



# 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—

The Save The Franklin Battlefield Board of Directors has been hard at work considering and choosing the events and projects which will go onto our calendar for this year. The 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment looms large in the fall, and there will be more than plenty to do for our Board and our membership as volunteers. In addition, we have once again scheduled several public tours throughout the year. You may read more about these elsewhere in this newsletter.

STFB will continue to interface and work with our city, county, and state governments and agencies, and alongside other local, state, and national preservation groups. We will serve on every ad hoc committee, board, and planning group we can, and will continue to attend meetings at all levels that concern preservation, development, and the Franklin Battlefield.

None of this gets done in a vacuum, obviously! Although the STFB Board and officers give generously of their time and efforts, it is only through your support by membership, gifts, and concerned letters and words, that we are able to continue our ambitious efforts to Save The Franklin Battlefield.

We thank you so very much for that!

Joe Smyth

## Upcoming 2004 STFB Events

The STFB Board has blocked-out the events below as the tours we will do for 2004. Detailed dates are not yet set, so please watch the STFB newsletter and web site for details.

In March we will once again lead a tour of Ropers Knob. This site was a Federal fort and signaling station. It is not open to the public, so the only time you can visit is when special tours are arranged. We picked March because the site is heavily wooded and the leaves will still be off — and the chiggers won't yet be on. To visit the summit requires about a half-mile uphill walk. Exact date and details to follow.

We will do a tour of Collins Farm and the east end of the battlefield in May. This is always a popular tour and much

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## National Parks Service Funds Preservation Plan

[This article appeared in the Williamson A.M. section of The Tennessean, January 6, 2004 written by Staff Writer Peggy Shaw...]

FRANKLIN — The National Parks Service has awarded \$20,000 to the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County to produce a battlefield preservation plan, said Mary Pearce, foundation director.

The grant will be announced tonight at a meeting of the city of Franklin's Budget & Finance Advisory Committee.

"It's actually a grant that we were awarded a couple of years ago for the U.S. 31 South plan (the U.S. Highway 31 Battlefield Corridor Protection Plan)," Pearce said. "We brought Tanya Gossett (of the National Parks Service) down from Washington and told her we were working on guidelines for 31 South, and she said, 'Don't you think a preservation plan is more where you all are in Franklin?'" "So we rewrote the grant and resubmitted it as a battlefield preservation plan, and the Parks Service approved the changes."

Pearce already has received applications from preservation experts hoping to facilitate the study. The next step is to organize a committee of representatives from the city of Franklin and the Heritage Foundation to oversee the work, Pearce said. Advice is expected from the American Battlefield Protection Program.

This project will be distinguished by creating an actual plan of action, Pearce said. It will also build on background studies. "We've done things that would be critical to it, like the U.S. Highway 31 guidelines that prioritize properties, and we did resource identification of the key battlefield sites to save," she explained.

An interpretation plan was completed last year for the old Battle Ground Academy campus.

### Collins Farm Mortgage Status

Purchased June 2001	\$ 227,000
Current Mortgage	\$ 139,000
Land Reserve Fund	\$ 9,600
Net Mortgage	\$ 129,400



## Sam Gant's News In Review

**Local Civil War stories featured on A&E special tied to 'Cold Mountain' release – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 12/16/03** FRANKLIN – Cold Mountain, N.C., whispered its secrets to Charles Frazier, and the result was an award-winning novel now made into a movie with Nicole Kidman. But Franklin has its own Civil War stories to tell, and Carter House Director Thomas Cartwright shared some of those on national television Dec. 17 during an A&E special. Viewers learned about Tod Carter, Franklin's hometown boy, who grew up at the Carter House off Columbia Pike, enlisted in the Confederate army and then returned home—only to be mortally wounded in the Nov. 30, 1864 Battle of Franklin just a few hundred yards from his house. And they also heard about Mary L. Pearce, who lived just north of Sneed Road during the Civil War and kept a diary about life on the home front from 1863–64.

