

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:

I hope you are having a safe and fun summer season. If your schedule allows, Save The Franklin Battlefield has an event planned for August that you won't want to miss!

On August 19th STFB will be holding our first-ever tour of the new Eastern Flank property. This will be the first opportunity for STFB members and the general public to walk this historic and hallowed ground.

We've lined up the very best Franklin historians - Thomas Cartwright and David Fraley from The Carter House; Eric Jacobson from Historic Carnton Plantation and author of *For Cause & For Country: A Study of the Affair at Spring Hill and the Battle of Franklin*; and Rick Warwick, Williamson County historian and author of *Williamson County - The Civil War Years*.

After the tour, Rick and Eric will be signing their books, along with Robert Hicks, author of the best-seller *The Widow of the South*.

The members of Save The Franklin Battlefield have given so much, and continue to give, to insure that this land is protected and preserved for our children, and for future generations of Americans everywhere.

We can't think of a better way to express our thanks to all of you, than by having you as our guests at this historic tour. I hope you will make your plans now to join us on the morning of Saturday, August 19th.

See you there!

Joe Smyth

New & Renewing Members June 2006

Dan Andrews	Nashville, TN
Paul Arch	Coraopolis, PA
James S. Buente	Franklin, TN
David Dale	Nashville, TN
Bob & Ann Dennison	Franklin, TN
Kevin Gray	Florence, AL
Doug Lewter	Madison, AL
Mr. & Mrs. R. Martin McGirt	Franklin, TN
Arthur Mellor	Franklin, TN
Lynn & Linda Owens	Livermore, CA
Mark & Karen Perreault	Norfolk, VA
John A. Simpson	Lesko, WA
Peter F. Wulfig	Centennial, CO

Chicago CWRT Donates To STFB

In June, Thomas Cartwright of the Carter House was in Chicago to speak to the CWRT located there. Thomas is easily recognized nationwide as Franklin's ambassador to all serious history groups. As a follow-up thank you, member Gale Pewitt suggested that the CWRT donate \$250 to Save The Franklin Battlefield from the group's Preservation Fund.

Treasurer Mary Abroe wrote to inform us of Preservation Committee's decision, and to offer the CWRT's good wishes and thanks to all of the preservation groups in Franklin. Over the years, the Chicago CWRT has chosen Franklin as their Preservation Project several times, and many of the CWRT members are supporters of STFB. Our big thank you goes to these good friends, and the money will be combined with other funds to buy battlefield.

Eastern Flank Battlefield Tour Set for Saturday, August 19

STFB is sponsoring a first-ever tour on August 19, 2006 on the grounds of the newly acquired City of Franklin Battlefield Park. Local historians will present the story of this part of Carnton Plantation, the military actions during the Battle of Franklin, and the activities during the Reunion Years when the old soldiers came back to Franklin.

The tour is free, and the public is invited. The tour hours are 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with registration and book signing beginning at 9 a.m. Cold drinks will be furnished to all. We expect a large crowd so come a bit early. This tour is the perfect chance for our many supporters and boosters to come see what they, with much blind faith in others, have been supporting.

We are fortunate to have scheduled four local historians to lead segments of the tour. Thomas Cartwright and David Fraley of The Carter House will speak, as will Eric Jacobson from Carnton and Williamson County Historian Rick Warwick. In 1999, David Fraley began the resurgence of the eastern flank research as part of STFB's decision process to purchase Collins Farm on Lewisburg Pike. That purchase was inked in June 2001 and paid off in June 2005. Now, other researchers and authors have greatly complemented his efforts to understand this important segment of the Franklin Battlefield.

Robert Hicks, who has labored many long years to help develop Historic Carnton Plantation and more recently led Franklin's Charge, will be on hand to sign his new best seller *Widow of the South*. It is a historical novel generally based on the life and times of Carrie McGavock, the mistress of Carnton. Rick Warwick will also be signing his new book, *Williamson County: The Civil War Years Revealed Through Letters, Diaries, and Memoirs*. Eric Jacobson has authored a new examination of the events and battles at Spring Hill and Franklin titled *For Cause & for Country*, a very detailed review of the subject and a major addition to the literature. Eric and Rick are tour speakers, but will sign their books before and after the tour hours.

Carnton Plantation employees and volunteers will be on hand to assist and shepherd the book signings and to answer your questions on Carnton programs and hours. We will also have a representative of Franklin City Parks to give a brief summary and status report about the ongoing planning process for the new park.

From Lewisburg Pike in Franklin, turn south onto Carnton Lane to its end. Turn left and bear left into the clubhouse parking lot where we all will meet. Please allow ample time beforehand to park, look at the expanse

of the battlefield, register with STFB, and peruse the book signings.

These last many months, STFB has had many inquiries from supporters and preservation groups in middle Tennessee to organize an all-Franklin combined tour of the new park. Well, this is it - Saturday August 19. We hope to see you there. We think you'll be very pleased.

Volunteers Needed!!!!

