calendar, Huffman said. While most people think of the war in Williamson County as largely the 1864 Battle of Franklin, much more went on here during the war, he emphasized. Advance orders (\$12) can be placed now by sending a check or money order to Save the Franklin Battlefield, P. O. Box 851, Franklin TN 37065, or returning an order form found on the STFB website (www.franklin-stfb.org). The group is also looking for a sponsor who can assist with printing costs. For more information call Huffman at 370-3842. (emphasis added)

Carter House, Carnton Plantation to help city celebrate Bicentennial – The Williamson Leader – 10/1/98 – The Carter House and Carnton Plantation . . . offer(ed) October events in conjunction with the city’s 1998 Bicentennial celebration, marking the years 1945-1895. Both homes were landmarks of the Nov. 30, 1864 Battle of Franklin. The Carter House was “ground zero” for a series of Confederate attacks and Carnton Served as a hospital after the battle. “We are pleased that two such prestigious historical sites. . . (had) events to help us honor this period in Franklin’s history,” said Eric Latto, Franklin’s special projects coordinator. Franklin

artist Marvin Stalnaker has created a special painting and print for the Bicentennial celebration which depicts the back yard of the Carter House. “I wanted to do something that evoked the idea of home and history,” Stalnaker said. “What I’ve done is set it in the back yard of the Carter House were a woman is sitting at a spinning wheel. Alongside her is her daughter and granddaughter. She is literally spinning memories, which is what I will call the painting. Included in the painting will be the original rose bushes which were planted at the Carter House before the Civil war as well as quilts. The print will be limited to 500 copies, numbered and signed by Stalnaker. Cost of the print will be \$125 and can be ordered through Stalnaker at 615/794-0332.

Pa. Family tells U. S.: We want history back – USA TODAY – 10/5/98 – Nearly three decades ago, a prominent family in Gettysburg, Pa., donated a priceless collection of Civil War artifacts to the U. S. government. Now, bristling at plans to demolish the existing visitor complex at the military park, the family is preparing to sue the National Park Service to reclaim the collection. The decision is the latest twist in a long-running battle over park service plans to build a new \$39.3 million visitor center and museum at the historic battlefield in south-central Pennsylvania. The new center would also house commercial enterprises, including a 300-seat cafeteria and a theater showing Civil War films. Many preservationists, local officials and businesses oppose the idea. Recently, Angela Rosensteel Eckert and her lawyer served notice to the park service that she would use whatever means necessary, including a lawsuit, to revoke the gift. Under the government’s plan, the existing visitor complex, once the Rosensteel family home, would be demolished and the collection would be

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moved to a new facility operated by a private foundation under park service supervision. Eckert announced her plans during a public meeting recently at the park. She said in a statement that the existing center "is historical because it was visited by so many old veterans and their families in the 1920s and the last reunion of Blue and Gray (civil war soldiers) in 1938."

Third of four events will commemorate 200 years of city's history – The Tennessean – 10/22/98 – Brace yourself for an onslaught of bicentennial events during the next year. The "Franklin's Cherished Legacy" festival, a bash in downtown (was) the third installation in a series of celebrations leading up to next year's 200th anniversary of the city's formation. It also mark(ed) the beginning of a year of events that will carry the bicentennial nickname. Though next year's big blow out is still in the planning stages, city officials are asking anyone and everyone to adopt the bicentennial concept and attach the name to their events next year. "Franklin is so fortunate to have all these events going on year round anyway, so what we're asking of community groups is if you have a festival, make it the bicentennial festival next year," said Eric Latto, Franklin's special events coordinator. "We just want people to attach the bicentennial concept to anything going on during the year."

THE CARTER GIN HOUSE MARKER

With the Heritage Foundation's purchase of the Carter gin house site, Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. seized the opportunity to commemorate the role which this structure played in the tragedy which unfolded on it's grounds in the late afternoon of November 30, 1864. In cooperation with the Carter House, the Heritage Foundation, and the Williamson County Historical Society, STFB has prepared the text and has placed an order for a commemorative marker to be placed near the gin house site. Delivery of the marker has been delayed because of a backlog of orders resulting, in part, from a spring flood at the manufacturing site. The marker should be delivered by March 1999.

In order to present more information, both sides of the marker has been utilized. One side presents information about the gin house; the other side commemorates the men who fought and gave their lives on the grounds near the gin house.



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volunteers who can help us deliver the calendar orders to these retailers. If you can help out, call Sam Gant at 794-3896 or leave a message at the STFB office 591-1774. It's easy work and someone will go with you on the first run or two. Plans are also afoot to have calendar booths at the entrances of high volume super-markets and discount stores on Saturdays. Volunteers are also needed for those events. Get your name on Sam's volunteer list, and he'll call you to arrange the STFB work to your schedule.

STFB has already received about 400 'pre-sales' paid orders while the print production rolled-on. And we have mailed availability notices to 298 retail shops and book stores in middle Tennessee and orders are beginning to flow in.

The covers and sample pages can be seen on the STFB web site at:

www.franklin-stfb.org/stfb1999.htm

You can help our sales efforts by recommending the STFB 1999 Day by Day calendar to your friends. They will make excellent Christmas gifts. STFB plans to annually revise and print the Day-by-Day calendar as a fund raising project.

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is Williamson County's recently retired chief executive Robert Ring for his leadership and support of initiatives to reconfigure state-owned and county-owned land parcels adjacent to the Carter House. When completed, this reconfiguration of property will greatly enhance the longer term ability of the Carter House to carry out its mission *to operate, maintain, preserve and interpret the Carter House during the tumultuous years of the War Between the States and particularly during those bloody five hours of the Battle of Franklin.* The greater historical community of Franklin, and Williamson County is indebted to Mr. Ring for his insightful leadership in this undertaking.

WEBSITE UPDATE!

The list of Federal dead is completed and on the website thanks to David Fraley, STFB board member. When you include the missing, presumed dead, and died of wounds Fraley calculates the Federal dead at 438 rather than the 179 as reported in the official records. A similar list of Confederate dead will be completed early next year.

SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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

Mail To: Save The Franklin Battlefield~P.O. Box 851~Franklin, TN 37065-0851
Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar	\$12.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$10.00	
	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$10.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
		Order Sub-Total	
		Shipping/Handling under \$10 \$0.75 \$10 - \$24.99 \$2.95 \$25 and up \$4.50	
	-Individual	\$12.00	
	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
		Order Total	