



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

July 2010

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Dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of  
Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

## President's Message

In each month's newsletter, we share with you our current and ongoing efforts to fulfill our pledge for "the preservation, protection, and promotion of Civil War sites in Williamson County Tennessee".

This month is no exception. Read an update on our pledge drive to acquire and permanently preserve more open Franklin Battlefield Land. In our effort to protect battlefield, we share with you the sad news of more planned construction on the former BGA Campus. And in the area of battlefield promotion, there is very good news that the Eastern Flank Loop Road has been funded by the City. This road will make the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park more accessible to visitors.

Plans for the October 146<sup>th</sup> Battle of Franklin reenactment are moving ahead and registrations are coming in on plan. We hope to have one of the original Ohio guns used in the battle here for you stand by to have your picture made.

Our monthly Newsletter is itself an important part of fulfilling our mission – to keep you informed with the latest Civil War and preservation news from Franklin. Check out our new efforts for the Newsletter delivery to you by email.

And finally, I thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Mike Walker - President

## New & Renewing Members June 2010

Dan Andrews	Nashville, TN
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Martin & Julia McGirt	Franklin, TN
Bill McMeans	Austin, TX
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Mark & Karen Perreault	Norfolk, VA
Michael & Michelle Sanderson	Nashville, TN
Ben Stein	Beverly Hills, CA
Peter F Wulfig	Centennial, CO

## STFB Newsletter by Email

We are emailing this July newsletter to every member for whom we have an email address. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email rather than hardcopy and postal mail, send a note to [nopaper@franklin-stfb.org](mailto:nopaper@franklin-stfb.org) and we update our records to put you on the email-only distribution list. When membership renewal time comes around, we will also send you the hardcopy newsletter and a renewal card just as we do now.

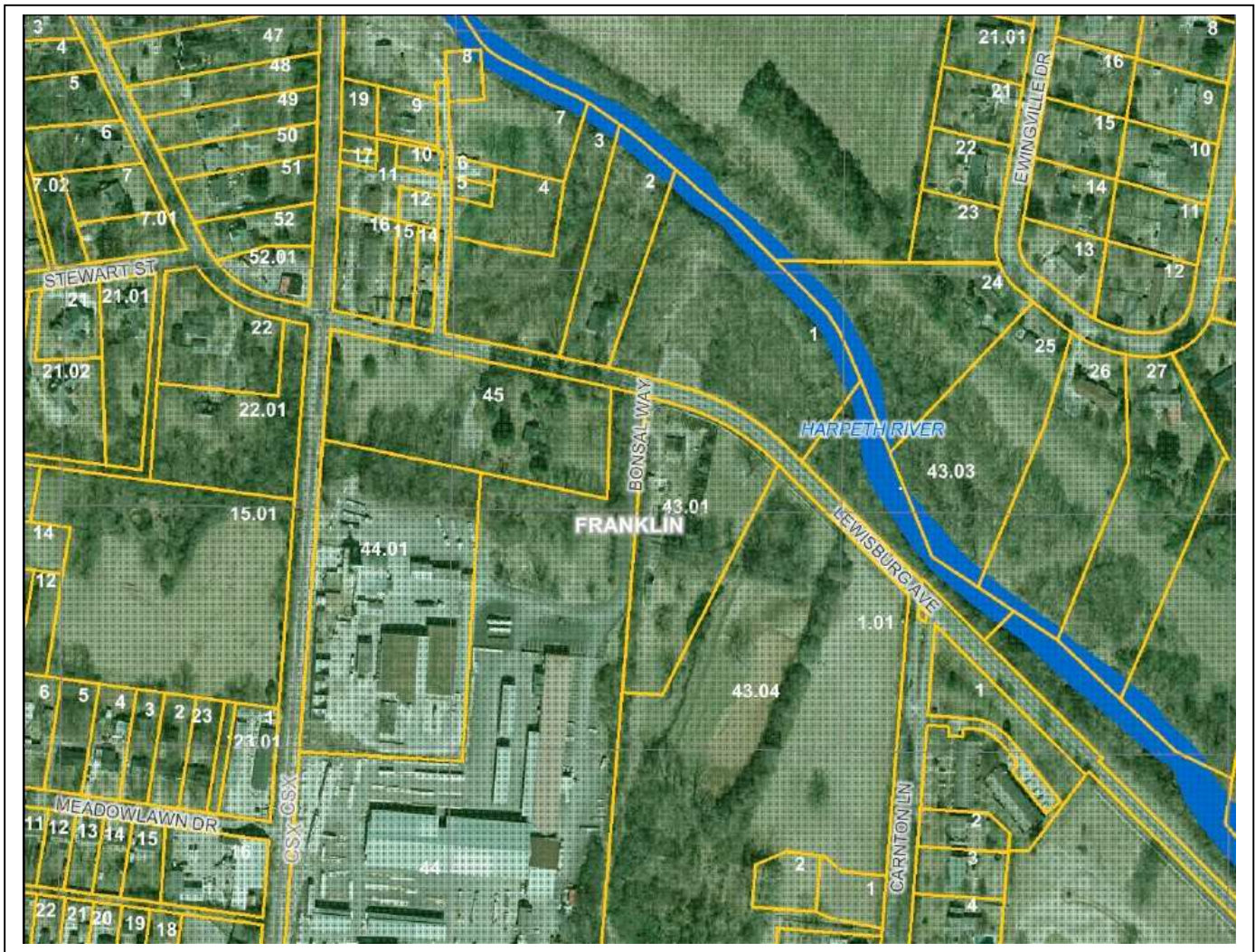
Some members have not provided us an email address in the past and we will continue to send them a paper newsletter as always. Those members can also sign up for the email edition by sending a note to that same *nopaper* email address.

