



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

Dear STFB member—

With the myriad of activities in November (the Carnton Living History and Reenactment, our Annual Membership Meeting, and the "Forty for Franklin" Preservation March) completed, we tie up our 'loose ends' and begin planning for events in 2003. I'm sure it is very much the same in your household.

STFB will continue our series of tours promoting Williamson County's rich Civil War legacy, and will continue to publicize and promote our goal of a Franklin Battlefield park. Additionally, we will continue to raise funds to reduce the debt on the Collins' Farm property.

Please join us this next year in these and other endeavors—together we do make a difference!

Joe Smyth

Brett Hardin (2005), Kim Hoover, Sam Huffman, Dan Mora (2004), David Fraley, Bobby Hargrove, and Sam Gant (2003).

The 2002-term STFB officers were introduced and their names placed in nomination for 2003. The slate of nominees placed before the Meeting was: President--Joe Smyth; Vice President--Suzanne Burns; Treasurer--Sam Huffman; Secretary--Sam Gant. David Fraley, *in absentia*, was nominated from the floor for Vice President. Follow-

Annual Meeting 2002

Joe Smyth, President, STFB, welcomed the audience and called the business meeting to order. As the first order of business, he acknowledged, Rick Warwick, Williamson County Historical Society, Herschel Smith, local Civil War preservation advocate, and Skip Earle, Tennessee SCV Commander. He then presented certificates of recognition to: Mike Bennett, Dorothy Lesch, Linda Mora, Kristin Scherrer, Jody and Pat Thompson, Peggy Shaw, and conferred the *Emeritus* status to Board member, Herbert Harper.

Sam Huffman, STFB Treasurer, reported on the many activities which STFB has participated in during the past year. A summary of these activities includes: helped with Pat Cleburne Dinner; Joint Press Conference with CWPT; Met with Tennessee CW national Heritage group; Collins' Farm marker; three Collins' Farm work days; Moody Tire-sponsored STFB vignettes; two regular STFB tours; four special tours: Ben Stein -- Madison County, IN, Civil War Round Table --Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association -- Carter House Descendants Reunion; Booths: Nashville CW Show --Thompson's Station Festival -- Reenactors' at Cool Springs Galleria -- Carnton Living History ; 2,600 signatures on library petition; David Fraley with Forty for Franklin March. STFB has approximately 400 members with 46% of the members from out of state. Huffman summarized the financial information for Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., stating that the net mortgage for Collins' Farm stands at \$151,200 and emphasizing the need for contributions to pay down the mortgage.

Following introductory remarks by Joe Smyth on the preservation efforts of Tenny Pinkerton Dozier, Dan Mora, STFB Board Member, presented the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award to Rick Hoover for his work in preservation and reclamation of the Franklin Battlefield

Sam Gant, STFB Secretary, introduced Current STFB Board members, and then conducted the election. Joe Smyth, Suzanne Burns, and Lynn Dorris, had terms ending in 2002, so their names were entered in nomination for the 2003-2005 term. Brett Hardin was nominated for the vacancy on the Board due to Herbert Harper's being awarded *emeritus* status. All were elected by acclamation. The STFB Board now consists of Joe Smyth, Suzanne Burns, Lynn Dorris (2005),

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News In Review by Sam Gant

CROSSROADS OF THE CIVIL WAR – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 10/25/02 BRENTWOOD – Those looking for an overview of what happened during the Civil War on the ground now covered by roads, offices and residences have a new book to turn to, *Brentwood, Tennessee: A Crossroads of the American Civil War*. The 17-page, illustrated book was written by Joe Lassus, who happens to be Brentwood's planning and codes director as well as a student of history and a Civil War reenactor.

Local preservationists asked to join state historical effort – *The Review Appeal* – 11/1/02 FRANKLIN – Nearly 400 state historical resources, including 10 in Williamson County, can benefit Tennesseans only if preservationists cooperate, a Civil War official said. About 30 interested preservationists attended a two-hour meeting at Franklin City Hall to hear Carroll Van West, director of the state Civil War National Heritage Area, explain how resources from the state organization can be used to help local preservation efforts.

