



# 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

I hope you each had a chance to attend the Civil War Reenactment at Triune two weeks ago. It is the first of many of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies in the Franklin area, congratulations to them for a job well done.

Activities continue on the creation of a Civil War park as another house has been moved as you read this. This activity is possible thanks to your contributions to the CWT as well as the other national and local preservation organizations. A special thanks to our STFB members who continue to make contributions to us for land acquisition.

STFB is supporting the initiative of acquiring gun carriages for the cannon located on the Town Square and your contributions for this effort are appreciated. Look for further information in this newsletter about how you can help in this endeavor. Expect visits to Franklin by attendees of the Annual Civil War Trust Conference to be held in Nashville in late May. When you see these folks in the area, be sure to thank them for their support in helping acquire numerous properties in Franklin. Without their support, our efforts would not have been as successful as they are to date.

Thanks for your continued support and continue to follow us via our newsletter, web page and on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

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## Brandywine Valley CWRT Joins the Franklin Ranks

Preservation Committee Chair Robert Sprague recently wrote to say that the Brandywine Valley CWRT of West Chester, PA had selected STFB to

receive their gift of \$250 for the preservation, protection and promotion of the Franklin Battlefield. We are very pleased and honored to have the Brandywine CWRT as part of our preservation efforts, and hope the CWRT members can one day come visit Franklin to see what they helped accomplish.

### **Performing Arts Center Proposed For Old BGA Campus Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, April 29**

We just received notice that a developer is applying to the city for permission to build a Performing Arts & Enrichment Center on the Old BGA Campus which is just south of the Carter House. The meeting will be held at City Hall Boardroom 6:00 PM April 29. The public is invited. We need you there.

### **Cleburne Street Update**



#### **The Blue House at 109 Cleburne Street has been moved**

The work continues to remove the structures from the battlefield near the Carter cotton gin site. This property was purchased some 15 years ago by the Heritage Foundation and is considered to be the general location of the Carter cotton gin. STFB donors placed the historical marker in the foreground that describes the gin and the battle actions in this area.

An adjacent brown stone house to the east (right) is the next to be removed, and then the Dominos strip mall seen in the background will be demolished. The plan is to have all of these properties cleared and seeded in grass by June 30. We will keep you informed, but you need to come visit and see it for yourself.

### **2014 Tour of Homes Civil War Sites Featured June 7-8**

Please join us for the 39th Annual Town & Country Tour of Homes, June 7-8. Participants may tour sites

from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday.

In honor of the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Franklin, this year's tour will mostly feature homes and buildings that were standing during the battle on November 30, 1864. People lived or worked in each of the featured buildings, and each has a story to tell about the Battle of Franklin and its aftermath.

Tour participants will enjoy listening to costumed re-enactors at each of those sites, who will tell the stories of the Battle of Franklin as it relates to those homes or businesses, from the perspectives of the people who were there.

Those eyewitnesses never forgot the war, and this year's tour goers will always remember the first-person stories that will make the 2014 Tour of Homes one of the most memorable events yet.

Visit [www.historicfranklin.com](http://www.historicfranklin.com) to purchase tickets \$30/ea. Proceeds from the event benefit the Heritage Foundation.

### **Cannons On The Square The Campaign Continues**

Volunteers from several Franklin preservation groups have formed a Committee with the mission to purchase carriages to mount the four guns on the Franklin Square. These are authentic Civil War six pound guns cast between 1847 and 1861 and are currently mounted on concrete pedestals.



**Current appearance**



**Planned appearance**

The plan is to replace the concrete stands with four new National Park-quality reproduction No. 1 Field Carriages at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

The committee will apply for funding from State and regional preservation groups but will still need to raise a substantial portion of the \$60,000 from private donors. Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and has offered to act as steward for the donated funds until the purchase is made. All donations to this project are tax-deductible.

Your generous contribution will ensure these historic guns are protected and mounted appropriately. When our visitors first see the Square, they will immediately recognize that Franklin has Civil War history and sights to see. We need your help to make that visual statement to our future visitors.

Send your contributions **by May 30, 2014** to:  
STFB: CANNONS ON THE SQUARE CAMPAIGN  
P.O. BOX 851  
FRANKLIN, TN 37065-0851

If you or your group can make a substantial gift or have questions, call Sam Whitson (615-852-1076) or Sam Huffman (615-480-9539) to make arrangements. For more information and a **printable flyer** on the project, see [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org)

## **The Triune Fortifications**

By Dr Sam Gant

The most pristine Civil War earthwork fortification in Tennessee lies on some Williamson County hills near Triune, Tennessee.

On March 1, Fred Prouty, Director of the Tennessee Wars Commission, led a group of some seventy Civil War enthusiasts on a walking tour of these amazing fortifications. The tour, sponsored by the Franklin CWRT, covered two of the three major redoubts, which included the site of the signal station linking Franklin and Murfreesboro. These earthworks, together with the connecting entrenchments, cover an area of well over one hundred acres.

Following the Battle of Stones River, in order to protect Nashville from the Confederate Army headquartered in Tullahoma and Spring Hill, Federal Gen. William Rosecrans established a line of defense between Murfreesboro and Franklin.

In February 1863, Gen. J.B. Steedman's Federal 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 14<sup>th</sup> Corps, Army of the Cumberland, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Cavalry, U.S., under \*Lt. Col. James P. Brownlow, established a camp at the Concord Church on Nolensville Pike. The Confederate unit, under Gen. John Wharton, was camped just south of Nolensville. By early March, the Federals had routed the Confederates and moved to hills near Triune and began construction of the Triune Fortifications.

In April, Gen. Gordon Granger became commander and moved in 10,000 additional troops from Franklin.

By June 1863, when the Tullahoma Campaign was launched, 30,000 troops marched out of the Triune Fortifications.

On numerous occasions during 1863, Confederate forces attacked the Triune Fortifications or its out-lying posts. The most notable were at least two attacks by troops under Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Except for a brief period during the Battles of Franklin and Nashville, the Triune Fortifications remained manned by Federal troops until the end of the Civil War.

The Triune Fortifications remain today, although ravaged by time and the hooves of cattle, as a testimony to the engineering skills of the designers and the hard labor of thousands of soldiers who built the stone walls and moved the many tons of dirt in its construction.

\*Brig. Gen. James P. Brownlow is buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Franklin

## **News In Review**

**April 2014**

### **Film holds premiere in Franklin, to air on PBS — Williamson Herald — 3/27/14 — FRANKLIN —**

As plans are made being made to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, the fifth in a five-part series of Civil War: The Untold Story – With Malice Toward None – produced by Chris Wheeler with Great Divide Pictures, made its world premier at the Franklin Theatre to a sold out crowd. The documentary tells the story from the perspective of the Western Front—the area between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River.

### **Eastern Flank Battlefield Park dedication held — Williamson Herald — 4/3/14 — FRANKLIN —**

As Nearly a decade after Civil War preservationists rallied to acquire a former golf course on the Eastern Flank of the Battle of Franklin, the community dedicated its first fully interpreted battlefield park. State and local officials including Franklin Mayor Ken Moore, author and historian Robert Hicks, Columbia State Professor Thomas Flagel, attorney and philanthropist Julian Bibb, Tennessee Commissioner of Transportation John Schroer, and State Historian Dr. Carroll Van West offered remarks on the project and its significance at the dedication ceremony held last Thursday.

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