



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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Civil War sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

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We enjoyed seeing many familiar faces and making new friends at the STFB booth during this past week's 147th Battle of Franklin reenactment. By all accounts it was a great success and enjoyed by all!

We were happy to share the latest news on the acquisition of the Loring's Advance tract and to announce the upcoming first ever walking tour of this portion of the Franklin battlefield, that will be led by Thomas Cartwright. Before year end, we expect to complete this acquisition, and would love to have you with us to celebrate. Keep reading in this newsletter for more details on the acquisition and tour.

Also, be on the lookout for your Invitation to our upcoming Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner. You will not want to miss hearing our speaker Lee Ann Newton who recently republished a long lost work by a Battle of Franklin survivor. It is a fascinating story that clearly illustrates how our knowledge and understanding of the battle continues to grow even as we approach the 150th anniversary.

Each of you is very important to all we are collectively doing here in Franklin and I thank you for your continued support.

Mike Walker – President

New & Renewing Members September 2011

Karen Arnsdorf	Chippawa Falls, WI
Robert Boyda	Highland Heights, OH
James Childress	Brentwood, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Hoosier Blue & Gray CWRT	Hagerstown, IN
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Phillip Duer	Nashville, TN
May Dean Eberling	Nashville, TN
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Joseph Grosson	Brentwood, TN
Tom & Liz Herbert	Nashville, TN
Mike Kent & Associates	Monroe, GA
Melissa & James Kinnally	Huntsville, AL
Drs Dahk and Jan Knox	Mosheim, TN
Kevin Dean Miller	Austin, TX
Jean Nelson	Nashville, TN
Mary Ann Peckham	Reliance, TN
Bob Ray	Franklin, TN
Glenn Rieuf Jr	Franklin, TN
Herschel & Pam Smith III	Celebration, FL
John Thomsen	Franklin, TN
The Watchdog	Warren, MI
Kimberly Willis	Dickson, TN
Greg Yackel	West St Paul, MN

First Ever Tour of Loring's Advance Set For Saturday Nov 5 – 10:00 AM

We now expect the purchase of the 5 acre parcel of Loring's Advance to complete before year end. This important part of the Franklin Battlefield is being protected with funds from the Civil War Trust, the National Parks system, and STFB. We have arranged this FREE tour for our STFB



This 5 acre parcel will be key to telling the Franklin story, and to connecting the protected parts of the battlefield

membership and interested others. Few Civil War enthusiasts have seen this open ground because it has been landlocked for years and has no public access yet.

Our own incomparable Thomas Cartwright of Carter House and History Channel notoriety will lead the tour and tell of the determined and heroic soldiers who crossed this ground under terrible fire to reach the Federal line. Maps will be provided.

We are certain that those who have closely followed the many preservation efforts here in Franklin will be thrilled to finally view the important terrain of this open 5 acres, and will quickly see how it can add to our collective understanding of the Battle of Franklin.

STFB has committed to the Civil War Trust that we will raise \$50,000 for the Lorings Advance purchase. This tour marks the beginning of that campaign. We have received several pledges in recent months that will start the fund raising. First in line are our good friends of the UK CWRT in London, England under the leadership of Greg Bayne who pledged \$500 for this purchase last spring, and have already sent the check. These are truly exciting times for preservation efforts here in Franklin. **We will see you at the tour !**

Parking - Please remember that we will have to cross private property to reach the Lorings Advance parcel, and we do so only with special permission beforehand. If you park on Adams Street, you can walk to the tour using the driveway at 1319 Adams.

We also have arranged permission to park at the Williamson County Insulation Company at the east end of Meadowlawn Drive and to use a gate behind 319 Meadowlawn (red house) just across the street.

STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday, November 17

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner will be Thursday evening, November 17, at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. We plan to gather in Otey Hall at 6:00 PM with a **full dinner buffet at 6:30 PM**. A short business meeting will review the STFB 2011 activities, and we will then make our annual Preservation Award.