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### STFB Land Acquisition Update

Save The Franklin Battlefield officers have been in discussion with the owners of a 5 acre parcel of the Franklin Battlefield that is now for sale. It is parcel 15.01 on the above map and near Collins Farm (parcel 45) that STFB purchased in 2001 and transferred to the City of Franklin Parks Department in 2007. The extreme lower right corner of the map shows the very northwest corner of the City's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park (golf course).

All of these parcels are ground that Loring's division traversed during the November 30, 1864 battle. His men were 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. The Federal line parallels Stewart Street at the very top of the map and ends at the railroad tracks.

The 5 acres are open ground with some trees but no structures. Additionally, we believe the site contains significant terrain features that will add to the interpretation and understanding of this portion of the battlefield. We also are in discussions with the national preservation organizations that could possibly become partners in the purchase of these 5 important acres of open battlefield.

As this project got underway, parcel 43.04 also came on the market. The south end of this 11 acres is just off the map. We have begun work to evaluate the possibilities of structuring a deal to buy both parcels, but most likely the 5 acre project will go forward first, and the 11 acres would be purchased sometime later. 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.

Our rough estimate is that, with participation of the national preservation groups, and state and local groups, STFB would have to raise roughly \$100,000 of new money to do both deals. We will not begin the actual fund raising until the deals are further along in the purchase process, and the projects are incorporated into the plans of the national preservation groups.

### **We need your Pledge of help:**

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. We need a measure of possible financial support now so that we can include pledged funds as part of our purchase plan to the national preservation groups.

To make a pledge, simply send an email to [treasurer@franklin-stfb.org](mailto:treasurer@franklin-stfb.org) or postal mail a note to:

STFB Treasurer  
Box 851  
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

If you would like to see and walk the properties, email [treasurer@franklin-stfb.org](mailto:treasurer@franklin-stfb.org) and we will be glad to arrange it.

These are exciting times as the sesquicentennial years approach. We look forward to working with all of you to bring these two parcels into the ‘saved’ column before the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.

### **More New Construction on BGA**

The Williamson County Commission is making preparations for additional new construction on the former Battle Ground Academy campus, located just south of the Carter House. This site witnessed some of the fiercest fighting during the Battle of Franklin. When the County purchased the old BGA campus in 1998, there was hope that with the resurgence of interest for a Battle of Franklin park at the epicenter of the battle, the BGA property could be acquired in the near future by some group or coalition and set aside for a park. At that time, STFB and other preservation groups advised the county that any new construction on the campus would jeopardize such plans.

In spite of strong public opinion to the contrary, the county built the main Williamson County Library on the northernmost portion of the grounds, nearest the

Carter House. This was followed several years later with more new construction for the Middle College High School.

Now, County Commissioners have voted to fund demolition of most of Fleming Hall, opening the way for construction of a new replacement structure including a planned 750-seat community theater. No timetable or firm plans are in place for the new construction but the groundwork is laid. We will continue to watch and keep you informed.

### **Reenactment – 146<sup>th</sup> Franklin – Oct 15-17, 2010**

Military and civilians register at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org). You can register multiple participants at one time. A \$125 bounty will be paid for the first 8 artillery units.

Re-enactment events are set 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](http://www.franklin-stfb.org) for the latest information on events scheduled for that weekend. For questions, email [bthargrove123@aol.com](mailto:bthargrove123@aol.com) or [rghuff123@aol.com](mailto:rghuff123@aol.com)

### **News In Review June 2010**

#### **Archivists want Civil War memorabilia — *The Tennessean* — 7/8/10 — DAVIDSON COUNTY**

— Representatives from the Tennessee State Library and Archives were at Fort Negley on July 16 to record and preserve Civil War memorabilia. The archivists scanned or took digital photographs of the materials. Some of them will be featured in an upcoming exhibit, “Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee.”

Representatives from the state library are planning to visit all 95 of Tennessee’s counties in search of material for the exhibit which will commemorate the Civil War’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Sweet Tea Festival tackles preservation mission — *The Tennessean*, “Williamson A.M.” — 7/13/10**

— **THOMPSON’S STATION** — The August 28 Sweet Tea Festival, which will take place on the grounds of Homestead manor, will feature a sweet tea competition by local restaurants, a Miss Sweet Tea pageant, a whole hog roast, antique car show, Kid’s On Stage concert, live music, arts and crafts, corn-hole competition, disk golf and a Civil War re-enactors’ camp. Proceeds will benefit Outdoor Encounter and the planned Thompson’s Station Battlefield Park.

# Save The Franklin Battlefield

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