



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

President's Message

As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, Save the Franklin Battlefield strives to make the most efficient use possible of every dollar we receive. We pay no salaries and have no offices, but instead utilize a team of dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and energies, working individually or collectively on our projects.

Indeed, volunteers are the lifeblood of STFB. For our continued operation and success, we depend on their willingness to contribute a portion of their free time, as little as a few hours per month. For example, many tasks can be performed at home, and on one's own schedule. If you are looking for a way you can help preserve our Williamson County Civil War battlefields, I suggest you consider joining our dedicated volunteer team. I am sure you will find it a very rewarding experience.

If you would like to learn more about being an STFB Volunteer, please contact me. Call (615) 500-6612, email volunteer@franklin-stfb.org, or attend one of our monthly business meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month at the Heritage Foundation offices in Franklin. I thank you for your interest.

With your continued support, we look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2011. Best wishes in the New Year.

Mike Walker - President

New & Renewing Members December 2010

Sanda Abramson	Antioch, TN
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Dr Michael Brown	Chattanooga, TN
Mitch Campbell	Franklin, TN
Scott Campbell	Harvest, AL
Dorothy I Carter	Nolensville, TN
Justin Cates	Brentwood, TN
John P Chaballa	Franklin, TN
Cameron & Kristine Close	Newark, OH
Jim Creecy	Nashville, TN
Orange County CWRT	Garden Grove, CA
Donald & Nancy Garrison	Franklin, TN
Steve Gebhardt	Franklin, TN
Mike Grainger	Franklin, TN
Gale B Haddock	Chapel Hill, TN
Francis Hall	Plant City, FL
Bryan Hansen	Thompson Station, TN
George Hodak	Pacific, MO
Bruce Johnson	Riverwoods, IL
Maxine Laura	Franklin, TN
Loring's Advance	Franklin, TN
Jim Lighthizer CWT	Washington, DC
Betty Lovelace	Germantown, TN
Sherry Male	Nashville, TN
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William D Moseley	Franklin, TN
Bill Nolan	Niles, OH
Dennis & Larinda Pompa	Spring Hill, TN
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147th Battle of Franklin
October 14 – 16, 2011
Save The Date

Planning is now underway for the 147th Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin. The registration and event schedules are taking shape now. SAVE THE DATE.... The registration web site, fees and detailed schedules should be known in a few weeks. The event will be structured much like the 2010 146th reenactment last October that was so successful. Re-enactors and attendees alike were very complimentary of last year's facilities and organization.

What is known thus far is that 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 14 – 16 at the Harlinsdale Park just north of downtown Franklin. Food vendors and period sutlers will be on site. Check often at the STFB web site www.franklin-stfb.org for the latest information on registration and events scheduled for that weekend. For questions email bthargrove123@aol.com or rghuff123@aol.com

Thomas R. Flagel - a Dynamic Speaker

At the 2010 STFB Annual Membership Meeting, we were most fortunate to have Thomas R. Flagel, Instructor in History at Columbia State Community College, as the keynote speaker. An ardent historic preservationist, his subject was "The Vitality of Historic Preservation." He is a dynamic speaker who holds the interest of the audience with enthusiasm and with his understanding of history in its relationship to life today. One person, after hearing Flagel speak, remarked, "I never had a history teacher who was that enthusiastic."

Thomas Flagel is the author of a series of history books: *A History Buff's Guide to the Civil War*, *A History Buff's Guide to Gettysburg*, *A History Buff's Guide to World War II*, and *A History Buff's Guide to the Presidents*. Thomas is a Board member of the Friends of Fort Negley and of the Franklin Civil War Roundtable, and he assists and speaks at a number of other historical organizations.

Thomas Flagel came to Columbia State from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He holds degrees from Loras College (B.A. History), Kansas State University (M.A., European History),

Creighton University (M.A., International Relations), and has studied at the University of Vienna.



Long-time STFB members Kris and Cameron Close of Newark, Ohio visiting Franklin in mid-December for the first time, are pictured with the bullet-riddled Carter farm office. On their way to New Orleans for a wedding, they had one day free to see all of Franklin. Sam Huffman hosted them to Rippavilla, Thompsons Station, Carnton, Winstead Hill, Carter House and Fort Granger – with a very nice lunch at Homestead Manor. It was a full day with much left out. Cam & Kris will just have to come visit again. We hope so.

