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

President's Message

As the new President of STFB, it is a great honor for me to show you the picture below. In mid-February, the last of two houses was removed from the flower shop property just south of the Carter House site. For over a hundred years, those houses have blocked the soldiers' battle view of the Carter farmstead. The Battle of Franklin Trust and Franklins Charge are managing the recovery and reclamation of this important battlefield parcel.



The Carter House and farmstead as seen from the main trench line. The retrenchment line was just this side of the outbuildings.

According to Franklins Charge officials, this battlefield parcel will transfer to the City Parks Dept once the mortgage is paid off.

Also in this issue -- the Civil War Trust Annual Conference is set for Chattanooga June 7-11

Chip Huffman – President

New & Renewing Members January 2017

Ernie & Nell Bacon	Franklin, TN
John Chaballa	Barnegat, NJ
Karen Daniel	Albuquerque, NM
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Bobby Hargrove	Franklin, TN
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Calvin Lehew	Franklin, TN
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Richard Rust	Franklin, TN
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STFB Listed in Top 300 Civil War Trust Donors

The Civil War Trust recently notified Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc that the organization is ranked among the top 300 Donors to the Civil War Trust. "We are very pleased to receive this recognition," said STFB President Chip Huffman,

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“STFB has donated in the past directly to the CWT for Franklin land buys, and STFB is a continuing member of the Color Bearer corps. We are very proud to be part of the Civil War Trust family. They were the financial key to saving Franklin.”

CWT Conference June 7-11 – Chattanooga

Get signed up ASAP. The tours will include newly acquired ground at Browns Ferry. See all the details at www.civilwar.org/events for Conference Agenda and Registration forms. See you there.

Civil War Trust Honors Battlefield Reclamation Efforts in Tennessee

Jim Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Trust, came to the Tennessee Capitol February 7, 2017 to thank Gov. Bill Haslam and the State Legislators for their leadership in the State's continuing funding to enable battlefield reclamation.

Through a dedicated revenue use fund, in addition to a regular \$250,000 appropriation every year, the State of Tennessee contributes more money to battlefield reclamation than does any other state in the nation. For the fiscal year, 2017-2018, the amount will be \$1.3 million. Plus, much of this money will be used to apply for grants from the CWT and Federal grants.



Governor Bill Haslam

CWT Pres Jim Lighthizer

Lighthizer praised efforts across the state, mentioning, specifically, Parker's Crossroads and the preservation at Franklin. To date, the Trust has helped preserve 3,500 acres of battlefield land in Tennessee.

He said battlefield reclamation is important from both a historical and economic perspective. “A lot of what we do is build parks and tell stories,” Lighthizer said. “But a lot of what we do is also about citizenship building. It’s mainly because people need to know their history and their heritage. People can’t become good citizens unless they know

who in the heck they are, and where they come from.” He also pointed out that heritage education could create tourism.

Haslam quickly agreed, saying in economic terms, tourism is a big driver in Tennessee. “We have the most battles second only to Virginia,” Haslam said. “These sites are a real foundation for us to build (tourism) on. They help us tell a story.”

Governor budgets \$3.2 Million for New Carter House Visitor's Center

*Reprint from Williamson Herald
By Kerri Bartlett • Managing Editor*

The Carter House Master Plan is one step further along to fruition as Gov. Bill Haslam dedicated \$3.2 million in the budget for the construction of a new Visitor's Center on the property. The Tennessee Historical Commission requested the funds and now Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson is “elated.” “The Visitor's Center is a central piece of the Master Plan and will take us into the next 30 to 40 years,” Jacobson said.

Protecting preservation efforts, Rep. Charles Sargent, R-Franklin, and Rep. Steve McDaniel, R-Parkers Crossroads, who have done major work in Civil War preservation, played a significant role in supporting and securing the funds. “I am really excited for Franklin,” Jacobson added. “Besides having a beautiful visitor's center, it will attract new tourists and even entice some to come back to Franklin a third time or fourth time and see what we've done on the battlefield. “It's great for the economy and tourism.”