750 troops and sutlers converge on Carnton – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 11/4/02 FRANKLIN – Cannons will fire from three locations, 750 Civil War reenactors will create living history, and a flag never exhibited since it flew at the Battle of Franklin will commemorate the 138th anniversary of the battle of Franklin at Historic Carnton Plantation this month. It will be the largest event in the history of Carnton, which played a pivotal role in the Nov. 30, 1864, Civil War. All 38 acres of the plantation will be filled with reenactors, both Federal and Confederate, on the weekend of Nov. 15-17, staging mock battles, medical reenactments and military drilling demonstrations, and participating in 19th-century civilian and military living history interpretations.

Civilian, military re-enactors to camp at Carnton next weekend – *The Review Appeal* – 11/10/02 FRANKLIN – Next Friday, November 15, will begin a three-day living history opportunity at Historic Carnton Plantation in Franklin for those interested in the Civil War. It also will be an opportunity to see not only how the soldiers lived, but those who followed the camps around. An estimated 800 Civil War re-enactors will participate in this commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, fought on Nov. 30, 1864. Sutler, or vendor tents, as they are termed today, will be set up and offer foods and reproduction items that would have been available during the Civil War.

Walk through the fields of 1864 Franklin – *The Review Appeal* – 11/13/02 FRANKLIN – The romance and reality of 1864 Franklin will come to life on the grounds of Historic Carnton Plantation this weekend. Over 800 civilian and military re-enactors are expected to create a living history experience for all ages, centered around the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. **Rare Confederate flags on exhibit** – Three rare Confederate flags, two that flew during the battle of Franklin, will be on exhibit in the historic house: the Hardee

pattern flag, 1st and 15th Arkansas Infantry; the battleflag of the "Western Stars" 31st Tennessee Volunteers; and the Polk Corps flag, 21st Tennessee Infantry. **Music, dance to play major role in re-enactment** – The 5th Alabama Infantry Regiment Band, a 30-piece band in period dress, will perform historic tunes throughout the event. **Romance of southern**.

Search service helps locate Civil War records – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 11/15/02 FRANKLIN – The information to help preserve the memory of a soldier's service in the Civil War is now available on a new computer program at Carnton that researches the military service records of any soldier, Confederate or Federal, who fought in the Civil War. Carnton is the first private institution to offer the service, which encompasses some 69 volumes of information stored in the National Archives. Fees range from \$5 for a roster search by name to \$110 for the results of an extended search that produces all of a soldier's war records.

Re-enactors to mark Battle of Franklin anniversary with walk next weekend – *The Review Appeal* – 11/24/02 FRANKLIN – On Saturday, Nov. 30, re-enactors will fight the elements of the 21st century and retrace the steps their ancestors took during the hours of the Battle of Franklin. This anniversary event continues at the Carter House throughout the day. A special celebration will be started with a two-mile walk which starts at Winstead Hill at 4 p.m. Not only re-enactors, but anyone who wishes to take the steps of the soldiers – both Union and Confederate – involved in the Civil War during that historic battle are invited to participate.

HONOR ON THE HIGHWAY – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 11/24/02 FRANKLIN – North and South have united, taking great strides to preserve the Franklin Battlefield. Last weekend, Confederate and Federal reenactors from various states marched 40 miles, raising more than \$10,000 for the Collins Farm, 3.22 acres of historic land on Lewisburg Pike in Franklin. On Nov. 30, 1864, part of the Battle of Franklin was fought on that land. Sixteen reenactors began the journey in Mt. Pleasant, retracing the steps of the soldiers they embraced. The reenactors were not trying to recreate a march from the war, but hoping to bring awareness to preservation.

