



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—

We are making final preparations for our 2005 Preservation March for Franklin and our Collins' Farm "mortgage burning" celebration. I hope many of you can participate in these fine events, which are so important to our organization.

In other news, the City of Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted 5-2 last night to approve a purchase contract for the 112-acres of the Eastern Flank of the Battlefield. Closing is scheduled for November. We'll have more information on this and the events to surround it in next month's newsletter.

Speaking of November, please mark your calendar to attend our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 13th. You will find more information on all of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you for all your support. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you over this next month!

Joe Smyth

STFB Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield will be held Sunday, November 13, at Historic Presbyterian Church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We will review the past year's activities and discuss plans for 2006. The meeting is free and the general public is invited. Refreshments will be served following the program. The Historic Presbyterian Church is located in downtown Franklin at 435 Main Street.

Rick Warwick, noted Williamson County historian, will present a program entitled, "A Look at McGavock's Grove." He will give us a view of the past, present, and future of Collins' Farm, Carnton Plantation, and the Eastern Flank of the Battlefield. Rick is the editor of the Williamson County Historical Society's Journal, and the author of numerous books on local history. He is a past board member of both

The Carter House and Historic Carnton Plantation. He currently sits on the boards of the African-American Society and Franklin's Charge, and is a 35 year resident of Williamson County.

Please make your plans to attend this annual event. It is always an interesting, informative, and fun afternoon, and a chance to meet and visit with other STFB members. See you there!

October 22 at Collins' Farm

With a match strike and the flame touched to a document, a chapter in the history of Collins' Farm will end and another will begin. This chapter began several years ago, when a three-acre tract of land, then called "Hyssop Hill," came on the real estate market. David Fraley researched Battle of Franklin action and found that significant troop movements and cannon and small arms fire had caused many casualties on that site, the northeastern part of Carnton Plantation. Since the mortgage long held by Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., has now been paid, the next chapter will be the exterior restoration of the Collins' farmhouse and, eventually, opening the grounds to the public as a battlefield park.

The mortgage note burning will culminate events of the day that begin at about 2:45 p.m. with the arrival of David Fraley and the Preservation Marchers as they and the many sponsored marchers who joined them at Winstead Hill arrive at Collins' Farm. Everyone is invited to join Franklin City Mayor Tom Miller and the civilian reenactors as they welcome the "soldiers returning home." Mayor Miller then addresses the "soldiers" and those of us assembled at Collins' Farm. Brief lectures on both the Battle events on the site and the civilian history of the Farm follow the Mayor's speech and precede the note burning. A group of Civil War reenactors will pitch their tents on the grounds and be available to answer questions about a Civil War soldier's life. Informal tours of the Collins' Farm Battle site will be conducted throughout the afternoon.

Preservation March/Collins' Farm Event Schedule October 22, 2005

Early afternoon - Reenactors' Civil War camp set up at Collins' Farm

1:45 Marchers arrive at Winstead Hill
Graceworks accepts donations
Thomas Cartwright speaks

2:00 Preservation Marchers and Sponsored Marchers begin marching to Collins' Farm

2:45 Marchers arrive at Collins' Farm

3:00 Mayor Tom Miller addresses the Marchers and those assembled at Collins' Farm

3:20 STFB members speak on civilian history and on the Battle of Franklin events at Collins' Farm

3:45 Mortgage Note Burning

Before and following scheduled events – informal tours of Collins' Farm

Refreshments will be served.

2005 Winstead Hill Marchers

We hope to have a large group of Winstead Hill Marchers this year who want to publicly demonstrate their personal commitment to Preserving the Franklin Battlefield. These marchers will join the Reenactors as they step off from Winstead Hill Park at 2:00 PM for the last two miles north on Columbia Pike and on to Collins Farm. Children 8 and older can be a Winstead Hill Marcher, but must be accompanied by an adult. Period or modern dress is quite acceptable.

To be an Official Winstead Hill Marcher, go to the STFB web site to pre-register your name and address by e-mail. Once registered as a Winstead Hill Marcher, you should print a Sponsor List from the web site and use it in the days and weeks leading up to the Oct 22 event to find donors who would partially sponsor your personal March for Preservation.

