



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

The 150th Anniversary/Sesquicentennial events are over, but the work of preserving battlefield properties continues for us and all those engaged in preservation. While the event brought much publicity to Franklin and the amazing work that is being done here, our job is not over. Actually, it has just begun.

All four cannons on the Square are now mounted on period carriages thanks to the hard work of the Cannons on the Square Committee and the Franklin Streets Department staff.

November was also the month for our Annual Membership dinner and meeting. We had an excellent turn out to hear our guest speaker Eric Jacobson address the preservation success in Franklin over the last fifteen years. We also honored Rod and Kaye Heller with the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier award for their contributions to preservation in Franklin, especially the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park.

As you close out 2014, we would ask that you consider Save the Franklin Battlefield in your annual giving plans. All gifts to STFB are tax deductible and will be used for future land acquisitions.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support. Follow us via our web page and on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members November 2014

Bob Beck	Franklin, TN
Brian & Laurie Boulden	Franklin, TN
Robert B Boyda	Highland Heights, OH
Dot Carter	Nolensville, TN
Amer Civil War Trust	Garnet Valley, PA
North Illinois CWRT	Rolling Meadows, IL
Miles Ezell	Nashville, TN
Jay & Marcia Franks	Franklin, TN
Amanda Hall	Franklin, TN
Bobby T Hargrove	Franklin, TN
Rod & Kay Heller	Franklin, TN
John Henderson	Franklin, TN
Neal Hooten	Elkmont, AL
Robert Huff	Franklin, TN
A Stanley Killian	Beaumont, TX
Ladies of the GAR	Pomeroy, OH
V.W. Martin	Dahlonega, GA
Sherri Miller	Allentown, PA
Ken & Nancy Noller	Riverside, CA
Mary Pearce	Franklin, TN
Cullen Smith	Franklin, TN
Sons of Union Veterans	Franklin, TN
Stan St Pierre	Franklin, TN
Paul Timmerman	Snoqualmie, WA
Rick Warwick	Franklin, TN

March marks 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

Soldiers marched in downtown Franklin Sunday, November 30th, marking the moment 150 years ago when Confederate and Union troops battled for five tragic hours leaving carnage and chaos behind in the final days of the Civil War.

Confederate reenactors representing the Sons of

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Confederate Veterans came in from communities inside and outside of Franklin. Dressed in either butternut wool or gray wool, the reenactors marched from Winstead Hill, near the Columbia Avenue Target, carrying Confederate flags and period weaponry as they arrived at The Carter House at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Meanwhile, just as the sun began to set near the western property line of the field of battle, the Union reenactors filed in from their gathering place at Fort Granger, just above Pinkerton Park. The troops donned in blue uniforms marched to The Carter House as well.

Hundreds of luminaries symbolizing the thousands of lives lost in the Nov. 30 battle of 1864 lined the street and spilled over into the grounds of the Carter House, once the home of Fountain Branch Carter and his family.

from *The Williamson Herald*

The Hellers Honored At Annual Meeting

By Kelly Gilfillan

Rod and Kaye Heller were honored Thursday, Nov. 20, with the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award at the Save the Franklin Battlefield annual meeting and dinner.

Mary Pearce, a founding Board member of STFB and longtime friend of the Hellers, was asked to present the award. "The Heller's have been leaders in Franklin's Battlefield land acquisition efforts. They are my heroes," said Pearce, during the presentation.

"Kaye and I have made Franklin our home now," Rod Heller said. "We are honored to stand beside you and work to preserve the battlefields."

Sam Huffman, STFB Treasurer, said the Dozier Award is given to individuals who have a body of work that has had a significant impact on the battlefield preservation efforts in Franklin. Honorees are chosen annually by the board of directors.

"Although we had many deserving nominees this year, the STFB board decided unanimously to honor Rod and Kay Heller for their continuing preservation efforts here in Franklin over the years, and for their financial commitment to help with the Eastern Flank Battlefield," Huffman said Friday. He was unable to attend the dinner.

"I knew they were giving Rod the award, but I did not know I, too, was going to be part of the recognition," Kaye Heller said. "I am thrilled and so honored."



Rod and Kaye Heller with the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award

Eric A. Jacobson, CEO and historian of the Battle of Franklin Trust, was the guest speaker for the event.

