



# 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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On June the 9th, Dan Mora, Past President of Save The Franklin Battlefield and I, had the distinct pleasure of conducting a tour of the Franklin Battlefield with several members of the Civil War Round Table of Southwest Michigan.

For most of us in the Preservation Community, it is not often that we get to see the faces of people who are seeing the Battlefield for the first time, or the marvel on the faces of those who have been to Franklin before, but are seeing the progress that has been made in the past few years.

Even though no one on the Board of STFB is paid, that Friday afternoon was all I needed for a year's pay! A special thanks to Mayor Ken Moore for taking the time to have a photo taken with the group on Cannon Square and a very special thanks to Rachael Finch for the private tour of the Masonic Lodge.

Seeing the handwritten note on the wall at the Lodge from a 14th Michigan Infantry soldier was especially poignant for these Michiganders.

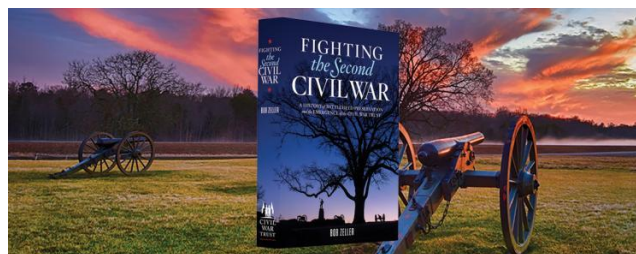
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## New & Renewing Members May 2017

Phillip Allen	South Bend, IL
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## History of the Civil War Trust Just Released

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Civil War Trust, a new book explores the rise of the organization, from humble beginnings to become the national champion for historic battlefield preservation.



*Fighting the Second Civil War: A History of Battlefield Preservation and the Emergence of the Civil War Trust*, by historian Bob Zeller, tells

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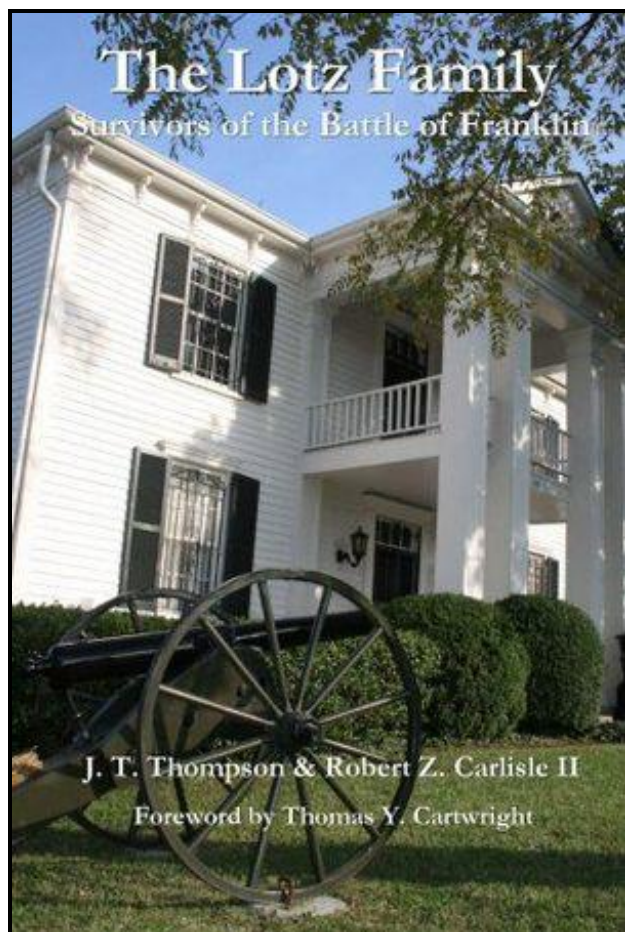


the story of the Civil War Trust's extraordinary journey to become the most successful nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in American history.

Starting with the 1987 founding of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, the book highlights numerous preservation dramas both successful and not that ultimately led to the protection of more than 46,000 acres at 132 Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields throughout the nation. These include the high-profile struggle with a Disney theme park at Manassas, the unlikely restoration of the Franklin Battlefield, two national crusades against casino gambling at Gettysburg, and the 11th-hour campaign to save the famous George Washington's charge site at Princeton.

