



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 31, 2000–JAN. 2, 2001  
STONES RIVER NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKER'S CROSSROADS WILL PRESENT PROGRAMS ON THE BATTLE OF PARKER'S CROSSROADS. THIS IS THE 138TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOTH BATTLES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE PARK SERVICE AT 615-893-9501.

JANUARY 11, 2001  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEETS AT THE BRENTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SPEAKER WILL BE GALE PEWITT OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS. HE WILL SPEAK ON "ST. ALBANS RAID."

FEB 20, 2001  
PREEMINENT CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN AND TOUR GUIDE ED BEARSS WILL SPEAK TO THE BONPS MEMBERSHIP AND GUESTS ON TUES., FEB. 20, 2001, AT THE RICHLAND COUNTRY CLUB. TICKETS FOR DINNER AND THE PRESENTATION WILL BE \$25 FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS AND \$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS (INCLUDES ONE-YEAR BONPS MEMBERSHIP).  
ORDER TICKETS BY MAILING CHECK AND NAME, ADDRESS, AND DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER TO: BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 121796, NASHVILLE, TN 37212.

## *From the President*

Dear STFB Member –

I hope this newsletter finds each of you warm and well. The bustle of the holiday season is definitely upon us!

We are pressing on with our fundraising efforts for the purchase of the "Hyssop Hill" property – 3.3 acres of core battlefield here in Franklin. For those of you who have already pledged, we thank you for leading the charge. For those of you who have decided to pledge, there is no better time than the present! And for those of you considering it, consider a pledge before this tax year ends or at the beginning of next year. Your contributions are absolutely vital to the preservation of this precious land for future generations.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Thank you for your support and see you in 2001.

*Joe Smyth*

## *Annual Dues to Go Up*

Beginning January 1, 2001 the annual dues for Save The Franklin Battlefield are going up. Dues have not been changed since 1993 when they were first established. Current dues just barely cover expenses of publishing the newsletter, phone, and office supplies.

The additional dues will permit us to do PR and promotions to raise funds for the purchase of the Hyssop Hill battlefield parcel. None of the funds donated for land purchase are used for fund-raising activities or for any purpose except land purchase.

The new dues structure is as follows:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Individual  | \$20.00 |
| Family      | \$30.00 |
| Corporation | \$50.00 |

We hope we can count on your continued support, there is much left to do!

*Williamson County School Board Plans to Build  
New School Across from the Harrison House*

*"Franklin, Tennessee, September 11th, 1865*

*Mr. Rollin H. Kelly,*

*Dear Sir,*

*I take a sad pleasure in giving you the information desired in reference to the death and burial of your noble and gallant brother, General Kelly. He fell leading the charge. The fatal bullet entered just below the right shoulder and ranging downward entered the right lung. Of course we were forced to leave him, but I am glad to be able to say that he was tenderly cared for for as long as he lived after the fatal wound. He lived several days. He had the best medical attendance and nursing. 'Was very decently buried in a metallic coffin, purchased by the citizens of this place. New clothes were put upon him with the exception of his coat, it was thought best that he should be buried in the uniform coat he wore when he fell.*

*Allow me to mourn with you for his loss. I honor him as an officer and loved him as a brother. No braver soldier ever faced a foe - no truer gentleman ever walked the earth.*

*He was buried in the burial ground of Wm. H. Harrison, five miles from here, on the Columbia Pike.*

*Respectfully,  
W.S. McLemore"*

The letter above refers to the gallant young General John Herbert Kelley, C.S.A., who, while leading a charge on Federal Troops just south of Franklin, Tennessee, August 20, 1864, was mortally wounded and died shortly thereafter at The Harrison House. Kelly was a brilliant young general, and was the youngest man ever to attain that rank in the course of the war... he was just 24 years old at the time of his death! The action in which he was killed occurred just south of Winstead Hill, south of Franklin, and east of the Columbia Pike, today known as Highway 31. At the very time this article is being written, the land where gallant General Kelley was killed is being considered to be the site of a new school. Not only would construction and development on this site desecrate this hallowed battlefield, it would further ruin the "view shed" of the historic Harrison House. This ground is sacred. Brave Americans died on this plot of ground. What message are we sending to future generations by building *anything* on this sacred soil? It should clearly be left undeveloped, and the school should be constructed elsewhere. Please join with the Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. group in letting Franklin city officials know that you are opposed to this endeavor, especially those of you who live in Williamson County. Thank you!

Write to:

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Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Williamson County Schools  
1320 West Main Street  
Franklin, TN 37064

Clint Callicott  
County Executive  
Williamson County  
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Mail To: Save The Franklin Battlefield~P.O. Box 851~Franklin, TN 37065-0851

**Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.**

| Quantity | Description<br>Annual Membership (Choose One)            | Price Each   | Total |
|----------|--|--|-------|
|          | 2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar            | \$6.00   |       |
|          | 1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar               | \$6.00   |       |
|          | Both Calendars 1999 and 2000—different pictures in each! | \$10.00  |       |
|          | “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   |       |
|          |  | <b>Order Sub-Total</b>   |       |
|          |  | <b>Shipping/Handling</b><br>under \$10 \$0.75<br>\$10 - \$24.99 \$2.95<br>\$25 and up \$4.50 |       |
|          | -Individual  | \$20.00  |       |
|          | -Family  | \$30.00  |       |
|          | -Corporate   | \$50.00  |       |
|          | Donation—Marker Fund                                     |  |       |
|          | Donation—Land Purchase                                   |  |       |
|          |  | <b>Order Total</b>   |       |

Please note that the commemorative items listed above for sale can be viewed on the STFB website at:  
[www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm)

## *Stones River National Battlefield is Again the Scene of Attack*

Not by Union or Confederate armies, but by unprecedented growth and development. The Tennessee Department of Transportation has proposed an I-24 interstate interchange at Manson Pike. It has also been proposed to widen Manson Pike.

If the proposals come to fruition, large parcels of historically significant land will become more attractive for commercial development and the area surrounding Stones River National Battlefield will be developed.

There were 51 petitions signed by members and associates of the Friends of Stones River National Battlefield presented to Richard Reeves, Mayor of Murfreesboro and the City Council. These petitions requested that Murfreesboro's leadership consider carefully all alternatives available for improving Manson Pike from Thompson Lane to I-24, including the lasting impact of locating an interchange near the battlefield.

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