



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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**Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of
Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee**

President's Message

There are significant events here in Franklin this summer. Foremost among them is the play **Incident at Fort Granger**, to be presented outdoors on June 8 at Fort Granger. Don't miss it, and don't miss the restoration work well under way at the Confederate Cemetery.

We need your help to prevent the rezoning of the Car Wash property located at the corner of 1416 Columbia Avenue and Fairgrounds Street. This was the apex of the forward Federal line where the fighting first began. As public meetings are scheduled, we will contact you by email – and if you live locally, we invite you to attend to show that you are not in favor of the rezoning.

A big thank you goes to those members who have accepted delivery of the STFB monthly newsletter via electronic media. We anticipate that this will result in significant savings in our mailing expenses every month. There is also a short project report on this later in this newsletter.

We would also remind our membership that Franklin remains a destination for numerous Civil War enthusiasts, historians and supporters of STFB. There are various out of town groups set to visit in the next few weeks. This is a reminder to all of the local preservation groups – we are not alone in our efforts. Many supporters outside of Franklin care deeply about preservation.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members April 2013

James Addicott	Rice, MN
Nancy Bassett	Collierville, TN
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McGavock Confederate Cemetery Sunday June 2

Annual Memorial Services will be held June 2,

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2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Confederate Cemetery in Franklin. J.T. Thompson, Director of the Lotz House will be the guest speaker.

Restoration of the cemetery proper is nearing completion, with the \$24,000 in recently raised funds used to clean and seal, and reset the gravestones. Additional funds still need to be raised to re-mark many of the stones and to complete repairs to the iron fence and landscaping. Please plan to attend this important event and see the new appearance of the Cemetery. This volunteer group has done good work.

Donations may be sent to: McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation: c/o First Farmers Bank, 1536 McEwen Drive, Franklin, TN 37067. Website: www.mcgavockcemetery.org

No Paper, Please

We have had good response to the money-saving call for STFB members to forego the paper copy of the monthly Newsletter. The E-Newsletter is sent as a PDF in living color. It looks good, it prints good, and we are proud of it – and even with volunteer help, the paper version still costs us 70 cents to produce and mail each month. We now have 84 members who receive only the Email Newsletter and together they save us roughly \$700 per year that can now be used to buy dirt. You can join these penny-pinchers by sending an email to nopaper@franklin-stfb.org

However, we have created some confusion because we also send an email Newsletter to everyone who ever gave us their email address, member or not, and paper newsletter or not - everyone. We do code your membership record with an E or an M to show which version you are to receive. That code is now printed on the **upper right corner** of your mailing label.

Some members are confused because they get a paper newsletter even though they signed up for the E version. If your label has an E, we mailed you that paper Newsletter because your membership is about to expire – the paper newsletter is just the ‘envelope’ to mail you a renewal form and a return envelope. Your label also has your expiration date and it is highlighted yellow if it is about to expire. If we don’t hear from you, we send the renewal documents again next month as a reminder. So it may appear to you that we are still sending you a paper newsletter.

Hopefully, things will smooth out in the next month or so as more of our membership sign up for the E Newsletter - and redirect more of their dues dollars to buying dirt. Also, if you are not a dues-paying member and like the preservation news you read in the STFB E-newsletter, we would be proud to enlist you as a member - \$20 per year – see the order form on page 4.

Rezoning Request Threatens Battlefield We Need Your Help

A developer is asking the city to rezone the property that currently houses the Columbia Avenue Car Wash at 1416 Columbia Avenue for a mixed-use development. This property is considered historically significant because the first close contact fighting at the Battle of Franklin began here.

The rezoning will increase the market value of the property and quite likely start a cascade of similar rezoning requests along Columbia – making future reclamation efforts on Columbia Avenue all that more expensive. STFB feels the zoning should stay as it is and any development of this property should conform to the existing zoning.

This project will be presented to the Planning Commission Workshop this **Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 PM** in the City Training Room at City Hall (the end farthest from the Square). This is a non-voting information session but we certainly would like to include you in the nose-count. More later.

Blue Gray Days Set for November 8 and 9, 2013

Franklin's Blue-Gray days will be held at Historic Carnton Plantation on November 8 and 9, 2013. Living history days and related events to be Friday and Saturday. The annual battle re-enactment to commemorate the 149th Battle Anniversary will be on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm. You can register with an email to bthargrove123@aol.com or rghuff123@aol.com There is no registration fee. Calvary and Artillery are limited. Please e-mail for further information and register by September 1st.

