



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

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Plans continue on activities for 2014, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The Civil War Reenactment at Triune is still on track for April 12-13. STFB will have a booth there and also at the Civil War Trust (CWT) Annual Conference to be held in Nashville in late May.

If you are interested in helping out with the STFB booth at the Triune Reenactment please call us to volunteer.

**Important** - A local developer is seeking to rezone and develop a prime piece of real estate on the north and west sides of Ropers Knob. This was a key signal post and blockhouse for the Fort Granger complex. The summit and south face of the knob hold a 67-acre park owned by State of Tennessee and the City of Franklin.

The proposed project is in its infancy and we have seen no renderings, but as things develop we will keep you apprised in future newsletters.

Continue to follow us via our newsletter, our web page, and on Facebook. If you have friends or family that are a not member of STFB ask them to consider joining our ranks. As always, we appreciate your support as we continue to identify and preserve Civil War sites in Williamson County.

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members January 2014

Phillip Allen	South Bend, IL
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## Triune Earthworks Tour Set for March 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 AM

The Franklin Civil War Round Table is hosting a walking tour of the earthworks just northeast of Triune on Saturday, March 1. The expansive works are on private land and can be visited only during these scheduled tours. We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Triune Community Center which

Web Site



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is located ¼ mile south of the four way stop (Hwy 96 & US 41) in Triune. From there, we will transport the short distance to the beginning of the tour.

These fortifications were built in early 1863 after the Battle of Stones River as the Federals pushed their front line south from Nashville to Franklin, Triune and Murfreesboro, and strongly fortified each. This was part of the Federal buildup in preparation for the drive toward Chattanooga and Atlanta.

Fred Prouty of the Tennessee Wars Commission is an expert on the history and archeology of these fortifications and will lead the tour. Please notify Greg Wade [gregwade55@yahoo.com](mailto:gregwade55@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

### **Cotton Gin Battlefield Park The Dream Is Becoming Reality**

Work has begun to clear and restore several recently purchased properties on Cleburne Street that will eventually become the Cotton Gin Battlefield Park.

This is the culmination of many years' work to fulfill the widely held dream to one day save some part of the Franklin Battlefield. The goal of the Civil War Trust and local preservation organizations is to have the Park grounds returned to grass by November 30, 2014, the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.



**This house at 108 Cleburne is ready to be moved**

The 108 Cleburne Street property (at left) was bought by the Civil War Trust last year. Just beyond it is the Cotton Gin Assault Park (Pizza Hut) land that the City of Franklin bought and cleared in November 2005.

The 109 Cleburne Street house across the street was purchased by the Heritage Foundation some 15 years



**The 108 house (left) faces the 109 Cleburne Street house in the distance. It is the next to move**

ago. Workmen on site said work to move the 109 house would begin in about two weeks. The brown stone house to the right (east) of the 109 house will move soon afterwards. That house was purchased through the efforts of the Civil War Trust last year.

Out of view and to the left of the 109 house is the Dominos strip mall that is planned to be vacant by March 31. Work to remove those structures will begin in April if all goes well.

It is expected that all of the ground will be cleared by late spring and extensive archeological work well underway. Sometime in the future, a reproduction of the Carter cotton gin house and perhaps some of the trench line will be constructed. For now, the plan is to get the park back to grass and take a victory lap by November 30. What a day that will be. Don't miss it.

For the old-timers here in Franklin and for many of our long-time supporters, this is almost too much to believe. Be sure to be here November 30, 2014 to help us make sure this is all absolutely true.

### **Franklin150 Logo Unveiled**



The Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau

has released the new **Franklin150** logo that will be used throughout the year for Sesquicentennial Events and promotions. The emblem is currently used on official **Franklin150** web sites and printed materials produced by the WCC&VB. There are plans afoot for the logo soon to be used on flags on the streetlight poles in downtown Franklin.

**Important** – Others cannot use the Franklin150 logo on merchandise and print materials without express permission by the Williamson County Convention & Visitors Bureau. See [www.Franklin150.com](http://www.Franklin150.com) for guidelines. This web site also will maintain a consolidated schedule of all Sesquicentennial events.

## **Battle of Triune**

### **Living History & Civil War Battle Reenactment April 12-13, 2014**

**Location: Kings' Chapel, Arrington, TN**

For the second year, Kings' Chapel will be the host site for the December 27, 1862 **Battle of Triune Reenactment**. The gates will be open to the public from 11 AM till 4:30 PM each day. Spectator's admission will be \$5 per day. Children age 6 and under will be free. Parking is free. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and a picnic lunch (there will not be any food vendors).

There will be a series of lectures and talks this year, and to help cover the cost of the reenactment, there will a request for a \$2 donation to attend each lecture. So far we will have impressionist doing talks on General Grant (Curt Fields); General Thomas (Dan Hughes); General Patrick Cleburne (Alan Corry); and Margie Thessin with Franklin of Foot doing a talk on "Children During the Civil War". Because seating is limited at Kings' Chapel, there will be only 100 tickets for each lecture. Keep an eye on the web-site and Facebook for a notice when advance ticket will go on sales.

Triune was a thriving community prior to the Civil War. There was a battle on Dec 27, 1862 as Confederate brigades under General Braxton Bragg encountered Federal troops on their way to Murfreesboro for what would be the Battle of Stones River Dec 31-Jan 2. After Confederate forces were defeated, the Federal troops occupied Triune and built earthworks to defend the area.

Between April and June 1863, there were several skirmishes between the Federal troops and General Bedford Forrest's Cavalry. The local people resisted Federal occupation and many were detained. Many of their homes and churches were destroyed by fire during this period.

There will be a charge for sutlers and they will need to pre-register before April. There will not be any outside food vendors on site due to the need to meet additional county codes. Plan to cook your meals in camp. There is a gas station in Triune and restaurants in Franklin (12 miles away). Also - in Triune there is a Saddle and Gun Shop that sells black power.

Kings' Chapel is located east of Franklin on Hwy 96 (one mile west of the Triune/Nolensville intersection) at 4980 Meadowbrook Blvd, Arrington, Tennessee 37014. For more information, visit [www.sites.google.com/site/battleoftriune/](http://www.sites.google.com/site/battleoftriune/) or [www.facebook.com/BattleofTriune](http://www.facebook.com/BattleofTriune) For questions, contact Alan Corry 615-945-7500 (c)

## **News In Review February 2014**

### **Lotz House Cellar Yields Military & Civilian Artifacts — Civil War News — February/March 2014 — FRANKLIN**

The Lotz House has reported that more than 900 artifacts were uncovered during a two-year archeological excavation in parts of the structure's dirt cellar. Among the things found were minee balls, buckles, civilian and military buttons, bottles, doll parts, pieces of glass and china, a door know, clay marbles and unfired percussion caps.

**HISTORY, FAMILY, FUN— The Tennessean-Williamson A.M. — 2/14/14 — FRANKLIN** — More than 500 people celebrated achievement and family at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Black Tie Affair on February 7 at Embassy Suites in Franklin. The theme was the role of African-Americans during the Civil War. This year's event also honored four branches of the Fleming family, descendants of slaves at Sunnyside Plantation along Columbia Pike.

**Black History Month exhibit — The Tennessean-Williamson A.M. — 2/14/14 — FRANKLIN** — The Williamson County Public Library this month is showing an exhibit collected by historian Thelma Battle depicting Africa-American participants in the Civil War in its special collections department.



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