



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—

Since 1989, Save The Franklin Battlefield has been dedicated to the protection, preservation, and promotion of Civil War sites in Franklin and Williamson County. With every public tour, event table, book and calendar sale, petition drive, and public stand, the organization has raised awareness of the need to establish a battlefield park here at Franklin. This long and gradual process of raising awareness culminated in the Civil War Preservation Trust's recent telephone survey that found that 80% of Franklin residents felt the need to establish a battlefield park.

A wise man once wrote that, "Much can be done when no one cares who gets the credit." Truer words have never been spoken here, as STFB's partners in Franklin's Charge work together to bring these years of work to fruition.

Your membership has been integral to this process, and your gifts of time and money now and in the future will insure this establishment of a battlefield park for our grandchildren to visit and to walk across.

Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do!

Joe Smyth

Big News

The City of Franklin has made a firm offer that HAS BEEN ACCEPTED by the owners of the Pizza Hut property on Columbia Avenue near the Carter House. Again, contract, payment, and transfer details are yet to be arranged, but we are pretty certain that this is a done deal. We all need to thank Franklin Mayor Tom Miller and the Franklin Board of Alderman for taking the initiative on acquiring this property as a city park.

STFB helps host preservation groups annual meeting on May 23, 2005

By Gregory L. Wade

Franklin, TN-The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCPWA) recently held its annual membership meeting in Franklin. Hosted by Save the Franklin Battlefield (STFB) and Franklin's Charge, TCPWA board member and STFB President Joe Smyth along with STFB board member David Fraley conducted a tour of the Franklin Battlefield after the business meeting.

TCWPA is dedicated to saving endangered Tennessee Civil War battlefields and sites on a grant matching basis. Mary Ann Peckham, TCPWA Executive Director, reviewed the groups progress in raising its public profile and fund raising. Earlier in the year the group hosted a very successful tour of the Tennessee State Museum which included seldom seen artifacts from the War. This helped raise in excess of \$20,000 for their efforts and statewide publicity.

The Association presented it's Bob Ragland award for outstanding work in preservation to Robert Hicks. The award recognizes Hicks for his efforts in saving parts of the Franklin Battlefield and his leadership in Franklin's Charge. STFB board member Sam Huffman was selected to sit on the advisory board for TCWPA.

TCPWA is a statewide organization with board members from across the state. For more information on current activities see their web site at www.TCWPA.org.

Time is running short... Thank you so much, to everyone who has made a pledge to "Franklin's Charge" We are so Close— deadline is July 01, 2005 to raise the final \$500,000 needed to meet the goal pledged by the private sector. The private sector has raised over \$2 million. Can you help us raise the final \$500,000?

Franklin's Charge Update

We have learned that the fundraising for Franklin's Charge has passed the \$2 million mark. The goal is to raise \$2.5 million from private sources to match the \$2.5 provided by the City of Franklin by July 1. The actual purchase will be made sometime after July when all the financing and transfer details are arranged.

Franklin's Charge officers are working hard to get donations or pledges for the remaining funds needed to attain that goal, but we still need a few more deep pocket folks who can donate or pledge \$25,000 to the project over the next five years. Many of the current donors have pledged at that level.

FYI - Through April, STFB supporters have donated \$2,535 for the purchase of the golf course as a battlefield park. Some of these donations are for \$20 and some are for \$500, plus everything in between. This is in addition to donations that supporters have designated for other STFB projects such as the Collins Farm repairs. Each month, the Franklin's Charge donations made through STFB are totaled and transferred in one check to Franklin's Charge.

Historic Carter House given the gift of another Historic Home

By Gregory L. Wade

Franklin, Tn-The late Laura May Miller, long time school teacher and supporter of Franklin historical pursuits, will continue to have positive impact on this community for a very long time. Having passed away last year at the age of 96, Miller willed her home directly across from the Carter House to be given to the Carter House Association. The area is best known as being "ground zero" in the 1864 Battle of Franklin.

The home will be used to house a commercial tenant with resulting income helping to support the Carter House, which is owned by the State. According to a recent report in the *Nashville Tennessean*, association president Eugene McNeil noted the group has received many other gifts in the past but never a house. Most likely the new tenant in the 1870's era home will be a professional office in keeping with the areas character.

Miller taught young children in the local school system for many years and her husband worked at a local pharmacy. It seems appropriate her home faces the Carter House directly across Columbia Pike where thousands of school children visit every year. She did not desire the house be sold with the proceeds to the Association, "She wanted it preserved," according to McNeil.

Miss Eloise North, manager of the Carter House gift shop, said, "Mrs. Miller was one of the kindest people I ever knew. Always interested in others and a very interesting person herself."