Simpson Rides Once More

Our good friend over East, Dick Simpson, has wrapped up his 2010 "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin" lecture tour for the CWRTs and historical groups out East. Now back home with his wife Deborah in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Dick reports that his November & December lectures raised \$240 for preservation efforts here in Franklin. He had presented his program to the Cape May County CWRT in Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey and the Brandywine Valley CWRT in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Independently, William Vosseler of the American Civil War Charitable Trust wrote to say that in recognition of Dick's labors to spread the Franklin story, the Union Library CWRT in Hatboro, Pennsylvania had directed the Trust to donate \$100 to Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

Dick visited Franklin for the first time in May 2003 and developed a slide presentation "The Forgotten Battle of Franklin" that he has delivered many times over the years. He and Deborah visited again about a year ago to update his slides and get the latest news of the work of all the local preservation groups. STFB hosted both

visits to help Dick use his time to greatest effect. He reports that his past programs have generated \$6,000 for Save The Franklin Battlefield, and that he has 30 lectures planned for this year. We cannot repay Dick's steadfast dedication to telling the Franklin story to new crowds. Thank you, Dick Simpson

Civil War Show and The 9th Kentucky US Volunteers December 4 & 5

The Mike Kent Civil War Show was held in Franklin this year at the Williamson County Agriculture Center rather than the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Nashville. There were large crowds both days and all the visitors to the STFB booth were very pleased with the new location. STFB manned our regular booth both days, saw many old friends, and told everyone who stopped by about the land acquisitions we hope to accomplish in 2011.

A sizable contingent of 9th Kentucky US Volunteers attended the show and several visited the STFB booth. It seems that they gather at the Civil War Show each year to have their annual planning meeting where they set their events and programs for the next twelve months – as well as see the show. After the meeting, they dispatched David Brunner of McEwen, Tennessee to carry a message. He returned to the STFB booth and informed us that the 9th Kentucky US Volunteers had selected STFB as their preservation project and presented us a \$400 check.

We told David that the 9th couldn't have picked a better time to help the Franklin Battlefield, since we hope to make a battlefield purchase later this year. A big STFB thank you goes to the 9th Kentucky US Volunteers and we hope to see them at the show next December and at the 147th Battle of Franklin reenactment this October.

News in Review January 2011

Franklin's First Civil War Days A Success, More To Come—*Civil War News*—December 2010—FRANKLIN—The first Franklin Civil War Days Oct. 16 and 17 was a huge success based on public response. The two-day reenactment and encampment was held at Harlinsdale Farm, now part of the Franklin parks system and formerly a renowned Tennessee Walking Horse farm. Another event is planned next year at Harlinsdale. Long-term

plans require a larger site in anticipation of the 150th anniversary. While Harlinsdale was a good venue for a smaller battle scenario, its 200 acres will not be enough for what will likely be a major reenactment in 2014.

WATER COOLER TALKERS: The decade in review — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 12/31/10 —FRANKLIN — 2005: *National Geographic* magazine publishes a photo of a Pizza Hut restaurant that once stood on Battle of Franklin land and declares the battle "unjustly forgotten." The Pizza Hut later is razed and replaced by a small battlefield park.— Author Robert Hicks' historical novel *Widow of the South* becomes a *New York Times* best seller.—**2006:** Franklin pairs up with the Franklin's Charge preservation group to split the \$5 million cost of the Country Club of Franklin property, the eastern flank in the 1864 Battle of Franklin.—**2009:** The bones of a Civil War soldier are unearthed by crews working on a new Chick-fil-A restaurant at the southern edge of the Franklin battlefield. He is reburied in Rest Haven Cemetery with military honors. – Harlinsdale Farm opens to the public as a Franklin city park. – Gov. Phil Bredesen and state economic and tourism officials unveil the state's Discover Tennessee Trails & Byways program, beginning with the 84-mile Old Tennessee: Settlers to Soldiers Trail, which begins and ends in Franklin and loops into Maury County.

Civil War documentary focuses on state's role in bitter conflict — *The Tennessean* — 1/3/10 — NASHVILLE — The bitter feud between Tennessee Governor Isham Harris and Knoxville newspaper editor William G. "Parson" Brownlow — and the impact it had on Tennessee — is one of the lesser-known stories examined in "Secession," the first episode of *Tennessee Civil War 150*, a new series that will eventually comprise six documentaries about the state's role in the war. Produced by Nashville Public Television in conjunction with the Renaissance Center to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the war's beginning, "Secession" will air on several other dates throughout the month.

Smart-phone app lets visitors see Civil War sites in a different light — *The Tennessean*, "Franklin Review Appeal"— 1/12/11 — FRANKLIN— Franklin designer Sam Billingsley has created the first free, downloadable app — short for "application"— designed to give smart-phone users more information about the Battle of Franklin while they visit the city. The app, which uses "augmented reality" technology, works with the iPhone or Droid smart-phones' cameras, piling layers of historic information over the images captured through the camera's viewer.

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