



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

Who & Where We Are

Sometimes we get questions asking about our membership and about how big and geographically diverse STFB actually is. Here are some 'gee-whiz' numbers we just now compiled that you can small-talk into your next get-together with friends.

You will quickly realize that there are people all over the world who have a connection to Franklin, Tennessee. Maybe they had an ancestor who fought here, or maybe they simply visited here and decided that Franklin was the hometown they never had, or maybe they lived here once upon a time, or they just have a general interest in the Civil War and have picked Franklin as their project to help save battlefields. No matter their reasons, we are glad to have them with us.

The STFB active mailing list currently goes to 349 households. Of those, 27 are local or national government representatives, and 28 are Honorary memberships for local libraries and archives, national preservation groups, prominent historians and authors, and media people. That leaves us with 294 very precious dues paying members.

Some 345 members live in 35 states with 4 others in Canada, Australia, Saipan, plus one military APO address. Fifty-eight percent of our members live here in Tennessee - 42% don't.

We have had 133 memberships join-up from our STFB web site - 102 of them are still active members - which is 29% of our 349 total active members.

In the past 10 years, we have had 320 members who were once on the membership rolls but didn't maintain their membership status for one reason or another. Our membership committee is gearing up to contact those 320 to invite them to once again join the ranks.

Here's where the current 345 live:

9 Alabama	3 Missouri
4 Arkansas	1 Mississippi
1 Arizona	4 North Carolina
12 California	2 Nebraska
2 Colorado	1 New Jersey
1 Connecticut	1 New Mexico
6 Washington, DC	2 New York
7 Florida	7 Ohio
12 Georgia	1 Oklahoma
1 Iowa	6 Pennsylvania
12 Illinois	1 Rhode Island
6 Indiana	2 South Carolina
6 Kentucky	204 Tennessee
1 Massachusetts	7 Texas
2 Maryland	3 Virginia
2 Maine	3 Washington
8 Michigan	3 Wisconsin
3 Minnesota	

From the President

Dear STFB Member—

The excitement and newness of our purchase of the Hyssop Hill property has not even begun to wear off. The realities and logistics of being landowners have set in, and we continue to plan for a variety of fundraising events—more about these soon.

STFB is beginning a membership drive, hoping to double our membership within the year. You will read more about this in this issue. There will be more in coming newsletters. You will also be seeing our "Board Member Profile" in coming issues, this will be a chance for you to get to know the personalities that make up our all-volunteer organization.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Joe Smyth

News In Review by Sam Gant

Stones River battle brews – *The Review Appeal* – 6/20/01 MURFREESBORO – — Proposed Manson Pike/I-24 interchange is the focus. One Civil War battle has already been fought on the ground at Stones River National Battle field and yet another is brewing. Proponents of battlefield preservation have vowed to fight a proposed Interstate 24 interchange at Manson Pike and a city plan to widen the road from the interstate to Northwest Broad Street. "The alignment and cross-section (of Manson Pike) are consistent with what was there historically, so it's literally a historic artifact," stated Phil Walker, an architectural planner. "The road was important not just for troop movements, but actually served at one point as a battle line." Design work on the segment is under way and scheduled to be completed by August.

Old-fashioned arbor to be built along Carnton Plantation fenceline – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 6/25/01 FRANKLIN – A 19th-century-style arbor will be constructed in the garden at Historic Carnton Plantation beginning this summer. The rustic cedar arbor, which is expected to take several months to build, will run the length of the western portion of the white board fence that now borders the vegetable and flower garden beside the house. The arbor is being designed to balance Carnton's back porch, stated Angela Calhoun, executive director of Carnton, "It answers the back porch structure of the house and stresses the use of the garden as an extension of the house."