The home, built in the 1870's, is not on the National Register of Historic places although the Association is looking into the possibility of having it added. The structure is in good condition and it's 12 foot ceilings and period construction will make it attractive on the local lease market.

"We are very flattered and grateful that she thought highly of us enough to do this. She was a dear friend to this site," says David Fraley of the Carter House.

News Brief

Lebanon, Tn-The Robert Hatton Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans voted May 28th to contribute \$500 to preservation efforts in Franklin, TN. The Camp is located about 40 miles east of Nashville in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Born in Ohio in 1826, Robert Hatton moved to Lebanon as a child and eventually attended Cumberland University. He studied law and opened a law practice before entering politics when he ran an unsuccessful race for Governor. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1859. Initially opposed to succession, he served with the Confederacy while forming the Lebanon Blues. In 1862, at the age of 36, he was killed while leading his Brigade at the Battle of Seven Pines Virginia.

The Camp expressed it's support for Save the Franklin Battlefield/Franklin's Charge efforts to save Franklin battlefield land acknowledging the ground belongs to all Americans. Lebanon witnessed many actions during the War and is also known for being a central training ground for General George Patton's army in World War II before it shipped off to Europe.

New & Renewing Members April 2005

Beth Adams	Franklin, TN
Gary Battistoni	Ocean City, NJ
Carol Brown	Gettysburg, PA
Suzanne Burns	Brentwood, TN
C Pat Cates	Woodstock, GA
Robert & Ann Dennison	Franklin, TN
Steve Dixon	Charlotte, NC
Bryan & Aimee Hansen	Thompsons Station, TN
W A Harris	Lewisburg, TN
Robert Heilman	Franklin, TN
John Herbert	Brentwood, TN
Gary Holbrook	Franklin, TN
Carlton J Houghton	Essex Junction, VT
Steve Johnson	Longview, TX
Frank Kendrick	Santa Barbara, CA
Bill Kennedy	Columbia, TN
David Lee	Marietta, GA
T Vance Little	Brentwood, TN
Ross Massey	Nashville, TN
Bruce McCain	Portland, OR
William Memmer	Lakewood, OH
Joseph E Moore	Berlin, MD
Curtis L Older	Gastonia, NC
Marcus Pearson	Holly Springs, NC
Gale & Lynn Pewitt	Naperville, IL
Chad Phillips	Franklin, TN
Thomas Potter & Family	Murfreesboro, TN
Linda Qwens	Livermore, CA
Richard Rupp	North Kingstown, RI
Richard Shepler	Duck River, TN
Kim & Jack Skoda	Fort Worth, TX
Ed & Paula Snyder	Franklin, TN
Thomas Stone	Germantown, MD
Kemper Sublette	Metairie, LA
Greg Wade	Franklin, TN
Eileen & Joseph White	Cos Cob, CT
Dennis York	Arlington, TX

Special Thanks

Another big STFB thank you goes to the South Bay CWRT in Los Gatos, CA. Preservation Chairman Dr Gary Moore recently wrote that their group was donating \$100 for the purchase of the golf course property, and hopes to do even more in coming years. Gary also extended their best wishes and thanks to all the groups that are diligently working to have a Battlefield Park on the eastern end of the Franklin Battlefield. Editor's note: this is the fifth consecutive year that South Bay CWRT has donated to battlefield preservation projects in

Franklin. Their assistance has totaled several thousand dollars. They stand with the other stout supporters who are determined to help local battlefield preservation efforts eventually succeed.

Closer to home, the General Robert H Hatton SCV Camp #723 in Lebanon, TN has donated \$500 to the Franklin's Charge project. Camp Treasurer David Grandstaff wrote to commend the great work going on in Franklin and to thank STFB Board Member Greg Wade for attending their recent Camp meeting where Greg gave them an update on preservation efforts in Franklin. Our thanks goes to the Lebanon Camp, and we extend an eternal invitation to come visit – we will show you the battlefield.

From up north, we received a \$500 check from the George W Lee CWRT. William Frank dropped a note from Brighton, MI that their group wants to be counted in the golf course purchase. Again, this group has donated to STFB projects several times over the years, and many of their members have visited Franklin where they introduced themselves at the Carter House and Carnton. We thank all of our many friends in this CWRT.

Heritage Conference Scheduled

The International Heritage Development Conference will be held in Nashville on June 4-8, 2005. This year's event, "Creating Economic Futures: One Stay at a Time," is sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (www.nationalheritageareas.com) and hosted by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area (<http://histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar>) and the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University (<http://histpres.mtsu.edu>).

The Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) is an organization of the 24 national heritage areas in the U.S. The ANHA's activities enhance the efforts of individual congressionally designated heritage areas and promote the heritage development movement in America. The alliance advocates, facilitates, and celebrates excellence and cooperative initiatives that enhance quality of life for citizens and their communities, attract national and international visitors to those communities, and provide distinguished examples form sustainable heritage development for the nation.

News In Review

Geographic' calls battle 'UNJUSTLY FORGOTTEN' – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." –

3/22/05 — FRANKLIN – Franklin's Civil War battlefield is remembered this month in the pages of *National Geographic*, which features Franklin and other former battlefield sites in their modern landscapes. Adam Goodheart, who wrote the Civil War story for the magazine, said, "I think Franklin is a perfect microcosm. It encapsulates a lot of issues with growth and politics and people's expectations of how they want to live in the future. Franklin, for better or for worse, is well known as the place they built a Pizza Hut on the place where Patrick Cleburne was killed. I knew of the notoriety beforehand. I was very pleasantly surprised to find out there is much more to the story than the Pizza Hut."

President of national preservation group to speak here Tuesday – *Franklin Review Appeal* – 3/24/05 – FRANKLIN – Dick Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will discuss the importance of preserving the Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin at a breakfast meeting next week. Moe, a frequent visitor to Franklin, said he feels that "Franklin has a remarkably rich history, but what's even more remarkable is the spirit of innovation and vision with which that history has been kept alive."

Civil War sites to get cleaning on Park Day – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 3/29/05 & 4/3/05 FRANKLIN – Volunteers will help clean and restore four Civil War sites in Williamson County on Saturday, April 2, as part of Park Day, a nationwide effort that includes more than 90 historic sites in 24 states. The four local sites where volunteers are needed are Confederate Memorial Park at Winstead Hill on Columbia Avenue, the Carter house on Columbia Avenue, Fort Granger on Eddy Lane, and Historic Carnton Plantation. Now in its ninth year, the annual cleanup day is sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust and is part of a nationwide effort that includes thirteen sites in Tennessee. Volunteers worked to clear brush and cut down trees at Shy's Hill, one of Nashville Civil War battlefields. Mike Johnson, who took part in the Shy's Hill cleanup, said he first became interested in the Civil War after reading a book *The Confederacy's Last Hurrah*. He's a member of "Save the Franklin Battlefield."

Battlefield preservation expert first speaker in new lecture series – *Franklin Review Appeal* – 4/6/05 – FRANKLIN – Paul Hawke, director of the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, kicks off Franklin Tomorrow's "New Growth, Deep Roots" lecture series. "Franklin's battlefield is potentially one of the largest battlefield reclamations in U. S. history," said Franklin Tomorrow's executive direc-

tor, Patrice Mayo-Ligon. Hawke, she said, will help the community "better understand what is involved in battlefield preservation and its impact on our city."

A glimpse of history at Fort Granger – *Franklin Review Appeal* – 4/7/05 – FRANKLIN – History came to life Saturday at Fort Granger when the city of Franklin celebrated National Parks Day. The 20th Tennessee Infantry from Franklin, with assistance from the 5th Kentucky Infantry from Louisville, participated in a reenactment of Civil War camp life.

School board considers old BGA campus for new Middle College – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 4/10/05 — FRANKLIN – An architectural study of People's Hall on the old Battle Ground Academy campus could give the school board the information it needs to decide on a possible new home for the Williamson County Middle College. The study will look at getting seven of eight classrooms, two to three offices and space on the first floor for music and drama ready for the Middle College program which has 150 students in grades 10-12.

Congress considers Civil War Caucus – *The Civil War Courier* – April 2005 — WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Bart Gordon (D-TN) and three other congressmen are in the early stages of building a Congressional Battlefield Caucus to promote battlefield preservation. Gordon and Congressmen Steve Israel (D-NY), Gil Gutknecht (R-Minnesota) and Gary G. Miller (R-California) signed off on a letter which states: "As we approach the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Civil War, there has been a renewed interest in what was in many ways the first modern war. . . . The 135th and 140th reenactments were huge, but the 150th will be the biggest these historical sites have ever seen." Gordon is credited with helping secure more than \$1.6 million in federal funds for the Tennessee Civil War Heritage area since its inception in 1996.

Campaign begins to "Save Tennessee's Civil War Battlefields" – *TCWPA NEWS* – April-May 2005 — Civil War Battlefield preservationists from across the state joined state legislators and members of the Tennessee Press Association for

TCWPA's campaign kick-off event on February 16th at the Tennessee State Museum. TCWPA President Steve McDaniel expressed appreciation to the event partners, event sponsors, major donors, and the hundreds of people who donated to the cause of preserving Tennessee battlefields. TCWPA has received more than \$16,000 in donations for the campaign to launch the TCWPA's "challenge grant" program to match donated dollars with private, state, or federal partners' dollars to buy battlefield land.

