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Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

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The calendar for the coming months is rapidly filling with many exciting Civil War related events here in Franklin and Middle Tennessee.

Fall is always a busy time with events leading up to the November 30th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Among these this year are Oct 15-17 Civil War Days, the Nov 20 Commemorative Illumination, as well as events on the battle anniversary.

Also, on the eve of the 150th anniversary of the star of the Civil War, several kick off Sesquicentennial events are planned. These include the Tennessee Sesquicentennial Commission's "Coming of the Civil War Symposium".

You can read about several of these upcoming events in this month's Newsletter. For the full list of events and details, visit the Upcoming Events page on our website www.franklin-stfb.org. We'll keep it updated with the latest information and new events as details become available.

Please plan to take advantage of the many great learning and enrichment opportunities in the coming months. I hope to see you there.

Mike Walker - President

New & Renewing Members July 2010

Dennis Buttacavoli	Hasbruck Heights, NJ
Jim Campi CWPT	North Springfield, VA
Clarksville CWRT	Clarksville, TN
United Kingdom CWRT	London, UK
Col Robert & Ann Dennison	Franklin, TN
Howard Foshee	Spanish Fort, AL
Stanley & Rebekah Hime	Brentwood, TN
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Robert Humphrey	Franklin, TN
Richard & Julia Moe	Washington, DC
Cullen Smith	Franklin, TN
Ed & Paula Snyder	Franklin, TN
Jody & Pat Thompson	Franklin, TN
Col Sam Whitson	Franklin, TN
Billy Lou Wright	Nolensville, TN

Eastern Flank Loop Road Funding Approved

We are happy to report that the City of Franklin Aldermen unanimously approved \$369,000 to design and build the entire loop road at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. As we have often reported, this road is sorely needed to improve visitor access to the park as well as to ease traffic concerns on nearby neighborhood streets. In recognition of the positive impact the loop road will on heritage tourism, the project will be paid for by Hotel/Motel Taxes.

The approved funds may not cover construction of the complete road, so some companies may want to do some part of the project gratis, or at a reduced cost. It might also be necessary to pave just the half of the road leading to the visitor center plus parking

areas, and then build the remaining road with pea gravel. That approach would accommodate visitors and tour bus traffic now, but still provide road access to the rest of the park.

We appreciate the foresight of Mayor Schroer and the Franklin Aldermen and their continued strong support of our Civil War parks. In particular, Alderman Michael Skinner is recognized for his tireless efforts in spearheading the loop road effort. And thanks to all of you who have contacted your alderman in support. Your voice does make a difference!

STFB Land Acquisition Update

Save The Franklin Battlefield officers have continued their discussions with the owners of a 5 acre parcel of the Franklin Battlefield, and a second 11 acre parcel of mostly open battlefield. Both are for sale and are near the Collins Farm property that STFB purchased in 2001 on Lewisburg Pike and the CSX railroad.

Both of these parcels are near the Federal trench line and are ground that Loring's division traversed during the November 30, 1864 battle. Loring's men advanced under heavy canister and musket fire from the main Federal line plus shell-fire from Fort Granger as they climbed over the RR tracks and assaulted this eastern end of the trench line. This is where Adam's brigade had to shift to the west before charging into the enemy's trenches.

We also are in discussions with the national preservation organizations that could possibly become partners in the purchase of these two important battlefield parcels. We have begun work to evaluate the possibilities of structuring a deal to buy both parcels.

The 5 acre parcel is open ground with some trees but no structures. We also believe the site contains significant terrain features that will add to the interpretation and understanding of this portion of the battlefield. Neither parcel has buildings or structures to be preserved, and both are very important battlefield land. As with Collins Farm, our long term goal would be to place this hallowed ground under conservation easement ensuring its perpetual preservation.

We are actively soliciting the STFB membership in order to gauge possible financial support now so that we can include pledged funds as part of our purchase plan to the national preservation groups. Our next step is to identify those supporters and groups **who will be able**

to help us financially when the time comes – either late 2010 or early 2011.

To register a pledge, simply send an email to treasurer@franklin-stfb.org or postal mail a note to:

STFB Treasurer
Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

We look forward to working with all of you to bring these two parcels into the 'saved' column before the 150th anniversary in 2014.

Register Now 146th Battle of Franklin October 15 – 17, 2010

Both military and civilian reenactors can now register for the 146th Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin. The fee is \$5 per person and includes firewood and straw. You can register at www.franklin-stfb.org and pay by credit card, PayPal, or by check with a mail-in form. You can register multiple participants at one time. Currently, **14 guns have signed up** to participate.

