



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—

Save The Franklin Battlefield is an all-volunteer organization made up of people exactly like you. Many members like you would like to become volunteers to our efforts, but just don't know what opportunities are available.

If you are a local member, living in or around Franklin and Williamson County, we have a number of "work days" at the Collins' Farm property throughout the year. There is much to do on the grounds, reclaiming the property from overgrowth, and in and outside the house and out buildings. Much of this requires no special skills other than a desire to help, but if you are a plumber, electrician, or carpenter, we can always use your talents.

We run an STFB booth at several city festivals and Civil War shows throughout the year. We are always looking for folks to help staff the booth, signing up new members, selling our book offerings, and generally putting out the word on our efforts. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with other like-minded people such as you.

Once a month we assemble the newsletter you hold in your hands. We can always use local volunteers to help fold, label, and stamp it. Many hands make quick work of this.

Finally, for those of you who live a distance from Franklin, consider taking a few days to travel here in October to attend the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin Reenactment. If you are a member of a Civil War round table, consider bringing a group. It will be "the" major reenactment for the year, and a once in a lifetime opportunity. We would love to have you take a whole or half day to become an STFB volunteer at the site. This would be a wonderful opportunity to vacation and volunteer, and to see a bit of the "behind the scenes" operations of a reenactment.

It has been said that in today's busy society, "People would rather give money than time." This may be partially true, but I still believe that the spirit of service and volunteerism is alive and courses through our veins.

We'll always be honored to have your help.

Joe Smyth

Ropers Knob Tour Set for Saturday, March 13

STFB will sponsor and lead a tour of Ropers Knob at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 13. The tour is free to STFB members and members of the Heritage Foundation who own the south face of the Ropers Knob Hill. Non-members are asked for a \$5 donation to STFB – or they can join STFB on the day of the event.

This year's tour will feature Tennessee State Archeologist, and Franklin resident, Ben Nance as the main tour guide. Ben led the recent archeological digs at Ropers Knob and developed much new information about the site.

Ropers Knob was part of the Federal Fort Granger complex built in the spring of 1863 during the Federal occupation of Franklin. The Granger installation covered the entire Liberty Pike valley from Mack Hatcher Pkwy west to Franklin Road. Troop encampments extended west beyond Franklin Road, and along Highway 96 to the east. Strong earthwork defenses were constructed on the two ridges north and south of Liberty Pike. Today's Fort Granger, just north of Pinkerton Park, was located on the west end of the south ridge above the Harpeth River and guarded the railroad. Ropers knob is the east end of the fortified north ridge and was used as a signal station communicating by flags and lights with Federal installations at Brentwood and Triune.

We will congregate at the north end of Hillhaven Drive and then walk as a group to the summit. Hillhaven runs north from Liberty Pike just west of, and parallel to, Mack Hatcher. You can park on the roadside (please bunch up) but please don't enter or block any of the driveways. We will have to cross private property to reach the summit, so we need for you to help us be good neighbors during the tour. We'll see you on the 13th!!

The Legacy of Stones River: Slavery and the Civil War in Tennessee, Murfreesboro TN. March 06, 2004

An one-day symposium focusing on telling the whole story of the coming of the Civil War and Reconstruction and the impact of slavery in Tennessee, will get under way Saturday, March 6, on the MTSU campus. The daylong symposium is open to the public. Registration is \$10 per person and pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Sam Gant's News In Review

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." Admittedly, some have said "The battlefield is lost," the mayor said. "We'll never be able to restore the battlefield in the fashion of Bull's Run, Shiloh or Gettysburg, but there's an opportunity with the country club."

Civil War buffs from Britain donate to Franklin battlefield -- *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." -- 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 area as 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.

Kedron Road to see first commercial development -- *The Review Appeal* -- 1-28-04 -- SPRING HILL -- Construction on a 17,700-square-foot shopping center located on the eastern corner of the Spring Hill Battlefield should be completed by March 1, according to its developer. The seven acres where the shopping center is located was the only parcel of battlefield land that was available for commercial development. In 1995, The association for the Preservation of Civil War sites purchased a 110-acre tract of land for \$880,000 to protect the property from future development. Upon purchase, the organization designated the property as the Spring Hill Battlefield.

Rippavilla Plantation hires new director -- *The Tennessean* -- 1-29-04 -- SPRING HILL -- Historic Rippavilla Plantation has hired the assistant curator of Carnation Plantation in Franklin to be its new director. Pam Perdue starts her new job Monday, according to Spring Hill Mayor Ray Williams, who served on Rippavilla's selection committee. Perdue, a Maury County native and graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a master's degree in public history, said she's focusing on the future, not the past, and plans to concentrate her efforts on getting grants. The historic site has been without a permanent director since 2001. Local historic preservationist Alice Algood served as interim director through the end of 2003 and said it was the board's goal to get a director as soon as possible.

Library welcomes records of Civil War -- *The Tennessean* -- 1-31-04 -- SPRING HILL -- Spring Hill is steeped in Civil War history -- from Union forces slipping

past sleeping Rebels outside Rippavilla Plantation to the murder of Confederate general Earl Van Dorn by a jealous husband. Now the Spring Hill Library has a new tool to dig into that history. An incredibly comprehensive 131-volume set titled THE WAR OF THE REBELLION: OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES -- known simply as "O.R." among historians -- has been donated to the library by The Friends of the Library.

