

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 holidays are past and January is the time the STFB board considers our agenda for the upcoming year.

We will continue giving our tours of the significant Civil War battle events in Williamson County, and running our outreach and sutlery table at various local civic events and shows.

We also consider events will join in, such as the Franklin charge's Battle of Franklin Symposium in June and next year's battle anniversary memorial.

Finally, we address fundraising and a plan for how monies raised will be disbursed.

Our plates stay full, and we always have room at the table for members willing to volunteer their time and energies. From coast-to-coast, and across the seas, we have a supportive membership second to none. Your membership, your gifts of time and money, and your heartfelt letters of encouragement keep us energized to continue our shared mission to Save The Franklin Battlefield.

Happy New Year!

Joe Smyth

Battle of Franklin Symposium **Set for June**

On June 22 and 23, Franklin's Charge will be sponsoring a first-ever Battle of Franklin Symposium Weekend. While planning is ongoing, the event is slated to be held at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin. Registration will open on Thursday night, June 21. Notable national, state and local historians will present Battle of Franklin roundtable sessions on Friday and Saturday. The event will also include battlefield tours, Civil War era entertainment, a Saturday night banquet, and other special events.

Make your plans now to come to Franklin in June for this very first-ever event. Please watch this newsletter and the STFB website (www.franklin-stfb.org) for more information as it becomes available.

Simpson Strikes Again

In the December 2006 STFB newsletter, we told you about Dick Simpson of Lancaster, PA (and also Orleans, VT) who visited Franklin in 2002 and 2003, accumulated slides and materials about the battle, and developed a presentation titled "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin." He now travels and lectures to CWRT's and history study groups in the northeast to spread the word of this major late-war battle and to raise funds for preservation projects here in Franklin. Last month he reported that he had

partnered with the CWRT of Harrisburg, PA and the Nassau CWRT in Old Westbury, Long Island, NY to raise \$500 for battlefield purchase in Franklin.

Later in December, we received another check and note from Dick further reporting that the Robert E Lee CWRT of Central New Jersey had helped him raise another \$300 for the Franklin Battlefield. Let's give another huge round of kudos and clambakes for Dick Simpson. We are glad he's on our side. If your group is located in the Northeast section of the country, feel free to contact Dick at dicksimpson@earthlink.net to see if he can fit you into his schedule.

And Speaking of Round Tables...

Currently, the STFB major fundraising efforts are focused on paying off the Franklins Charge debt on the 110 acres of the eastern flank battlefield. It was jointly purchased for \$5 million with the City of Franklin on November 30, 2005. Before that, STFB raised \$227,000 to make the 2001 purchase of the 3.22 acres of Collins Farm on the eastern flank as well. As early as 1996, STFB was raising funds to place historic markers at key battlefield locations, donate to the Heritage Foundation purchase of the Carter Cotton Gin site and Ropers Knob, and donating toward the fees for evaluating the Harrison House farmstead conservation easement.

During all those projects spanning some ten years, Civil War Roundtables from across the country were stepping up to help us. That help was mostly a large leap of great faith on their part. Don't forget, back in those days most visitors to Franklin prefaced their preservation questions with the comment that "the Franklin battlefield is lost." But over time, the combined efforts of a dozen preservation groups and the City of Franklin began to show results, and our newspapers and newsletters began reporting some small successes. And during that same time, there was an increasing level of financial support and visits to Franklin by Civil War Roundtables.

The general interest question arose a few weeks ago as to how many Roundtables have helped STFB projects over the years, and what is the combined amounts they have donated for preservation here in Franklin. Keep in mind that this is just the list of CWRT's that gave directly to STFB. Other CWRT donations may have gone directly to Carter House, Carnton Plantation, Franklins Charge, or some other project. Also keep in mind that digging

through 10 to 12 years of records and newsletters is an inexact science, so we may miss a few. If we do omit one of your donations, please remind us and we'll revise the list in future issues.

Total Funds Donated by Round Tables - \$11,884

Old Baldy CWRT	Philadelphia, PA (twice)
San Francisco CWRT	San Francisco, CA
San Diego CWRT	San Diego, CA
Salt Creek CWRT	Wheaton, IL (5 times)
Nebraska CWRT	Lincoln, NE
Capital District CWRT	Albany, NY
North Worcester CWRT	Loemister, MA
George W Lee CWRT	Howell, MI (4 times)
South Bay CWRT	Los Gatos, CA (5 times)
Jefferson County CWRT	Madison, IN
Chicago CWRT	Wilmette, IL (3 times)
Ann Arbor CWRT	Ann Arbor, MI (twice)
Austin CWRT	Austin, TX (twice)
Northern Illinois CWRT	Rolling Meadows, IL
Middle Tennessee CWRT	Nashville, TN
Orange County CWRT	Garden Grove, CA
Tri-Valley CWRT	Dublin, CA
United Kingdom CWRT	London, England
Cleveland CWRT	Westlake, OH (twice)
Naples Florida CWRT	Naples, FL
Clarksville CWRT	Clarksville, TN
Frank E Raymond CWRT	Stamford, CT
Harrisburg CWRT	Harrisburg, PA
Nassau CWRT	Old Westbury, NY
Robert E Lee CWRT	Central, NJ (twice)