National preservation community watches Franklin – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." - 7/2/01 FRANKLIN – From Alabama to Maryland to South Carolina, Civil War buffs are waging a cyberspace campaign against what they see as the continued degradation of historic Franklin. Joe Avalon, who runs a Civil War web site, says, "We've gotten, well, probably a couple hundred e-mails from out of state expressing dismay over Franklin in general, this issue in particular. We have to imagine that the people who live in Franklin are as sick of the sprawl and build-up as we are, but our guess is that they don't want to be lectured by us out-of-towners." The South may have lost the first Battle of Franklin, Avalon says, "But nah, it's not too late" for preservationists to win this, the second.

Repairs begin at vandalized church – *The Tennessean* – 7/11/01 MOUNT PLEASANT – Detectives yesterday returned several large pieces of evidence to historic St. John's Episcopal Church, paving the way for repairs to begin on the extensive destruction vandals inflicted on the church and its graveyard May 28-29. Volunteers yesterday worked to reattach the door to the back of the church, built in 1842, that served as a house of

worship to members of President James K. Polk's family. The church received word that insurance will cover the costs of repair to the building, the reed organ, and the tombstones. Meanwhile, the outpouring of gifts and condolences continues to flow in from across the country.

Cannon, musket volleys celebrate partial solution of cemetery mystery – *The Tennessean* – 6/5/01

GILES COUNTY – For almost 140 years the graves in the center of Chestnut Grove Cemetery in rural Giles County were known only as the final resting place of "the old Confederates." Neither the names nor home states of these 43 soldiers from the South were known to members of the Chestnut Grove Methodist Church during the decades. Because of careful sleuthing by several Civil War history buffs, the church members now know the identity of 25 of the soldiers. The soldiers represented five states, with most from Tennessee, where they had joined the 4th, 14th, 19th, and 20th Tennessee Calvary units. At Sunday's observance each man's name was read, followed by a cannon or musket volley.

Critics say school board repeating Hood's folly - *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." - 7/18/01

FRANKLIN – With the building pad complete, and storm water pipe on site, it looks like the school board has made its final decision to build the elementary school on the site, said to have been the staging area for the Nov. 30, 1864, Battle of Franklin. "If it didn't move tonight, it won't," board Chair Jean Keith said after listening to more than an hour of pleas from parents and preservationists who want the new school built in another place. She stated further that had the Heritage Foundation come up with the \$1,000,000 already spent on construction they would have moved the school, but the \$500,000 to \$750,000 that the Heritage Foundation raised was not enough.

Proposal would spare battlefield road – *The Tennessean* – 7/26/01 MURFREESBORO – Murfreesboro may build link to new interchange for I-24 Land where the Civil War Battle of Stones River was fought will be spared from a proposed road widening under a compromise plan presented to the city's planning commission yesterday. Previous plans called for widening a stretch of Manson Pike, a two-lane road that runs through farmland that was the battle site, for a proposed new Interstate 24 interchange. Some residents and preservationists feared that would speed development in the area. Instead, the city will consider preserving Manson Pike and will build a new road south of the battlefield to link to the new interchange.

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
	2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar	\$5.00	
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar	\$5.00	
	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	
	Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
	Eyewitness to the Battle of Shiloh by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
	Eyewitness to the Battle of Ft. Donelson by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
		Order Sub-Total	
		Shipping/Handling under \$10 \$0.75 \$10 - \$24.99 \$2.95 \$25 and up \$4.50	
	-Individual	\$20.00	
	-Family	\$30.00	
	-Corporate	\$50.00	
	Donation—Marker Fund		
	Donation—Land Purchase		
		Order Total	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!

We are looking for STFB members with special skills and talents for future maintenance and repair of the Hyssop Hill house and property. If any of you have abilities as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, gardeners, or the like, please contact us at (615) 500-6612. If you own or work for a lawn maintenance company, let us know—the opportunities are large! Remember, Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and the donation of your professional services is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Downtown Franklin Hospital Tour

The following names were omitted in error in last month's newsletter. We wish to thank them for their help.

David Fraley
Joe Smyth
Suzanne Burns
Laine Jennings
Kim Hoover
Danny Hoover
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Cam Hudson
Dennis Anderson
Jim Lawrence

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