Battlefield bill offers \$50M care package – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 11/25/02 FRANKLIN – Local preservationists concerned about protecting land where the Battle of Franklin was fought were heartened last week by the U.S. Senate's passage of the \$50-million Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002. The bipartisan bill directs the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to establish the Civil War Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program with matching grants of \$10 million per year from 2004 through 2008. The \$50 million program would help preserve both Union and Confederate battlefields if President George W. Bush OKs it. "Franklin is easily one of the most threatened historic sites in America," said Jim Campi, spokesman for the Civil War Preservation Trust in Washington, D.C. "Any hope of saving or reclaiming a part of the Franklin Battlefield begins with this program."

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ing the election, the 2003 STFB Officers are: President--Joe Smyth; Vice President—David Fraley; Treasurer--Sam Huffman; Secretary--Sam Gant.

Joe Smyth introduced the keynote speaker, Steve McDaniel, Minority Leader in the Tennessee State Legislature and proponent of Civil War preservation. McDaniel was a leader in preserving the Parker's Crossroad Battlefield. Rep. McDaniel presented the following information: The average person does not have the passion that we share for our heritage. Most people are concerned only with day-by-day activities. It is through organizations like STFB that preservation can take place. In order for this to happen, it must include cooperation of the political entities such as the school board, the county commission, the city commission, etc. At the Tennessee state level it has been a struggle. The \$10,000,000 a year federal bill for preservation now before the President was much influenced by Jim Lighthizer and the CWPT. A legacy of our current governor should be that T21, non-construction, transportation funds can now be used for purchasing Civil War properties. We should lobby the incoming state government for preservation. Everyone has an invitation to visit Parker's Crossroads Civil War site.

Steve McDaniel presented to Joe Smyth a \$1000 check on behalf of Ben Stein.

Joe presented Steve McDaniel with a copy of *The Encyclopedia of 19th Century Land Warfare*.

At the STFB Annual Meeting 11/24/2002, a member raised a question as to whether or not the STFB Treasurer or other STFB officers were required to post bond. We did not have copies of the STFB Charter and STFB Bylaws at hand to answer the question.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS, Section 4. Treasurer, sentence 3 of the STFB By-Laws states "The Treasurer may be required to post bond if the Board of Directors, by majority vote, considers it advisable."

To date, the Board has not voted that the bond requirement for the Treasurer was advisable. The by-laws do not mention bond requirements for any other offices.

New & Renewing Members

Jeff Rector
John Fristoe
Kurt & Donna Amacher
Nicholas DiGiovanni
DR Ronald Harris
John Riopelle
Mary Joyce Norton
Ken & Nancy Noller
Jarrett Robinson
Bobbie Steadman
Don & Annie Miller
Lonnie Belt
Scott Campbell
Alan Davis
Sam & Carol Huffman
Katherine Davis
Donna Edens
Michael & Deborah Jeanette
Steve Johnson

Newsletter Editor Needed

Our newsletter editor is retiring at the end of the year. If you would be interested in taking over the newsletter, please contact Joe Smyth at 615-500-6612, or email at smyth@vol.com.

We appreciate all the out of state offers, but we really think the person should be from the Middle Tennessee/Franklin area.

Re-enactors' March For Collins Farm "40 For Franklin"

On November 15 and 16, fifteen brave and hardy souls kept their word and marched 40 miles in heavy rain and terrible cold to raise money to help pay for Collins Farm. This 3.22 acres of the Franklin Battlefield was purchased in June 2001, and this is the second year Re-enactors have raised funds by conducting a sponsored per-mile march.

Collins Farm is on the extreme east end of the main trench line where the river and railroad converge. This ground was traversed by Gen. W W Loring's Division as they attacked over the railroad embankment and became entangled in the osage orange abatis in front of the Federal trenches.

The main part of the today's Collins house is the original war-time structure and was used as a hospital for many Confederate wounded who were brought to the house for treatment. The dug well south of the house is no longer used but it is mentioned in war-time letters as providing water for the wounded. Several confederate dead were buried in the garden until they were moved to the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in the spring of 1866.