**Battlefield preservation front and center again – *The Review Appeal* – 12/30/03 – FRANKLIN** – Mayor Tom Miller wants "some major battlefield preservation activities" in 2004, he said of his municipal goals for next year. "I'd like to create a Battlefield Preservation Committee," Miller said of another expansion of citizen committees to advise the city board. The committee should identify all the historic sites and "prioritize them for preservation," he said. "Then we would know how important the site is. If and when a developer comes with plans that impact the battlefield, we will know—if it's No. 76, it not be worthy of preservation. If it's No. 1, then by all means, we have to preserve the site." Advised of the mayor's proposal to prioritize sites, Sam Huffman, treasurer of Save the Franklin Battlefield, replied that the Central Franklin Land Use Steering Committee's subcommittee on preservation was asked to "make a list of sites that would probably qualify for federal matching funds," Huffman said. "We've identified 35 sites that are the candidates for federal funding and they tend to be open ground. Any and all of them could be No. 1 on the list."

**Civil War buffs from Britain donate to Franklin battlefield – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 1/6/04** FRANKLIN – Several members of the United Kingdom Civil War Roundtable accompanied their President Peter Lockwood during a recent visit to Franklin. The group visited the Carter House and the Collins' Farm among other sites in the areas part of their two-week visit to Civil War battle sites in Middle Tennessee and Northern Georgia. One of the principal reasons for the visit to Franklin was to allow the UKCRW to present a donation to Save the Franklin Battlefield's land fund for the preservation of battlefield sites in Franklin and Williamson County. One of the goals of the UKCWR is to help raise funds to contribute to the preservation of U.S. Civil War battlefields. In the past five years, the UKCWR has contributed more than \$10,000 for Civil War preservation.

**Defenders say battered house tells rest of the story – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 1/12/04** FRANKLIN – The Civil War story in Franklin is more than

the Battle of Franklin. It encompasses the years preceding the war, and Reconstruction afterward. And part of that story is the so-called "green house," believed to be downtown Franklin's oldest surviving African-American residence. According to Mary Pearce, director of the Heritage Foundation, the center has a grant to administer a Civil War heritage program. "And Civil War heritage conservation is not just battlefields. It's about the home front, occupation and Reconstruction that so shaped that time period. The big picture cannot be forgotten while interpreting November 30, 1864, because the big picture engages the whole community, and the human side of the big picture engages the interest of a much wider range of potential visitors and groups," Pearce explained.

**Grading begins on Columbia Ave. Target – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 1/13/04** FRANKLIN – After a long battle with preservationists and the city of Franklin to get his commercial development approved, developer Phil Warren can now say his \$30 million Parkway Commons project is under way. Preliminary site work and grading has begun now on the Target and Kroger-anchored project at the base of historic Winstead Hill.

**Early Civil War flag discovered in Tennessee goes to auction – *The Review Appeal* – 1/16/04 – MEMPHIS** – The flag was presented to Company A, known as the Dancyville Grays, with a reminder sewn into one border: "Presented by the Ladies"—wives, daughters and other relatives of the Confederate soldiers who left their farms to fight in the battle of Shiloh, Perrysville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Franklin, and Nashville. That flag, discovered in a Dancyville farmhouse in Haywood County in 1979, was offered to the Tennessee State Museum which could not guarantee it could display the fabric in a controlled and acid-free environment. The flag now goes on the auction block in New York on Friday at a minimum bid of \$40,000 and a value estimated by Sotheby's auction company of up to \$60,000.

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new material is constantly being discovered. Also, the tour will give you a chance to see the farmhouse and grounds that STFB volunteers have been working to clear and keep mowed.

In July, we hope to have two Federal reenacting groups do a weekend encampment at Fort Granger. This has been done before, but was not open to the public. The camps and equipment will be quite authentic, and will give the visiting public a chance to see how Civil War soldiers lived day-to-day.