Prior to the 2:00 PM departure, the Winstead Hill Marchers can turn in their sponsor donations in an envelope at the STFB desk at Winstead Hill along with a list of their sponsors. A list of Registered Winstead Hill Marchers and their total sponsor amount will be listed on the STFB web page.

New & Renewing Members Sept. 2005

Wayne Anderson Sr
Karen Arnsdorf
James S Hackett
Sid Mathis
Kevin Dean Miller
Gloria Ramsaur
Gregory Rottman
Dick Simpson

Raymond, MS
Chippewa Falls, WI
Brentwood, TN
Franklin, TN
Austin, TX
St Simons Island, GA
Canton, OH
Lancaster, PA

2005 Preservation March Totals-to-date

Below are the monies raised by state for the 2005 Preservation March for Franklin as of Oct 13, 2005. As you can see, we need a few more reenactors to march the 15 miles with us on Saturday, Oct 22. If you can fill in, contact David Fraley at the Carter House.

The Confederate Marchers have raised \$2,661 and the Federal Marchers \$2,932. We think these totals will rise as the final push to find sponsors begins.

Confederate Marchers

Amount	State	Re-enactor
225	Alabama	Steve Cone
25	Arkansas	Forrest Wade
75	Florida	
135	Georgia	Kyle Maxwell
31	Kentucky	Jim Lawrence
30	Louisiana	Leonard Adams
30	Mississippi	Evan Kutzler
95	Missouri	
0	South Carolina	Raymond Haynes
1,430	Tennessee	David Fraley
585	Texas	
2,661	Total Confederate Marchers	

Federal Marchers

Amount	State	Re-enactor
170	Illinois	
1,045	Indiana	Ron Wilkins
50	Iowa	
472	Kentucky	
200	Michigan	
70	Missouri	Jerry Layton
615	Ohio	
60	Pennsylvania	
120	Tennessee	
130	Wisconsin	
2,932	Total Federal Marchers	

News in Review

Greens, fees on horizon for country club's future —
The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." — 9/13/05 —
FRANKLIN — The immediate future of the Country Club of Franklin, now slated to become a battlefield park, comes down to the green stuff. That's money and grass. Officials

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with Franklin's Charge, the private nonprofit group that raised \$2.5 million of the club's \$5 million price tag, have hustled to raise \$400,000 in interest payments needed on the loan they secured to cover what they didn't raise in cash and grants.

Huge re-enactment of Civil War battle first with fortifications — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 9/13/05 — FRANKLIN — Thousands of Civil War buffs are expected to descend on this north Mississippi town next month to reenact the bloody Battle of Corinth. Brig. Mike Moore, commander of the First Confederate Division, said 5,000 reenactors will participate in the event, which is scheduled for Oct. 1-2. "It's the first battle we've ever done with a battery like it really was, with earthen walls," Moore said. "From a soldier's standpoint, it's really unique and huge. We've never had this before."

Descendants mark Confederate graves — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 9/20/05 — FAIRVIEW — Members of Captain Ed Baxter Camp 2034 Sons of Confederate Veterans in Fairview this past Saturday placed military gravestone on the graves of five area Confederate veterans in Williamson and Dickson counties. The grave-marking effort follows the production by the Ed Baxter Camp of a new book, *Confederate Soldiers Of Williamson County, TN—Final Resting Places*, that lists the burial sites of more than 3,200 Confederate soldiers from Williamson and surrounding counties. Research for the book shows that a quarter of the soldiers who enlisted in Confederate service from Williamson County died in the war.

Commission listening for community input on former BGA campus — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 9/21/05 — FRANKLIN — Even after years of county ownership and discussions, the future of the former Battle Ground Academy site in downtown Franklin is still unclear. Rebuild and renovate? Tear it down? Leave it alone? Discuss it indefinitely? And members of the County Commission's Property Committee could be looking to the public for input — lots of input — on creating a plan that would shape the future of the campus. Commissioners are still working out when any public meetings might take place, who would lead them and if the county would pay to hire consultants to lead the meetings.

Franklin is determined to win its battle to protect historic Civil War sites — *The Tennessean* — 9/26/05 — WASHINGTON — Thanks to a coalition of dynamic community activists, combined with a new crop of preservation-friendly elected officials, Franklin has begun reclaiming historic properties that had once been given up for lost. The banner of preservation, once carried only by a handful of local residents, has been picked up and embraced by nearly the entire community. — James Lighthizer

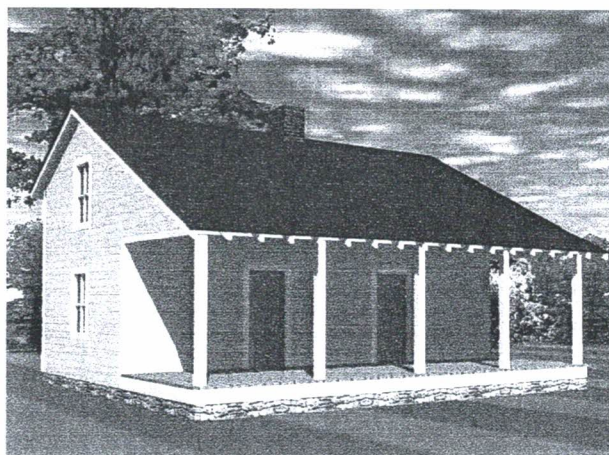
Franklin's Charge co-chair to testify at House subcommittee — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 9/27/05 — FRANKLIN — Julian Bibb, co-chairman of Franklin's Charge, will offer testimony this week before the House Resources subcommittee considering a roughly \$300,000 study about creating a national battlefield park in Williamson County. Bibb said he understood subcommittee members are hoping to get "a sense from the community on the number of sites" and the efforts to raise money to purchase

the country club and how that ties together with heritage tourism.

Historians anxious to archive country club property — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 9/28/05 — FRANKLIN — With the creation of a battlefield park at the Country Club of Franklin, officials believe a clearer picture of the night of the Battle of Franklin may emerge once a historic assessment of that property takes place. Rick Warwick, a Williamson County historian, said, "There's always been a question of whether there was fighting or not. They're finding artifacts there and I think they're going to find more artifacts when the golf course is reclaimed." A survey of the course and its 110 acres promises to reveal many more details about the night of Nov. 30, 1864, when the battle raged.

Your Voices: Should old BGA be a park or a place for Middle College? — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 10/9/05 — FRANKLIN — A Williamson A.M. online poll shows a majority of respondents wanting the campus made into a battle field park and open space. Of 1,242 poll participants as of last Monday, 57.5% want the buildings torn down. The next-highest number, 23.9%, want the campus renovated by the county schools for more academic and scholastic uses.

Public, private blend in battlefield effort — *The Tennessean* — 10/2/05 — FRANKLIN — With \$2.5 million from Franklin's Charge and an additional \$2.5 million in taxpayer dollars, Franklin officials hope to buy the country club and remake it into Williamson County's premier battlefield park and future tourist attraction. Most of the contributors to Franklin's Charge are Civil War preservation groups or private citizens, but \$725,000 in key donations came from private companies, many of whom are developers working on projects that require approval from city boards. Meanwhile, some of the elected officials voting on those projects have donated personally to Franklin's Charge. All the developers and officials who donated to Franklin's Charge cited altruistic reasons. But to others, the alliances pose questions of ethics, public policy and conflicts of interest.



Artist Rendering of Collin's Farmhouse provided and donated by Noel Bendure

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 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	\$10.00	
	NEW!! ~ Battle of Franklin Map ~ laminated & in full color	\$6.00	
	NEW!! ~ "Battle of Franklin – Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD	\$25.00	
	"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	
	NEW!! ~ "Eyewitness to the Battle of Nashville" ~ David Logsdon, paperback	\$12.00	
	Cleburne or Forrest Prints, signed by the artist (circle one ~ or both for \$30)	\$20.00	
	ORDER SUBTOTAL		
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	\$10 to 24.99	\$2.95	
	\$25 and up	\$4.50	
	ORDER TOTAL		

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