The Carter House is a state-owned property, managed by BoFT. Sargent said that the governor has been very gracious in his help in historic and civil war preservation. “We are very excited about it. Charles Sargent has been an incredible supporter of preservation,” preservationist Julian Bibb said. “The number of tourists has increased significantly, and this will contribute to serving tourism. It's a remarkable surprise, and now we can fully realize the work that has been put into this property”.

The Carter House Master Plan unveiled in 2015, includes the new construction of the visitors center, over 4,000 square-feet, to be surrounded by landscaping throughout the property to reflect the Carter family's green space living with an orchard and garden. The old Franklin High School gym located off

Columbia Avenue was demolished last spring to make way for the new Carter House plan. However, the new visitor's center will be located adjacent to its current center, which will eventually be demolished, Jacobson said. A detailed plan is under development and should be ready sometime after mid-year, according to Jacobson.

New Cannons for Carter Hill Battlefield Park Need Donors

The Committee for Cannons on the Battlefield recently met at the Carter Hill Park to discuss project progress and to examine placement options for the guns. The general plan is to acquire four replica 3" ordnance rifles to place at the main trench line on Columbia Pike to represent the guns of the 1st Kentucky Battery. During the battle, the battery was overrun and captured by the Confederate breakthrough.

Three down, one to go - The guns will cost \$20K each. Committee Chair Cullen Smith reports that nearly \$20,000 has been raised and his request for a \$40,000 grant from the Tennessee Wars Commission has been approved. "We initially planned to buy one gun per year as funds came in," said Smith, "but now we hope to quickly raise the remaining 20K and order all four 3" rifles. But we will need the general public to help us to do that."



Committee Chair Cullen Smith (left) discusses the battery positioning with committee members Bruce Hohler, Gary Rosenthal and Sam Huffman

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to:
Cannons on the Battlefield
Attn: Frances Regan
604 West Main Street
Franklin, TN 37064

Individuals and groups who would like to sponsor an entire gun and carriage should contact Committee Member and STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman 615-480-9539 sam@capp.org

"Once the 1st KY Battery guns are deployed near Columbia Pike," said Smith, "we want to acquire two replica 12 lb. Napoleons for near the Cotton Gin."

News In Review February 2017

Franklin's Charge clears way for history to be preserved on Columbia Avenue — *Williamson Herald* — 2/7/16 — FRANKLIN — A former flower shop on Columbia Avenue, next to the Carter Hill Battlefield Park, was demolished to pave the way for future Civil War land preservation by an alliance of groups called Franklin's Charge. The demolition was wrapped up in a little over four hours, according to crews working on the site. "The view around the Carter House is greatly expanded and the development of the battlefield park is progressing as planned. Soon we will have a vastly enhanced tourist experience," said Jillian Bibb, Heritage Foundation's board president

Civil War Trust donates two tracts of land to Battle of Franklin Trust — *Williamson Herald* — 2/7/16 — FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust has received two tracts of land from the Civil War Trust. The "Deed of Gift" includes five-and-a-half acres of land, which will be owned and maintained by the Battle of Franklin Trust and continue preservation of Franklin's historic and hallowed grounds. The Civil War Trust's deed includes Loring's Advance, a roughly 5-acre tract along the railroad tracks east of Adams Street, which was the site of heavy Federal fire and many Confederate casualties. The second half-acre plot is positioned on the west side of Columbia Ave. where General George Wagner's advance line first confronted the attacking Confederate.

Newly installed signs at Ft. Granger encourage further learning — *Williamson Herald* — 2/19/16 — FRANKLIN — Six new interpretive signs, or trail markers, were installed on Fort Granger's 14.5-acre property, located just behind Pinkerton Park in Franklin. "We now have fully interpreted markers that speak to Union occupation on the home front showing what the Civil War was really like," Rachael Finch, Battlefield Preservation commissioner, said. The process has been well over a year in the making.

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