Finally, on October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, STFB will be co-sponsoring the 140<sup>th</sup> Battle of Franklin Anniversary Reenactment at Spring Hill with the Civil War Courier and the North-South Alliance. This will be the major fund-raising event for STFB in 2004. The registrations and planning are shaping up to make it one of the largest national reenacting events this year. Mark your calendars to be in Franklin that weekend! We will also need large numbers of volunteers to lend a hand, so watch for announcements to come out and help Save The Franklin Battlefield.



## New & Renewing Members for December 2003

Art Bagley  
Ted Strickland  
Dereck & Christina Brown  
Shelly Smith Harrell  
Joseph & Caroline Miller  
Michael Smith  
Gary Waddey  
Pam Perdue  
Joe & Elaine Smyth Jr  
Harold & Evelyn McMurtry  
Todd Kiskaden  
Rob Dean  
"The Trades" Publishing Co  
Dr & Mrs C B Gantt  
Paul & Nancy Anderson  
Jim Creecy  
Donald & Nancy Garrison  
Thomas Dodson  
Ben McDonald  
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San Antonio TX  
Irvine CA  
Murfreestown TN  
Nashville TN  
Columbia TN  
Cumberland Center ME  
Brentwood TN  
Abingdon VA  
Franklin TN  
Crossville TN  
Sanford NC  
Franklin TN  
Nashville TN  
Franklin TN  
McDonough GA  
Louisville KY  
Dalton GA  
Murray KY  
Huntsville AL

## 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment Update

The battle sites have now been secured for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment. They will encompass land from the Tennessee Children's Home property on the north side of Kedron Road in Spring Hill to the UT Agricultural Experiment Station and the Saturn property on the north side of Denning Road. Mike Moore, Commanding General of the 1<sup>st</sup> Confederate Reenactment Division, along with some of his staff officers have toured the sites and plan to meet with their Federal reenactment counterparts in the near future to map out the battle plans for the event.

A number of significant historical sites will be involved in this reenactment. The reenactment of the Battle of Spring Hill will be fought on the ground where the original battle was fought on November 29, 1864. Part of the Federal line was on property belonging to the Martin Cheairs, in whose home Confederate General Earl Van Dorn was murdered in 1863. Rippavilla, where General John Bell Hood harangued his staff officers for the Spring Hill failure will be the site for the School Days Civil War demonstrations just prior to the 140<sup>th</sup>. Oaklawn, where General Hood spent the night of November 29, 1864, will be the registration point for the Confederate reenactors. And the Battle of Nashville reenactment will be across McCutcheon's Trace where Andrew Jackson marched his troops to the Creek Indian Wars.

## Volunteers for the 140<sup>th</sup>

Within a few weeks preliminary work for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment will begin. STFB has begun a roster of volunteers to assist in the work surrounding the Reenactment. Recruits will be needed for site preparation, ticket sales, ticket check at the gate, traffic control and parking, trash pickup, site restoration, School Days docents, and many other yet unforeseen tasks. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a part in a national event which will earn a sizeable sum for STFB battlefield preservation. To become a 140<sup>th</sup> BOF Volunteer, call Bobby Hargrove: (615) 794-6179; or e-mail: bthargrove123@aol.com

## "Forty for Franklin-2003" Sponsorship To-Date

Sponsor donations for the 2003 March continue to come in -- and the total has surpassed the prior two marches. We expect the total to be around \$18,000. See next month's newsletter for state by state details.

<b>Total Confederate Marchers</b>	<b>\$ 8 823</b>
<b>Total Federal Marches</b>	<b>\$ 8,201</b>
<b>Prior years results:</b>	
<b>2001</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>\$16,303</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>\$17,024</b>

## 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle Reenactment of

# Franklin

October 1-2-3, 2004

Battles of Spring Hill –  
Franklin – Nashville

**National premier reenactment for 2004**

**on original battlefield at  
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QTY	ITEM	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	1999 & 2000 Day By Day Civil War Calendar Set	\$5.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	Commemorative Belt Buckle ~ Commemorative Paperweight (circle one)	\$10.00	
	Battle of Franklin Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Shiloh" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Ft. Donelson" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Stones River" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
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	Patrick Cleburne ~ Jody Thompson print, signed by the artist	\$30.00	
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