New & Renewing Members For January 2004

Jerry & Ellen Allen	Buffalo Grove,
ILGene Andrews	Nashville, TN
Paul Arch	Coraopolis, PA
James B Atkinson MD	Brentwood, TN
Robert Brandt	Nashville, TN
James Buente	Franklin, TN
Preston Burchard	Palo Alto, CA
Terry Burnett	Nashville, TN
Ed Butler	Cookeville, TN
William J Byland	Ft Lauderdale, FL
James W Calway	Nashville, TN
Dean & Rita Carr	Brentwood, TN
Austin CWRT Inc	Austin, TX
Dennis Field	Manhattan, IL
John D Fraser	Franklin, TN
Oliver Goad	Murfreesboro, TN
Jackie Hardy	Brentwood, TN
Gary & Barbara Holbrook	Franklin, TN
Michael Keefer	Columbia, MD
The Dirk Lipert Family	Franklin, TN
Andrew Ramsay	Ashburn, VA
Glen, Kathy, Lauren Rieuf	Franklin, TN
Jeff McEver	Nashville, TN
John Riopelle	Delmar, NY
Thomas & Dorothy Rivett	Lincoln, NE
Alice Anne Russell	Little Rock, AR
Chris Thomas	Brentwood, TN
M/M Timothy Traver	Clay Center, OH
Union Veterans Union	Fair Oaks, VA

Upcoming 2004 STFB Events

March 13 -- Roper's Knob Tour, co-sponsored with the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County.

May 23 -- "Where the Lines First Met: Collins' Farm and the East End of the Battlefield," tour of Collins' Farm and vicinity, and its significance during the Battle of Franklin.

July 10-11 -- Federal Encampment and Tour of Fort Granger.

October 1-3 -- 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin Reenactment

Civil War Preservation Trust's Annual Conference comes to Nashville

In conjunction with the American Battlefield Protection Program's 7th National Conference, "Hood's Last Hurrah, The Fight For Middle Tennessee," the Civil War Preservation Trust's Annual Conference, will be held in Nashville, Tennessee from April 22-25, 2004.

The conference registration fee is \$495, which includes tours, tour guides, coaches, conference welcome packet, nametags, and such. This fee does not include hotel registration, but does include continental breakfasts, lunches, a banquet, and several evening receptions.

The tours will include the Battle of Nashville, Battle of Franklin, Fort Donelson, "Nathan Bedford Forrest in Middle Tennessee," "Nashville Today," and Historic Homes and Gardens.

Invited speakers and scholars include Edwin C. Bearss, Thomas Cartwright, Benjamin Franklin Cooling,

Brian Steel Wills, and Wiley Sword. The Conference will be held at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. Call the Nashville Renaissance for room accommodations at 800-327-6618 or 615-255-8400. For the conference rate, be sure to give the clerk the reservation code "CIVILWAR2004." You must make your reservations by March 29th to ensure the group rate. For more information, call 888-606-1400, or visit www.civilwar.org.

Volunteers for the 140th

Within a few weeks preliminary work for the 140th 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 140th BOF Volunteer, call Bobby Hargrove: (615) 794-6179; or e-mail: bthargrove123@aol.com

Collins Farm Mortgage Status

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

Sponsorship To-Date "40 For Franklin - 2003"

Sponsor donations for the 2003 Reenactors' March are still coming in and the total funds raised has surpassed the prior two marches.

We expect an additional \$700 in employer matches, and a few more individual donations will quite likely yet be added. The eventual total is expected to be around \$18,000. We want to again thank the marchers and their loyal sponsors for making the Forty for Franklin 2003 project a big success.

Listed with the Marchers' names below are the totals raised by each state for 2003. If you haven't yet donated for your state, you still have time. As we did for prior years, we will accept donations until the end of March. To print a donor form and see the latest totals by state, go to our website @ www.franklin-stfb.org/march03.htm

Confederate Marchers

Total	State	Marcher
745	Alabama	Shane Smith
613	Arkansas	Lee White - Leonard Adams
600	Florida	Evan Hudson
595	Georgia	Richard Russell
445	Kentucky	Jim Lawrence - Captain
385	Louisiana	Matt McGill
1,755	Mississippi	Freddie Howell / William Long
515	Missouri	Evan Kutzler
650	South Carolina	William Carraway - NCO
1,982	Tennessee	David Fraley
678	Texas	Justin Scherrer - OC Hood
8,963	Total Confederate Marchers	

Federal Marchers

Total	State	Marcher
445	Illinois	Allen McClelland
465	Indiana	Ron Wilkins - Captain
570	Iowa	Shane Smith
592	Kentucky	Chris Cox
532	Michigan	Louis Varnell - NCO
540	Missouri	Jerry Layton
2,085	Ohio	Chris Lane - Bill Radcliffe
1,890	Pennsylvania	Mark Grant
572	Tennessee	Trent Golden
510	Wisconsin	Brian Maddox
8,201	Total Federal Marchers	

17,164 March Total as of Feb 12, 2004

2001	\$12,700
2002	\$16,303
2003	\$17,164

Save the Franklin Battlefield Membership / Renewal / Order Form

Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

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. Donalson" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	"Eyewitness to the Battle of Stones River" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	Nathan Bedford Forrest ~ Jody Thompson, signed by the artist	\$30.00	
	Patrick Cleburne ~ Jody Thompson, signed by the artist	\$30.00	
	ORDER SUBTOTAL		
	SHIPPING & HANDLING (items only) ~ under 10.00	\$0.75	
	\$10 to 24.99	\$2.95	
	\$25 and up	\$4.50	
	ORDER TOTAL		

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