“INCIDENT AT FORT GRANGER” To Be Performed Saturday, June 8 At Fort Granger

The Franklin City Parks Department and Franklin’s

Pull-Tight Players are working together for a special free performance of "Incident at Fort Granger" -- outdoors, at Fort Granger -- at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, which is the 150th anniversary of the incident.

The Incident, well known to historians and Franklin natives, occurred on June 8, 1863, shortly after the Union fort was built. Two Confederates, disguised as Union officers, came to Fort Granger for a reason still being debated, but were discovered, tried as spies, and hanged.

"Incident at Fort Granger" was written by local historian Robert Holladay. It was well researched by him, and much actual dialogue was taken from newspapers and official records of the trial. It is recommended for adults and children age 10 and older.

Directed by Peggy Macpherson, the cast includes Cary Smith, Preston Crook, Jeanne Drone, Vince Cusomato, Nelson Bryan, Ron Geagan, Stan Ferguson, Jim Anderson, Woody Woodruff, Jerry Sharber, Hanes Sparkman, John Kitson, Bill Jones, Lucas Eytchison, Asher Pope and Greg Pope.

Attendees are asked to bring folding chairs or blankets with them to sit on, and they are advised to bring bug spray and to wear comfortable shoes. The play will be performed even if there is light rain. In the event of cancellation due to heavy rain or lightning, it will be performed Sunday, June 9, also at 6:00 p.m. Get more details at www.franklintn.gov or email pmacpherson@comcast.net

News In Review May 2013

Local battlefield fans pick up the slack — The Tennessean–Williamson A.M. — 4/14/13 — FRANKLIN — Buying back Franklin's Civil War battlefield has taken federal grants, national support and the legwork of local supporters to pull off. Going forward, battlefield supporters must lean even heavier on local sources for money because sequestration-related cuts in the U.S. National Park Service's federal battlefield preservation program would remove about \$560,000 total this year from battlefield land purchases. However, battlefield supporters don't see the cuts slowing down Franklin's momentum. Since buying the three Columbia Avenue tracts for \$2.2 million in grants and donations, Franklin's battlefield

supporters are speaking to prospective sellers about adding three more tracts, though they're not sharing details yet.

Visitor finds Confederate belt buckle in Carter House garden — Williamson Herald — 4/24/13 — FRANKLIN — A visitor from Ohio recently found a Confederate belt buckle in The Carter House garden, according to Eric A. Jacobson, chief operating officer of the Battle of Franklin Trust. The visitor was enjoying the enhancements made to the area when he noticed something partially covered with loose dirt. Upon inspection, he immediately realized it was a buckle, and almost certainly Confederate. "I soon contacted a trust artifact specialist who confirmed it was a civilian style buckle often used by Confederate troops and that such items are regularly found in long abandoned camps," Jacobson said, adding that it was almost certainly a Battle of Franklin relic.

Battle of Triune reenacted in King's Chapel — Williamson Herald — 4/24/13 — ARRINGTON — Nearly 150 years after its occurrence, the Battle of Triune will come alive Sunday, April 28, in King's Chapel, 4980 Meadowbrook Blvd., Arrington. The Saturday event was forced to be cancelled due to torrential rains. In addition to battle reenactments and a small arms demonstration in a makeshift village setting, several "civilian camps" were offered as well as a historical church service on Sunday morning.

Calicos and Cadets camp brings Civil War experience to life — The Tennessean–Franklin Review Appeal — 4/29/13 — TRIUNE — Carnton Plantation and at The Carter House once again will provide the hands-on Calicos and Cadets Civil War summer-camp experience for children ages 8-12. Activities for campers will include learning to drill like true soldiers and demonstrations on weaponry, crafts and clothing led by trained Civil War reenactors. This year's camp will be held in two sessions, June 13-15 and July 11-13. Advance registration is encouraged.

History carries on at Homestead Manor — The Tennessean-Franklin Review Appeal — 5/15/13 — THOMPSON'S STATION — Today, this landmark manor that has seen so much in the past 150 years since the Battle of Thompson's Station, has become the site of weddings, bourbon tastings, baby showers, dinner parties, flea markets, corporate gatherings, festivals and other such private or public social events.

The Civil War treasure is now being managed as an event space. A variety of events already are being booked, and a community event will be hosted there quarterly.

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	Donation: Marker Fund ~ Land Purchase (circle one)		
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” ~ limited & numbered reprint edition, hardcover	\$20.00	
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