The book is available at [RogerWilliamsAgency.com](http://RogerWilliamsAgency.com) or at the Civil War Trust web site [civilwar.org](http://civilwar.org)

## Lotz House Announces Expanded Release Of The Lotz Family Book



The Lotz House has released the third edition of its book: *The Lotz Family, Survivors of the Battle of Franklin*. The book, co-authored by J.T. Thompson

and Robert Z. Carlisle II, tells the story of the Lotz Family and their experiences with success, tragedy, heartbreak and war.

“Since our last issue, we have unearthed more information, photos and stories about the Lotz family through artifacts found in and around the home and cellar and our incredible visitors who come from all over the country,” said Lotz House Executive Director, J.T. Thompson. “Robert Carlisle’s hard work and dedication to carrying on the Lotz family’s history is outstanding and something to be celebrated.”

Some of the additions to the updated version include: 21 new photographs, a complete listing of Matilda Lotz’s new paintings and her paintings accepted by the Paris Salon between 1882 and 1886, a chapter on the life of Capt. Thomas Jefferson Carothers and additional information on Williamson County pioneer Robert G. Buchanan.

The foreword, written by Civil War historian Thomas Y. Cartwright, describes the book as, “an opportunity to learn about a creative and resilient family that withstood the trials and tribulations of life to leave a legacy that will stand the test of time.”

The book costs \$19.99 and will be available at the Lotz House gift shop and online. For more information, call 615-790-7190 or visit [www.lotzhouse.com](http://www.lotzhouse.com)

## Southwest Michigan CWRT Visits Franklin - Photo Journal

As mentioned in the President’s column, June 9 saw members of the CWRT of Southwest Michigan in Franklin to catch up on the news of recent preservation progress. Several had been to Franklin in past years and had spent the morning at Stones River Battlefield Park.



**Historian Rachael Finch displays some artifacts to the CWRT during a special tour of Historic Masonic Hall**

## News In Review June 2017

**Spring Hill: preserving the past — Williamson-The Tennessean — 5/14/17 — Spring Hill** — After accepting a donation of Rippavilla Plantation and antebellum home and 98 acres of open space just over the border in Maury County—Spring Hill will take over operation and maintenance of the property. One condition under the city acquisition is that the property will be permanently protected by the Land Trust of Tennessee.

**Heritage Foundation celebrates the new and old at annual meeting — Williamson Herald — 5/18/17 — FRANKLIN** — Members of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County approved a new president and board of directors during the annual meeting this week at the Franklin Theatre. Outgoing president Julian Bibb introduced incoming president David Garrett. The new board then said a final farewell to longtime impactful Executive Director Mary Pearce, who officially retired last week. More than a dozen Preservation Awards were presented to residential and commercial preservation projects at the annual meeting and awards ceremony.

**Franklin mayor proclaims ‘Mary Pearce Day’ in honor of renowned preservationist — Williamson Herald — 5/24/17 — FRANKLIN** — May 24, 2017, marked a special day for many who know and love Franklin’s iconic preservationist Mary Pearce, former executive director of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin & Williamson County. Franklin Mayor Ken Moore proclaimed the day as Mary Pearce Day in Franklin. The proclamation entailed Moore’s sincere gratitude for Pearce and her accomplishments in historic preservation, which has positively impacted Franklin and Williamson County.

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**The Southwest Michigan CWRT pauses for a group picture at Franklin’s Masonic Hall - (front l-r) John Carter, Ramzi Dumke, Faye Chamberlain, Shelley & Tom Heinze (standing l-r) Mike Dumke, Keith Chapman, Ted Chamberlain, Tom Carter**



**STFB President Chip Huffman (left) and Past-President Dan Mora (facing group) lead the group to the main trench line and Carter cotton gin foundation discovered by recent archeological excavations**



**Franklin Mayor Ken Moore (center) welcomes the Southwest Michigan CWRT to Franklin Square for a picture**

CWRT Secretary Keith Chapman thanked Dan, Chip and Mayor Moore and presented STFB with a \$200 donation for Battlefield Preservation. Chip assured the group that the gift will ‘buy dirt’. Watch this space.

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