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Well another Annual Membership Dinner is in the books. If you weren't there, you missed a great time of fellowship with other like-minded preservationists.

You missed a great meal catered by Donna Stokes-Rogers. You missed a great review of the past years efforts. You missed a great talk by Williamson County Historian, Rick Warwick on Woman's Role in Preservation that had the crowd spellbound and in bouts of laughter!

The evening was perfectly climaxed when our own Dr. Sam Gant was presented with the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award for outstanding contributions to the preservation of the Franklin Battlefield. You could feel and hear the murmur of approval when Dr. Gant's name was announced. And a standing ovation quickly followed! More details are discussed within this newsletter.

Elsewhere in this publication, you can find updates on Carter Hill Battlefield Park and the Cannons that were recently dedicated there, news from the Lotz House on the battlefield, and much more! Make note of upcoming events such as the Civil War Show December 2-3 and events surrounding the 153d Anniversary of The Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864.

Chip Huffman – President

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**2017 Middle Tennessee Civil War Show
At Ag Center December 2 - 3**

The 31st Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for

December 2 - 3 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center, I-65 Exit 61 in Franklin, TN. Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee will once again host the show. The hours are:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.

General admission is \$10.00 with children under 12 free. Come visit us at the STFB table on the lower level at the west end of the arena.

Save the Franklin Battlefield 2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 STFB Annual Meeting was held November 16 at Otey Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin.

Among the guests were UDC President, Marlene Holmes, Battlefield Preservation Commission Chair, Pam Lewis, Williamson County Historian, Rick Warwick, and his wife, Elaine, Past Heritage Foundation Board Chairman, Julian Bibb, Past Heritage Foundation Executive Director, Mary Pearce, Alderman Mike Skinner, and Former Mayor, Lillian Stewart.

Another special guest was William Rutledge, who headed the Eagle Scout entrance gate project at Loring's Advance. William was sponsored at the dinner/meeting by Dick Staley of Diamond Bar CA who promotes having students introduced and included in preservation activities.



Special guest William Rutledge (r) has an informal moment with his parents John and Teresa Rutledge prior to the STFB Annual Meeting

Following a delicious dinner, Sam Huffman, using electronic slides, briefly reviewed some of the STFB activities during 2017.

In the election of STFB Board members, Sam Gant and Bobby Hargrove were re-elected to the 2018-2020 term.

Williamson County Historian, Rick Warwick spoke on "Women's Role in Franklin Battlefield Preservation."

He told stories of four ladies of early Franklin: Francis "Fannie" Courtney, Margaret Isabella "Belle" Cliffe Brownlow, , Mariah Otey Reddick, and Robbie Hunter Ullathorne. His interesting presentation included little stories about these ladies with anecdotes of their interactions with others. Excerpts from their obituaries provided glimpses of how they were remembered.

The evening closed with the awarding of the prestigious, STFB, *Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award* to STFB Board member, Sam C. Gant: "For his Enduring Leadership and Devotion to Preserving the Franklin Battlefield."



STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman (l) presents the 2017 Tennie Pinkeerton Dozier Award to Sam Gant. Sam and Norma first attended STFB tours and events 25 years ago, and he joined the STFB Board in 1997

Renovated Carter Farm Office Now Open to Visitors

On November 28, following a \$170,000 restoration over the past 15-16 months, BoFT CEO Eric Jacobson and Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer Patrick McIntyre spoke on the significance of this preservation project. Guests were then invited to tour the farm office for themselves.

Built in the 1840s, this building was heavily damaged during the November 30, 1864 battle. It was once

used as office and living space for the Carter family, and will now be a centerpiece of the tour experience at the Carter House.

The north and south interior walls will remain exposed, showing the intense damage that occurred during the battle. The Federal retrenchment line was along the south side of the building and the main trench line was about 70 yards farther south.

“This will be the first time that the Carter farm office will be open as a historic structure,” said Jacobson. “We know that when visitors see the damage that hundreds of bullets made to the office, especially from the inside of the building, they will better understand the intensity of the Battle of Franklin.”



The Carter farm office is reportedly the most battle damaged building to survive the Civil War. The restoration effort returned the building to its war-time appearance as much as possible.

News In Review November 2017

Emerging Franklin Park Benefits — *Hallowed Ground* — Fall 2017 — FRANKLIN — Thanks to preservation efforts by the Civil War Trust and local activists, including the Battle of Franklin Trust and Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., historians are able to understand the fighting around the Carter House like never before. Two Properties on Columbia Avenue have now been cleared of modern houses and included in the growing park. State legislators took another major action on behalf of Franklin, passing a state budget that included a \$3.1-million appropriation toward building a 4,000-square-foot visitor center at the Carter House.

Franklin parks director awarded top state honor — *Williamson Herald* — 10/28/17 — Franklin — The Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association hosted its annual conference at Eastern Flank Park in Franklin. The highlight of the evening was when city of Franklin Parks Director Lisa Clayton received the highest honor in the organization by earning the Fellow Award for this year. Clayton has been instrumental in devising and implement the city parks master plan.

Veteran Paver Sponsorship Program starting at Veterans Park — *Williamson Herald* — 11/8/17 — FRANKLIN — On Nov. 10, 2017, a Veteran Paver Sponsorship Program will be launched with the activation of the website: www.SlavesToSoldiers.com The program is designed to allow the public to sponsor easily concrete memorial pavers in Williamson County’s Veterans Park in honor of the approximately 300 Williamson County African American Civil War veterans and body servants that have been recently identified by local historian and blogger Tina Cahalan Jones.

Jacobson leads dedication of cannons at Carter Hill, announces deal on another property — *Williamson Herald* — 11/12/17 — FRANKLIN — As the final speaker, Eric Jacobson discussed how the Civil War Trust, The Heritage Foundation, The Battle of Franklin Trust and Franklin’s Charge purchased and transferred acres of property to the city of Franklin that were converted into a public battlefield park near The Carter House. The open field now includes the three cannons that Franklin’s Charge secured and had placed on the site. Jacobson also announced that a deal had been negotiated for Franklin’s Charge to purchase the Ceramic & Craft Workshop just across Columbia Pike for additional park land.

Heritage Foundation celebrates 50 years — *Williamson Herald* — 11/14/17 — FRANKLIN — The Heritage Foundation of Williamson County celebrated its first 50 years and looked forward to the next 50 years during a celebration that began on Main Street and continued into the Franklin Theatre. Inside, Williamson County historian Rick Warwick led the audience of preservationists in a historical overview of the Foundation from an idea in 1967 to a successful force for preservation saving buildings, battlefields and open spaces.

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