Re-enactment events are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM. The event will be held as part of Franklin's Civil War Days weekend Oct 15 – 17 at the Harlinsdale Park just north of downtown Franklin. Food vendors and period sutlers will be on site. Check the STFB web site www.franklin-stfb.org for the latest information on events scheduled for that weekend. For questions email bthargrove123@aol.com or joseph.grosson@comcast.net

Sweet Tea Festival To Benefit Battlefield Preservation Saturday, August 28

You are invited to the August 28 Sweet Tea Festival to take place on the grounds of Homestead Manor in Thompsons Station on the very ground where the March 5, 1863 battle occurred. Homestead Manor and the surrounding 36 acres have been placed under a conservation easement by owners Jay & Marcia Franks. The festival proceeds will benefit

Outdoor Encounter and the planned Thompson's Station Battlefield Park.

Festival events include the Miss Sweet Tea pageant, a whole hog roast, antique car show, Kid's On Stage concert, live music, arts and crafts, disk golf, a Civil War encampment and much more. For event hours, schedule and directions, see www.sweetteafestival.com

Thompsons Station Festival Saturday, October 9

The annual Thompsons Station Festival is scheduled for Saturday Oct 9 from 9am to 6pm. The arts and crafts event with many vendors and exhibitors will be held at the Community Park on Thompsons Station Road just off US-31. STFB will again have a festival booth, so stop by and say hello and catch upon the latest news.

2010 East Tennessee Preservation Conference - October 8 & 9

The East Tennessee Preservation Alliance is hosting a two-day conference Oct 8 & 9 targeted at preservation and tourism professionals. You will learn how to find funding and resources to make heritage tourism work for your community. Sessions will cover topics ranging from sustainable tourism to cemetery conservation. You will also hear from Tennessee Tourist Development Director Susan Whitaker and her team on how to use historic preservation as a tool to promote Tennessee as a top travel destination.

For conference information and schedules, see www.knoxheritage.org or call 865-523-8008. Registration deadline is September 24, 2010. For information on Historic Rugby, Tennessee see www.historicrugby.org

News In Review August 2010

Franklin's Confederate Monument gets an early morning bath — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 7/15/10 — FRANKLIN — In May, city officials signed an agreement with the Franklin United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter # 14 which allows the UDC to continue "its traditional role of observing the monument," but gave "sole discretion as to the monument's maintenance and care" to the city, after reviewing with the UDC. A city of Franklin Streets Department crew gave a good scrub to the Confederate monument removing soot and grime to reveal a bright, white marble.

Sesquicentennial Civil War Signature event set for November 12-13 — Battle of Franklin Trust *Battlefield Dispatch* — August 2010 — NASHVILLE — On November 12-13, The Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial will kick off the first of its historic signature events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. This event, which kicks off at TPAC's Jackson Hall, is free and open to the public. For additional information, see www.tncivilwar150.com

Flag restoration benefit Saturday at historic Mangrum farm — *Williamson Herald* — 8/5/10 — PEYTONSVILLE — History buffs interested in preserving Tennessee Confederate flags, proud Southerners, bikers, music fans, and even Yankees attended the 5th annual Confederate Flag Benefit on August 7 at the Mangrum farm on Peytonsville Road southeast of Franklin. Funds from the event will go to conserve the huge 6x9 foot silk First National Confederate flag of the 20th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry that consisted of young men and boys from all over Williamson, Davidson, Maury, and Rutherford counties in 1861.

Battlefield group zeroes in on next targets — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 6/27/10 — FRANKLIN — Franklin's Charge, a local nonprofit battlefield preservation group, is closer to its goal of buying its next piece of property—the house and land at 111 Cleburne St. Nearby, they're continuing to make inroads on buying the Domino's Pizza restaurant at 1225 Columbia Ave. as well as adjacent retail property. The land is near the Carter House historic site.

County to save historic part of Fleming Hall — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 7/6/10 — FRANKLIN — Williamson County officials are moving forward with a plan to save part of Fleming Hall, while demolishing and replacing most of it. The vacant school building, which is on the former Battle Ground Academy campus off Columbia Avenue, has been in a state of deterioration since the private school left it in the mid-'90s. The building, owned by the county, has suffered extensive moisture damage. The county's property committee recently approved a plan allowing the J.L. Clay Senior Citizens Center to use the building, which would get a 750-seat community theater.

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