Battlefield reclamation effort receives national attention – HERITAGE – Spring 2005 — In March, Franklin embarked on what is being called the largest battlefield reclamation in the nation's history. Franklin's Charge—a coalition of local preservation organizations—hosted a fundraising breakfast March 29 that was a major push toward the goal of Franklin's Charge to raise \$2.5 million in private funds to match the funds agreed upon by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to purchase the 112 acres along Lewisburg Pike and Carnton Lane. The speaker, National Trust President Dick Moe, stressed the importance of the effort and how it fits into the national landscape of preserving our history.

Werthan tract 'For Sale' but prospective buyers may find details sketchy – Franklin Review Appeal – 4/20/05 – FRANKLIN — The property, about 70 acres, is the spot where Confederate soldiers, marching north toward Union soldiers at the Carter House, took artillery and small arms fire early on Nov. 30, 1864—the day of the Battle of Franklin. This historical significance is one reason the Werthan property has been a hot topic of discussion recently. As the city of Franklin and local preservationists work to buy the Country Club of Franklin property, some have asked why more attention hasn't been paid to the other battlefield property for sale—along Columbia Avenue. "It is probably even more significant than the eastern flank," Alderwoman Pam Lewis said. "The price is high and that's why it's still preserved."

Lack of federal funding for battlefield park concerns outgoing alderman – Franklin Review Appeal – 4/21/05 – FRANKLIN — Alderman Chuck Edmondson believes his ward will be a hotbed of activity in the next four years. He's keeping a close eye on plans for a battlefield park on the Country Club of Franklin property—and how that will affect neighboring Heath Place residents. He is discouraged at the chances of the city getting federal money to help convert the golf course to a battlefield park. "That being the case, I'm going to advocate leaving that property just as it is until city and federal money are there to do it right," Edmondson said. In other words leave it a golf course until you can fix it up right.

Descendants group marks Confederate graves – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 4/24/05 – FAIRVIEW — On April 16, members of the Captain Ed Baxter Camp 2034 Sons of Confederate Veterans in Fairview held a cemetery clean-up day. In the Hall Family Cemetery, a military stone was placed on the grave of Private James H. Hall who served in Baxter's Company Tennessee Light Artillery, CSA. In the Rials-Sullivan Cemetery, a military stone was placed for

Private John Rials, who served in Company G 48th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, CSA.

Congress to consider Franklin battlefield study – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 4/29/05 – WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tennessee's Congressional delegation introduced legislation yesterday asking for a three-year, \$300,000 feasibility study of a multi-site Franklin battlefield park. Legislation prepared by Sens. Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander and Reps. Marsha Blackburn and Lincoln Davis will now go to both the Senate Energy Environment Committee and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration. Legislation would need approval from both houses of Congress before receiving presidential approval for the study to go forward.

Developer promises \$250,000 for golf club purchase – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 5/8/05 – FRANKLIN — A \$250,000 pledge from a Goose Creek developer means those raising money to buy the Country Club of Franklin property have collected \$2 million toward their \$2.5 million goal. Berry Farms developer Boyle Investments plans to give \$500 for the sale of each unit in the 646-residential unit project, which goes before city aldermen for final approval.

TRUE GRIT(S) – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 5/8/05 – FRANKLIN — Supporter for Franklin's Charge, and effort to purchase acreage on which the battle of Franklin was fought, gathered recently at Mary and Hank Brockman's Old Hillsboro Road home for a divine dinner of shrimp and grits. Mapping out their own battle plan were Rudy and Peter Jordan, Mary Pearce, Robert Hicks, Lydia and Mayor Tom Miller, Elizabeth Garrett and Joe Cashia, Bett and Doug Wise, Dick Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Cindy Sargent, and Angela Calhoun.

Washington connections aid in history quest – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 5/13/05 – FRANKLIN — Franklin Mayor Tom Miller, who has met with congressional leaders, concedes that creating a national park faces numerous obstacles and will be "somewhat lengthy." But he believes Senator Bill Frist's influence can only help. While Miller has taken the lead on creating the project, the legislation call for examining all parts of Williamson County, including Spring Hill, Thompson's Station and Triune. Even if a study is funded, there's no certainty a park would ever be created. Feasibility studies determine if parks can be created based on the sites' historical significance, suitability, feasibility and finding cheaper management alternatives other than having the National Park Service totally operate a park.

Save the Franklin Battlefield Membership / Renewal / Order Form

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