Each of the re-enactors portrayed one or more of the 18 Union and Confederate states that had regiments engaged at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee had troops fighting in the battle on both sides. Other states represented are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The marchers left Mount Pleasant Friday morning, and suffered nearly constant rain, sometimes heavy, as the temperature dropped hour by hour. They reached Rippavilla Plantation south of Spring Hill by mid-afternoon and made camp. The Saturday march continued north on Highway 31 and arrived at Winstead Hill about 3:00 PM.

The marchers were joined there by other re-enactors with the colors of both armies for the final leg into Franklin, ending up at the Collins Farm property on Lewisburg Pike. A big thanks goes to Kristin Scherrer, Lynn Dorris, and Kim Hoover who organized and supplied meals for the march. Kristen and Lynn also acted as chase vehicle and rear traffic guard for the column.

STFB is encouraging groups and the general public to sponsor the re-enactor representing the state of their choice on a "per mile" basis. Donors are still mailing checks to make good their earlier pledges. You and your group still have time to organize a donation to the project. Your donation is completely tax-deductible to the full extent of the IRS rules.

The table below shows the amount each re-enactor has garnered so far. www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm is updated often with the latest totals. Also, STFB is grateful to these men and the level of commitment they demonstrated in completing this march. When you see them, give them a pat on the back - they more than deserve it.

Confederate	Federal
Amount State Re-enactor	Amount State Re-enactor
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455 Alabama Shane Smith	660 Illinois Brad Stansbury
445 Arkansas Brett Hardin	476 Indiana Ron Wilkins
190 Florida Evan Hudson	145 Iowa Ron Wilkins
255 Georgia Shane Smith	290 Kentucky Trent Golden
290 Kentucky Jim Lawrence	502 Michigan Louis Varnell
220 Louisiana Jim Lawrence	660 Missouri Jerry Layton
265 Mississippi William Long	1,794 Ohio Chris Lane
680 Missouri Evan Hudson	325 Pennsylvania Louis Varnell
985 South Carolina William Carraway	520 Tennessee Trent Golden
2,540 Tennessee David Fraley	610 Wisconsin Brian Maddox
310 Texas David Fraley	-----
-----	5,982 Total Federal Marchers
6,635 Total Confederate Marchers	12,617 March Total (11/26/2002)

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
	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	
	Print of Nathan Bedford Forrest by Jody Thompson	\$30.00	
	Print of Patrick Cleburne by Jody Thompson	\$30.00	
		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	

COLLINS FARM MORTGAGE STATUS

The campaign to pay down the debt on Collins Farm marches on. The property was purchased June 2001 for \$227,000. One year later, we have paid off \$55,000 of the loan, leaving an outstanding mortgage balance at the bank of \$172,000. In Addition, the STFB Land Fund currently totals \$20,850, some of which is a bank-required escrow reserve. If we were able to apply the entire land fund reserve to the debt, we could then pay off the entire net mortgage with another \$151,150 in donations. We are making steady progress thanks to all of you.

STFB Booth at Carnton Re-Enactment

STFB had a booth at the Living History and Re-enactment week-end at Carnton Plantation November 16 & 17. The rain stopped Saturday morning, but it did leave considerable mud and dropping temperatures. Sam Gant, Herschel Smith, and Sam Huffman braved the elements and staffed the booth both days. They sold the usual mix of books, buckles, and cups. More importantly, they met many new people at the booth and passed out over 200 pledge cards for the "40 For Franklin" re-enactors march.

The most visited display at the booth is the 3 X 5 aerial photo of downtown Franklin with the trench lines marked with tape. Today's protected parts of the battlefield are also marked off, and additional open plots that might possibly be included in a battlefield park are easily seen.

The booth and aerial photo will be at the Nashville Civil War Show at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds Sat-Sun December 7 & 8. Drop by and check it out. Also, pick up a "40 For Franklin" pledge card. There's still time to lend a hand and support our marchers.

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