"I look around this room and I know I don't need to tell you -- any of you -- how important this battle was," he said. "You all get it. Just look at what the Hellers have done to save the Franklin battlefield.

"But our work is not done, not even close. The sesquicentennial will be over in just a few days and it is Dec. 1 when the real work begins."

STFB recently contributed \$10,000 to the efforts to save a piece of battlefield adjacent to the Carter House. Members also joined the successful efforts to raise funds to assist the Cannons on the Square Committee to place replica cannon carriages on the Franklin Public Square in place of the concrete pedestals there.

Strip Mall Demolished

There is big news from the location of the future Carter Hill Battlefield Park. The strip mall has been demolished. It was purchased by Franklin's Charge and

the Civil War Trust for about \$1.8 million in 2012, officials said, with funds from a mix of sources, including about \$1 million in private donations, as well as state and federal grant money.



Workers demolish the strip mall near the Cotton Gin site.

The Domino's business shown in the distance is set to relocate to their new building in January, according to Franklin Charge officials, and the building pictured shown will be removed.

The archeology study by Dr Larry McKee and his team is ongoing. The trench line near the gin has been found and seems to differ from the maps by Moscow Carter. We will let you know when the McKee findings are complete and published.

News In Review December 2014

Battle 'an important part of our story' — The Tennessean-Williamson — 11/19/14 — FRANKLIN — Mike Grainger, a long-time Franklin resident, is the chairman of the Washington, DC-based nonprofit Civil War Trust, which acquires and preserves Civil War battlefields. This group has been instrumental in helping reclaim the land where the Battle of Franklin was fought 150 years ago. To date the group has saved 40,000 acres of land at sites across the nation. He states, "It was important that Franklin do what they could to preserve this land when the opportunity came up. . . .It's this generation of Franklin preservation leaders' recognition that this is an important part of our heritage...and we need to do what we can to tell that story."

Preservationists present vision of battlefield park to BOMA — Williamson Herald 11/27/14 — FRANKLIN — Representatives from Franklin's

Charge, Inc. preservation organization, led by co-founder Julian Bibb, presented a proposal to Franklin's Board of Mayor and Aldermen Tuesday night outlining the group's vision to establish "Carter Hill Battlefield Park" in partnership with the city. The park would include almost a dozen properties along the Columbia Avenue corridor surrounding the Carter House area where the Battle of Franklin took place. The plan proposes that Franklin's Charge is responsible for purchasing all properties then transferring ownership to the city in exchange for \$1.5 million. The city would be responsible for park maintenance and daily operations. Franklin's Charge, which is composed of multiple preservation groups, would incur a cost of almost \$7 million for the purchase of the battlefield properties to be converted for use as park property.

Battlefield preservation is about remembering — Williamson Herald 12/4/14 — FRANKLIN —

Local historians and battlefield preservation enthusiasts learned the evolution of the battlefield preservation movement last weekend when nationally recognized Civil War historian and preservationist Ed Bearss spoke in Franklin. Bearss is chief historian emeritus of the National Park Service. Known as the father of modern day Civil War battlefield preservation, the 91-year old spoke during the Historian's Dinner held last Saturday and Sunday at the Eastern Flank Battlefield, one of several reclaimed Battle of Franklin sites. In recent years, Franklin has leapt from the lost battlefields list to being the poster child of battlefield preservation, said self-professed storyteller Robert Hicks.

Franklin Parks win award for Sesquicentennial TV Special — Williamson Herald 12/9/14 —

FRANKLIN — Local A television program produced by the City of Franklin promoting the City's historic parks and events happening for the Sesquicentennial has won the Four Star Award from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association for excellence in Parks and Recreation Digital Marketing. The "Road to the 150th" program was hosted by Mayor Ken Moore and Parks Director Lisa Clayton. Also contributing stories were local historian Thomas Flagel, Parks and Recreation Foreman Deanna Scheffel and Communications Manager Milissa Reiersen. The featured guests on the program were local author/preservationist Robert Hicks, Tourism Commissioner Susan Whitaker, Williamson Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Ellie Westman Chin, and historian/Chief Executive Officer Battle of Franklin Trust's Eric Jacobson.

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