



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee**

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As the year comes to a close we want to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and hope that your New Year is safe and prosperous. 2015 was a good year for preservation efforts in Franklin and we look forward to continuing our collective success in the coming year. We thank all of you who have continued to support our efforts for preservation in Franklin and Williamson County.

We would like to urge our Thompson Station neighbors and city administration to consider preservation of at least a portion of your battlefield US 31 gateway into Thompson Station. Heritage tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry that could benefit your area if battlefield preservation is a part of your land use planning.

We had a very successful Civil War Show this year with numerous booth visitors who wanted to learn the latest news on battlefield preservation in Franklin. Much good news. Thanks to those who stopped by to see us.

We also want to thank all of our men and women in uniform who are in Harm's Way. Please keep them in your thoughts as you gather with your family this week. Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Battle.1864>), because of your support we have passed the 1000 "Like" milestone. Please continue to support our webpage and follow us on Facebook.

Dan Mora – President

## New & Renewing Members November 2015

American CW Trust	Garnet Valley, PA
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## Thompsons Station Plans Development on West Harpeth Battlefield

Recent newspaper reports, and public statements by Thompsons Station officials and their developers, are promoting the annexation of county lands north of Thompsons Station. This area includes the US 31 corridor from I-840 to Coleman road. The annexation and subsequent rezoning is slated to happen in January 2016

This corridor is the West Harpeth River Battlefield

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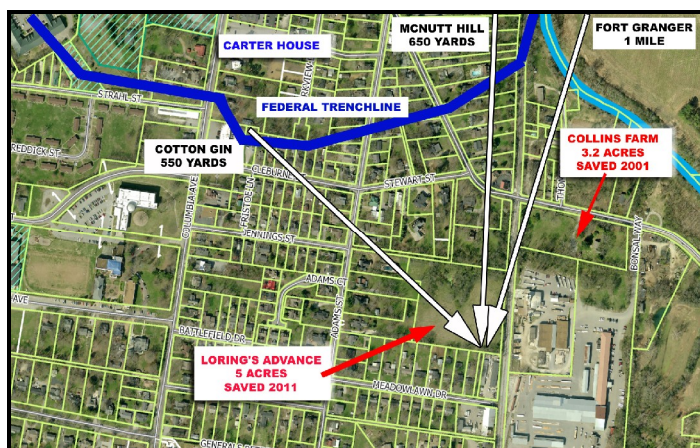
**Recommendations:** We ask all local residents to encourage the Thompsons Station leaders to save the West Harpeth Battlefield between Coleman Rd to just south of Kittrel Rd. This Battlefield Park would be the perfect US 31 rural gateway into Thompsons Station. It would also tie into the Heritage Tourism story of



Hood's Tennessee Campaign as the last of the four related battles – Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, West Harpeth. This is the battlefield Thompsons Station needs to protect and interpret for their town to become part of that story. There are two books on the Battle: **The Death of an Army: The Battle of Nashville and Hood's Retreat** by Paul Stockdale  
**In the Lion's Mouth** by Derek Smith

## New Perspectives of the Fighting Across Lorings Advance

Here at STFB, we continually work to understand the view of the battlefield and lay of the terrain that the soldiers actually experienced during the Battle of Franklin. Today's battlefield has trees and houses that make this visualization almost impossible. Now that we have cleared all the undergrowth from Lorings Advance, we did a new graphic **Figure 3** that shows the directions and distances to important battlefield features from the Lorings Advance Entrance. e.g. The left arrow shows the Cotton Gin 550 yards distant.



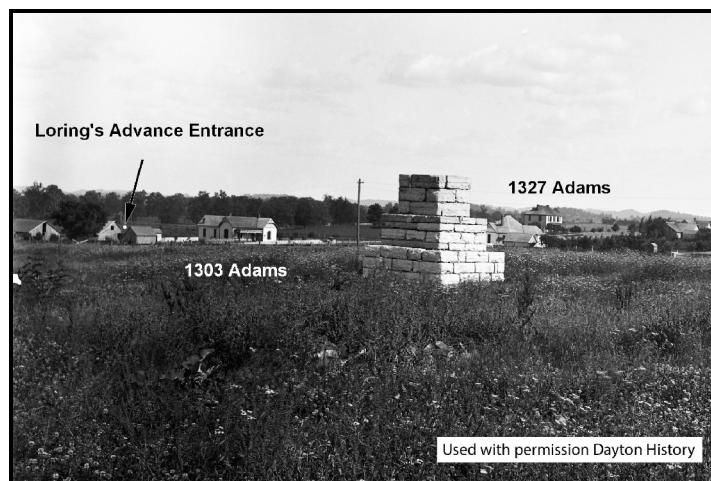
**Figure 3** Directions and distances to Federal forces from the Lorings Advance entrance

**Figure 4** shows two 1904 houses that stand today – 1327 Adams is on the NE corner of Adams and Meadowlawn – 1303 Adams adjoins the NW corner of Lorings Advance – near the white line. Everyone at the gin could see all Confederates on the south edge of Lorings Advance, the Confederates could see the gin. In fact, from the LA entrance, without today's trees, you could see the cotton gin, the Federal trench from Columbia Pike east to the RR, the ten guns on McNutt Hill, and the four ordnance rifles at Fort Granger – and all of those people could clearly see you as well

There is talk, but no plans yet, to build an I-beam outline on the cotton gin site rather than an actual building on the relic foundation. It may be possible

today to see that I-beam structure even with today's trees. During work on the Carter Hill Park, we hope to raise a crane to 46 feet to see if it can be seen through the trees from LA (or identify the trees needing some strategic trimming).

With the undergrowth gone, it is also now obvious that if all the Federals east of Columbia Pike were shooting at you, it would make great and obvious sense to go forward to take cover in the ravine along the north boundary of Lorings Advance. We plan to do a Lorings Advance tour in early 2016 so you can come see that for yourself.



**Figure 4** A June 1904 view from the Carter cotton gin looking south-east to the Lorings Advance entrance

## News In Review December 2015

**'Mystery' diary illuminates Civil War-era life in Tennessee — The Tennessean — 12/9/15 — NASHVILLE** — An 1860s diary of Randal William McGavock— the Harvard-educated lawyer served as mayor of Nashville from 1858 to 1859 — is set to be published in Tennessee's historical quarterly as part of what historians say is one of the most illuminating Civil War-era accounts of life in the state. The Civil War-era diary was found in California by retired science teacher Andrea Shearn.

**Franklin's Masonic Hall becomes Civil War trail marker— Williamson Herald — 12/17/15 — FRANKLIN** — The Masonic Hall of Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 7 on 2nd Avenue in downtown Franklin installed a Civil War trail marker in its front yard on Wednesday to commemorate the lodge's role during the Battle of Franklin. The Hall was used as a federal field hospital for Union soldiers. A dedication ceremony will take place in the winter.

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