**Join the STFB Preservation Team
for a hands-on experience
taking care of a Civil War site.
Call 615-500-6612.**

Collins Farm Corncrib Repairs

One of the original outbuildings on Collins Farm has received some much needed roof repairs. A corncrib built by William Collins, the overseer of Carnton Plantation during the Civil War, had sustained damage to a corner of the roof endangering the structure through exposure to the weather. New STFB board member Chris Cuomo carefully crafted matching replacement roof supports and repaired the metal covering while maintaining its historical appearance.

Since STFB purchased Collins Farm, volunteers have performed many tasks, however, much work remains. We need volunteers not only for routine tasks such as mowing, but also for special projects such as restoration of the Collins Farmhouse. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at 615-500-6612.

Destruction Energizes Murfreesboro Groups

Sometimes good does come out of a bad situation. That is exactly what is transpiring in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in the aftermath of the destruction of a local Civil War landmark. The Jenkins House, built in 1853, was located in the midst of the first days' fighting during the year end 1862 Battle of Stones River. It had survived time and a nearby interstate redesign only to be bulldozed by the current owners so new homes could be built on the site. Kay Morrow, who led the fight to save the house and started the Save The Jenkins House (STJH) group, tried to line up city officials and other preservation groups in an effort to find alternative solutions. But the Greek Revival structure,

used as a hospital after the Battle, was destroyed. "I couldn't even get an audience before the city council," says Morrow. And Patrick McIntyre of the Tennessee Preservation Trust added, "the bulldozers made quick work of smashing up a house that once sheltered brave men as they bled and died."

However, largely because of the frustration at this destruction, STJH and Friends of the Stones River Battlefield have merged with a new energy and focus. "We have combined our group and resources with the Stones River folks and believe we can make some positive change," says Morrow. "There are significant resources that can be saved. They are certainly endangered and we know the challenge, but if other communities can make something happen, so can we." And on July 21 several related Rutherford County preservation groups will be meeting with the southern field representative of the National Preservation Trust to discuss ways to raise awareness about historic properties. Understanding the political process, fund raising and legal issues are all challenges these groups face. But Morrow's enthusiasm is not dampened. "I am excited about the change already in awareness about these hallowed grounds. I think we can make a difference."

Save the Franklin Battlefield, encourages and supports the efforts of our friends in Murfreesboro. These battlegrounds, like those in Franklin belong to all Americans. We must become involved in the efforts to save such threatened landmarks.

The next STFB board meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Foundation office, located in the rear of the United States Post Office at Five Points in Franklin. The public is welcome!!!

News in Review July 2006

Land north of Harpeth eyed for next overlay - *Franklin Review Appeal*, June 14, 2006

Assailed by developers and landowners, Franklin's Historic Zoning Commission on Monday delayed recommending a historic zoning overlay be added to about 45 properties on Franklin Road between Mack Hatcher Parkway and the Harpeth River. While some homeowners said the structures on their land did not have historical significance, Alderman Pam Lewis said the area of Franklin Road does have historical significance because it is part of the Antebellum Trail.

Franklin police to get new urban warfare facility - *The Tennessean*, *Williamson A.M.*, June 22, 2006

While aldermen voted 4-3 to restore money for the Police Department's "shoot-house," Ward 2 Alderman Dana McLendon countered that the city should sell the empty lot commonly known as the Pizza Hit property on Columbia Avenue officials bought last year for \$300,000 as a means of raising money to counter budget concerns. Aldermen quickly scuttled McLendon's plan to have that property rendered as surplus and sold, defeating the motion 5-2, with McLendon and Alderman Dodson Randolph being the only supporters for McLendon's plan.

Camton gets OK to build new visitors center - *Franklin Review Appeal*, June 28, 2006

Carnton Plantation officials say they must move forward soon on constructing a long-awaited visitors center at the historic home to cope with a recent influx of visitors and other space constraints. No specific plans have been created as of yet for the Carnton center. Earlier this year, Angela Calhoun, the Plantation's Executive Director, said the Plantation received more than 40,000 visitors in 2005, which is a 40 percent increase above 2004.

Study reveals no features on Eastern Flank property to qualify it for National Register - *Williamson Herald*, July 9, 2006

A study to determine any archaeological resources on the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park property on Lewisburg Pike near Carnton Plantation has shown "nothing...above ground that would be eligible for the National Register" of Historic Places, according to historical experts. The study was conducted by Kevin Smith, professor and director of anthropology at Middle Tennessee University's Center for Historic Preservation, and forwarded to the city by Carroll Van West, the center's director. However, we do note, as others have before us, that some historic plantings and landscape features remain," West wrote.

Commission recommends overlay despite sparse support - *Franklin Review Appeal*, July 12, 2006

The addition of a historic overlay to Franklin Road homes and land was passed unanimously Monday by the city's Historic Zoning Commission. Yet public support for that overlay, which stretches from Mack Hatcher Parkway to the Harpeth River, came solely from the commission members - not from the estimated 30 people who attended the commission's monthly meeting at Franklin City Hall.

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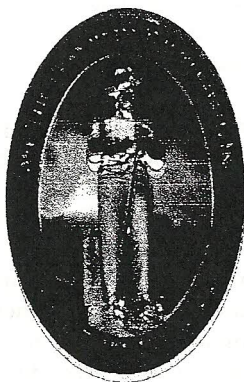
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