A Fateful Premonition

As the 39th Alabama prepared to move toward the Union works around 7 p.m. on November 30, 1864, forming up as part of Gen. Edward Johnson's nighttime attack, Milton Broome turned to comrade Milton Park and gave him his wedding ring. Broome said he was going to be killed in the attack. He asked that Park give the ring to another man, Lucius House, who could in turn deliver the golden band to his Broome's wife. Park said it was only moments later that Broome was mortally wounded by a shell fragment. Although Park said he never saw Broome's body again, he was carefully buried and marked following the battle. Today he rests peacefully in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Alabama section 75, Grave 111.

The Battle of Franklin November 30, 1864 A Self-Guided Driving Tour



ABOUT THE TOUR Fields of Battle: Franklin in the Civil War Era

The Civil War profoundly impacted Franklin, Tennessee. In November 1864, Franklin experienced one of the war's costliest battles which devastated the Army of Tennessee, one of the Confederacy's most effective forces. The town already was marked by Federal occupation, symbolized by the bluecoat garrisons at Fort Granger and Roper's Knob.

This brochure features maps which highlight both key locations and significant events throughout Franklin. The best stops on the tour are three house museums, the Carter House and the Historic Carnton Plantation, both intimately associated with the bloodshed, and the McLemore House (open by appointment), which relates the story of emancipation and African-American community building. But the entire historical landscape, one of the nation's most hallowed, is compelling and fascinating.

News In Review

Bequest preserves 65 acres of Civil War ground

The Tennessean 12/18/06

An almost 150-year-old Oak Hill home that served as a field hospital during the Battle of Nashville will be preserved along with the 65 acres of open land

surrounding it. The Glen Leven estate is the largest piece of Nashville's Civil War battlefield still intact.

New road pitched to give access to battlefield park

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." 12/25/06

A new road off Lewisburg Pike could be a key component in Franklin's plan to convert a former golf course into a Civil War park. Peter Benton, who's leading a team of consultants designing the park, said the new road figures in all three plans that aldermen and residents will see Jan. 29 when Benton unveils the ideas for the battlefield park.

Franklin's Top 10

Franklin Review Appeal 12/27/06

Parks, politics and Civil War event rival growth as year's biggest story. . . . Mayor Tom Miller drew the ire of Franklin preservationists and the Civil War community in October when he suggested that Confederate battle flags not appear during the city's Nov. 30 ceremony to mark the anniversary of the battle.

Commemoration of Murfreesboro battle ends today

The Tennessean 1/2/07

The final event of a three-day commemoration of the Battle of Stones River, held by the Stones River National Battlefield Park and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, takes place today. The Battle of Stones River was fought from Dec. 31, 1862, to Jan. 2, 1863, as the culmination of the Stones River Campaign.

70 acres of battlefield eyed for development

The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." 1/9/07

Development could be on the horizon for the Werthan property near downtown Franklin - 70 acres of green space along Columbia Avenue, which has long sat untouched as a historical remnant of Civil War days amid a sea of auto shops and gas stations. Franklin planning staffers are expecting preliminary plans for the property to be submitted today, which could flesh out a future for the space where Confederate soldiers, marching north toward a line of Union soldiers just south of the Carter House, took fire early on Nov. 30, 1864, in the Battle of Franklin.

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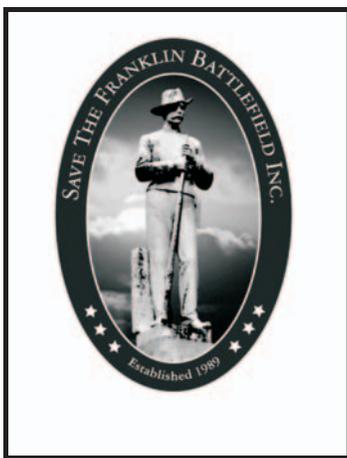
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	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$10.00	
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	NEW!! ~ "Battle of Franklin - Five Hours in the Valley of Death" DVD	\$25.00	
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