Our speaker will be author and Civil War student Lee Ann Newton of Murfreesboro who had one of those eureka strokes of discovery. Buried behind an old bookcase, she found a lost copy of **"The Civil War**

Memoirs of Erastus Winters Corporal Co K 50th OVI 1861-1865". Lee Ann quickly realized its importance and had it republished. The book is a very well written 1905 account detailing Erastus' experiences at Perryville, the Atlanta campaign, Franklin, Cahaba prison, and the Sultana disaster. Lee Ann will recount the adventures of Corporal Winters and why she was determined to republish his book. See her web site at www.unclesamsheroes.com

Hurry - not much time - The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Monday November 14. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

STFB
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065

If you have questions, call Sam Huffman at 615-480-9539 - See you there.

Franklin Illumination Set For 4 PM - November 30, 2011



The Franklin Battlefield Commission has set the battle anniversary, November 30, as the date for the commemorative Illumination. The event will be held at 4PM at the Rest Haven Cemetery on north 4th street rather than the Confederate Cemetery. Rest Haven is a much smaller venue so the size of the Illumination will be smaller. For details and to volunteer, visit www.bofillumination.org The website also has photos of the 2010 event, the 100+ volunteers, and a time-lapse video of assembly.

News In Review

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Blue and Gray Days Nov 12-14 — Battle of Franklin Trust *Battlefield Dispatch* — October 2011 — FRANKLIN — Blue and Gray Days is an annual living history event which features reenactors

and artisans performing their crafts to show the public what life was like during the Civil War. The event began as a Carnton Plantation tradition but has grown and is now held at both Carnton Plantation and The Carter House. Both location will have artillery demonstrations. Reenactors will be on site to answer questions about soldier life, Civil War flags, and slave life. Carton Plantation will also feature Abe Lincoln, musicians, and a period cooking demonstration.

Film shown Oct. 14 chronicles Franklin's unknown soldier — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 10/5/11 — FRANKLIN — The premiere of *Heading Back Home* was shown on Oct. 14 at Franklin Theatre. At the center of that story is the city of Franklin and a man whose name no one knows, a man who probably died sometime in late November 1864, about the time of the Battle of Franklin. That man was a soldier whose bones were accidentally unearthed by construction workers in the spring of 2009. He was later reburied before thousands of people who crowded Franklin's streets. Proceeds from the showing will be donated to battlefield preservation efforts in Franklin. (STFB sells the DVD)

Grave Matters set for Oct. 29 in Downtown Franklin — *Williamson Herald*— 10/11/11 — FRANKLIN— Grave Matters will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as part of Pumpkinfest in downtown Franklin. The guided tour of the Old City and Rest Haven cemeteries features costumed actors portraying the most colorful, historically important and often tragic souls buried there. Produced by Franklin walking tour company Franklin on Foot and the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, proceeds will support local historic preservation efforts.

Civil War re-enactments grow as historic date nears — *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." — 10/14/11 — FRANKLIN — On October 15-16, reenactors and 1860s-era vendors mixed with a crowd of about 4,000 people as they marked the 147th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The event was held at the 200-acre Harlinsdale Park to provide enough room for a real-life demonstration of how Confederate and Union forces met on Nov. 30, 1864. The actual battle took place along Columbia Avenue. The park also provided clear sight lines so spectators had a better view of the demonstration than what they might find in modern-day Franklin. As for the event's authenticity, Joe Grosson, who coordinated the event, said the replica troops were as historically accurate as possible to preserve the authenticity of the battle.

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QTY	Item	Price	Total
	Annual Membership: Individual \$20 ~ Family \$30 ~ Corporate \$50 (circle one)		
	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	“Heading Back Home” DVD the story of Franklin’s Unknown Soldier Burial	\$25.00	
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
	“Eyewitness to the Battle of Perryville” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
	“Eyewitness to the Battle of Franklin” ~ David Logsdon, paperback 8-1/2 x 11	\$15.00	
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