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From the President

Dear STFB members--

Our preparations are underway for our very first Battle of Franklin Hospitals Tour scheduled for June 11. STFB board member and Lotz House Museum curator David Fraley has been working long and hard on researching and documenting the many houses pressed into service as hospitals during and after the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. More about this exciting 'first' later in this newsletter.

In other news, we continue to look for volunteers to help staff our STFB booth at various events throughout the summer and fall. Additionally, we have not had any success in finding funding for our STFB 2001 Calendar.

After two years of "flying by the seat of our pants" funding-wise, we have put out the call for help in funding the calendar, which is a major fundraising and outreach project for STFB. Without member and outside corporate and individual help, I'm afraid our STFB Calendar will pass out of existence. As those of you who have purchased this calendar over the last two years can attest, this would be a sad loss for all in the effort to Save The Franklin Battlefield.

Thank you for your time and efforts. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Hospitals Tour on June 11.

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"The awfulest (*sic*) night I think I ever spent was that night (November 30th) I could hear nothing but the cries of the wounded and languishing."

(Some things that happened at Franklin, Tennessee as I remember them, John C. Rogers, 8th Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A.)

Buying Your Books at Amazon Helps STFB

You may have known that when you buy STFB recommended books at the Amazon.com on-line book store, up to 15% of the purchase is returned to STFB. You can get to the STFB book store by scrolling about 2/3 of the way down the STFB home page and clicking on "STFB Electronic Book Store" link.

The recommended books are grouped by area of interest, and when you follow the links to Amazon and actually buy a book, 5 to 15% of the purchase price, depending on the price and type of the book, is credited to STFB. Earned payments are sent to STFB quarterly.

BUT, did you know that STFB can get credit for other books you buy at Amazon.com no matter the topic - carpentry, adventure, duck calling, sci-fi. It's true, all those purchases can financially aid STFB - but you have to finagle things just a bit.

First, search for the books you want and jot down the 10 digit ISBN number for each. Then type the following into the 'location' field of your browser - some browsers call this the URL field - it's near the top of the browser page:

www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=****/savehfranklinbA/

This may be case sensitive for some browsers, so everything is lower case except for ISBN and the final A. Replace the **** with the ISBN of the desired book, and press ENTER. You are now ready to buy a book.

A simpler method is to go to the STFB page - www.franklin-stfb.org - link to the STFB Book Store, and scroll to the bottom of the Book Store home page where you will find the above character string pre-typed for you. It is in bold black type.

Swipe it with your mouse using the left button, click edit, click copy. Erase your browser's 'location' field, and click edit, click paste. Use the cursor to replace the **** with the ISBN for the book you want, press ENTER, and BINGO you are ready to add it to your Amazon.com Shopping cart.

It is not nearly as complicated as it sounds once you get the hang of it - and STFB will get credit for all the books you buy at Amazon.com. Give it a try. It's an easy way to slip a buck or two to STFB.

Submitted by Sam Hugman

The Conquered Banner

Furl that Banner, for 'tis weary;
Round its staff 'tis drooping dreary;
Furl it, fold it—it is best;
For there's not a man to wave it
In the blood which heroes gave it;
And its foes now scorn and brave it;
Furl it, hide it—let it rest!
Take that Banner down! 'tis tattered;
Broken are its staff and shattered,
Over the valiant hosts are scattered,
Over whom it floated high.
Oh, 'tis hard for us to fold it,
Hard to think there's no to hold it,
Hard that those who once unrolled it
Now must furl it with a sigh!

Furl that Banner—furl it sadly;
Once ten thousands hailed it gladly,
And ten thousands wildly, madly,
Swore it should forever wave—
Swore that foeman's sword should
never

Hearts like theirs entwined dis sever,
Till that flag should float forever
O'er their freedom or their grave!
Furl it! For the hands that grasped it,
And the hearts that fondly clasped it,
Cold and dead are lying low;
And that Banner—it is trailing,
While around it sounds the wailing
Of it's people in their woe.
For, though conquered, they adore it—
The cold, dead hands that bore it!
Weep for those who fell before it!
Pardon those who railed and tore it!
But, oh, wildly they deplore it,
Now who furl and fold it so!

Furl that Banner! True, 'tis gory,
Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory,
And 'twill live in song and story
Though its folds are in the dust!
For its fame on brightest pages,

Penned by poets and by sages,
Shall go sounding down the ages
Furl its folds though now we must.

Furl that Banner, softly, slowly;
Treat it gently—it is holy;
For it droops above the dead;
Touch it no—unfold it never;
Let it droop there furled forever,
For its people's hopes are fled.

Abram Joseph Ryan

This most popular Confederate poem,
was written when the news of Lee's
surrender was still a fresh sorrow in
the heart of it's author, Father Ryan,
who had served through the war as a
chaplain.

Present at the Battle of Franklin,
while helping the wounded, he re-
ceived his only wound—a bullet
wound to his hand.

Today in Nashville, a private high
school carries his name.

Submitted by E. J. Neeley



STFB offers it's first Battle of Franklin Hospital Tour

On Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm we will be offering our very first walking tour of seven sites in downtown Franklin which served as hospitals after the bloody battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. This tour is offered without charge to our membership and will be available to non-members for a fee of \$5.00. All seven of these sites will be within only a short walk from the courthouse, but please wear comfortable walking shoes as the tour is expected to last about 2.5 hours. (Note: we will not be entering any of the sights, but rather will be hearing about the roles each structure played after the battle as hospitals.)

Upcoming Events

MAY 27

SCOUTS DECORATE STONES
RIVER NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
CEMETERY WITH FLAGS AT 10. A
MEMORIAL SERVICE IS PLANNED
AT 1:30 PM.

JUNE 8

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR
ROUNDTABLE MEETS AT 7PM AT THE
BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
JOE COOK AT JCOOKJR@BELLSOUTH.
NET.

JUNE 11

DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN WALKING TOUR
OF HOSPITALS 2PM.

JUNE 12

STFB BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT
THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIBRARY.

JUNE 10

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF SOUTHERN SOCIAL CUSTOMS
WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL
BARBEQUE AND DANCE AT ELM
SPRINGS IN COLUMBIA, TN. FES-
TIVITIES BEGIN AT 4, DINNER AT
5:30 WITH DANCING AFTERWARD.
PERIOD DRESS IS REQUIRED.
GUESTS TO BE 18 YEARS AND
OLDER. PLEASE SEND PREPAY-
MENT OF \$15/PERSON TO
TAMMY HATCHER, 4595 OLD
SOWELL MILL PIKE, COLUMBIA,
TN 38401. PAYMENT MUST BE
RECEIVED BY JUNE 5. ANY QUES-
TIONS CALL MRS. HATCHER AT
931-381-1547.

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Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar	\$10.00	
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar Special STFB Member Price	\$5.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint Special STFB Member Price until 12/31/99	\$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	
	Commemorative Postcard	\$5.00	
	Donation for Marker Fund		
		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	

Please note that the commemorative items listed above for sale can be viewed on the STFB website at:

www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm