



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—

Fall will soon arrive, school is back in session, and Save The Franklin Battlefield is at full speed to the end of the year. In October we will spend three days in Clarksville, Tennessee as the registration team for the Western Independent Grays' Advance Guard Tactical with all fundraising earmarked for STFB. In November we will hold our 2003 Reenactors' March, our major fundraising event of the year, with all proceeds to go towards paying down the Collins' Farm debt. Also in November, we will hold our annual Membership Meeting. Watch for more about this in next month's newsletter.

I am excited to report that STFB has been solicited to give battlefield presentations for groups such as the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department and Leadership Franklin. Additionally, STFB has been asked to serve on the Central Franklin Planning Area's Subcommittee on Battlefield Preservation. I truly believe these opportunities have come from our visibility as an organization leading the charge for battlefield preservation here at Franklin.

Thank you for being part of the team!

Joe Smyth

PS--If your membership has lapsed (check your mailing label), please consider renewing today--we need your help!

"Forty for Franklin – 2003"

On November 7th & 8th, 2003 (Friday and Saturday), twenty one Confederate and Federal reenactors, representing each state that committed troops to the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864, will be marching forty miles (in two days!) to raise funds to pay off "Collins Farm" on the Franklin Battlefield. This march, titled, "Forty for Franklin – 2003," will commence at McCain's, Tennessee (Maury County) and proceed northward to Franklin, Tennessee (Williamson County), up Tn. State Highway 31. Rest stop locations for the marchers along the route will be posted on the STFB website in the near future, so please come out to support these

The states represented are:

Confederate: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

Federal: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin

This year's march will mark the third consecutive year that the Save The Franklin Battlefield has sponsored such an event, and thus far nearly \$30,000.00 has been raised.

If you would like to sponsor a marcher for a specific state, please visit our website (<http://www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm>) or simply mail in your pledge (noting which state[s] you're supporting in the memo line of the check) to:

"Forty for Franklin 2003"
Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.
P.O. Box 851
Franklin, Tennessee 37065-0851

Battlefield Subcommittee Meeting Aug 14, 2003

The first meeting of the Battlefield Protection subcommittee of the Central Franklin Committee was held August 14 at City Hall. The Central Franklin and other committees, made up of Franklin city officials, downtown business owners, developers, and residents, have been meeting to discuss plans for the redevelopment of different geographical areas of Franklin. The results of the several committee's efforts will be used to eventually revise the City of Franklin's Land Use Plan. The subcommittee's objective is to include the protection of Franklin's remaining battlefield parcels in the long range Land Use Plan.

The subcommittee is chaired by Franklin's Planning Department Director Bob Martin, and led by consultant Greg Dale who acts as the groups discussion facilitator. The meeting included a general review of past battlefield studies, and a review of preservation projects by the city and local preservation groups to-date.

Reading materials were distributed for study for the next meeting, and STFB has the assignment to finish and publish a list of battlefield parcels that would possible qualify for state and federal funding grants. The Battlefield Subcommittee will next meet on August 27 at City Hall.

News In Review by Sam Gant

Heritage attractions feel the economic squeeze – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/1/03 NASHVILLE – Tennessee's Antebellum Trail Association, formed about 11 years ago, is looking for contemporary ways to promote the state's historic sites. The association, which includes Carnton Plantation in Williamson County, Travellers Rest, just north of the county line and Rippavilla Plantation in Spring Hill, voted on July 18 to do away with dues this year and rely more on a Web site and a toll-free number for marketing the 90-mile loop of historic sites in Williamson, Davidson and Maury counties.

Readers can submit history page ideas – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/8/03 FRANKLIN – A survey conducted by *Williamson A.M.* last year indicated that our readers enjoy history and preservation stories on such things as events at historic sites, issues facing properties considered to be on Battle of Franklin land, remembrances of longtime county residents and changes to the 18th- and 19th-century landscape here in Williamson County. Send your stories, photographs and ideas to Peggy Shaw, editor, History & Preservation Page.

Battle sites targeted for preservation – *The Review Appeal* – 8/16/03 FRANKLIN – A field across Columbia Avenue from the Plus Mark plant and the Pizza Hut property are among the top sites seen by members of a Franklin subcommittee on battlefield protection issues as significant for preservation or restoration. "We need to identify parcels that can be bought with matching money," Sam Huffman of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., said. The old Battle Ground Academy campus on Columbia Avenue was one area seen as a prospective place for recreation of Franklin's battlefield, but committee members noted Williamson County officials have seen it as a logical place for county offices as the administrative complex on West Main Street becomes crowded. of public preservation for the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County; Mary Pearce, executive director of the Foundation; Sam Huffman, treasurer of Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.; and Lillian Stewart, a leader of Citizens for Good Growth Management, were appointed by Bibb to serve on the Battlefield Protection Subcommittee led by Bob Martin, city Planning Department Director.

Advance Guard Tactical Oct 17-19, 2003 STFB Fund-Raising Project Call For STFB Volunteers

This immersion event is sponsored and registered by the WESTERN INDEPENDENT GRAYS and will replicate the movement of the 'advance guard' of a Federal army advancing against the Army of Tennessee. The event is pre-registered and by invitation only. The event is not open to public spectators. Funds raised will be donated to STFB for land purchase on the Franklin Battlefield.

STFB will help with the on-site logistics and check-in of attendees. We need STFB volunteers to help in this effort on Friday-Sunday, Oct 17-19. The event will move across 800 acres in Stewart County west of Clarksville - about 90 miles from Franklin.

Contact Sam Huffman 615-370-3842 (sam@jsp.net) to sign up if you can help. Friday and Saturday will be long days so we need several STFB volunteers to help out.

STFB also needs the use of a 10'x10' tent for use at the event. If you have a tent we could use, contact Sam ASAP since we need to nail down this detail right away.

New & Renewing July 2003

Drs Jan and Dahk Knox
Thomas Chance
Paul Timmerman
Bobby Hargrove
John & Crystal Gimesh
Tom Herbert
Dr Samuel A Smith Family
Kirk & Julie Bednar
Dr Palmer Dyal
Paul & Dell Cowan
Ken Santilli
Duncan LaVigne

Chula Vista, CA
Gadsden, AL
Issaquah, WA
Franklin, TN
Franklin, TN
Nashville, TN
Brentwood, TN
Franklin, TN
Los Altos Hills, CA
Franklin, TN
Barton, VT
Brentwood, TN

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

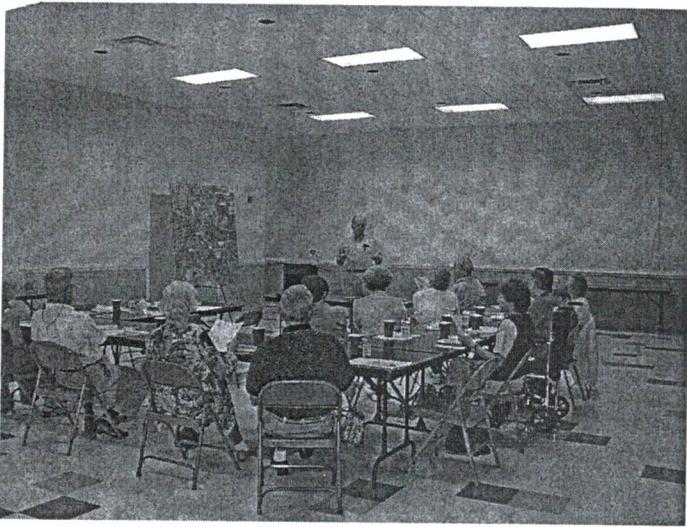
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

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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	
	Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Stones River	\$12.00	
	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	

STFB Senior Citizens Presentation



Sam Gant, Treasurer STFB, speaks to the Senior Citizens of Williamson County on August 4. If you would like STFB to do a presentation for your organization, please call 615-500-6612.

Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., was invited to provide a speaker for the May meeting of the Senior Citizens at the Recreation Center. Sam Gant presented information about some early attempts at Franklin battlefield preservation and the purpose, plans, and goals of STFB. Working closely with city and county authorities as well as other preservation organizations to preserve significant Civil War sites in and near Franklin, a current project of STFB is to identify seriously endangered Battle of Franklin sites and to alert the local governments and the general public to the need and opportunity for preservation. The members of the audience were encouraged to write the governmental officials as they become aware of these opportunities for preservation

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