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

President's Message

On Saturday, September 23d, 2017, I along with Treasurer Sam Huffman, Secretary Sam Gant, and Board Member Dean Carr, were privileged to host the United Kingdom Civil War Roundtable on a tour of the Franklin Battlefield. Several had visited Franklin multiple times and were very interested in seeing the latest preservation successes of the Franklin preservation community. Great folks and very knowledgeable about the American Civil War!

They left us to go on to Ft Negley in Nashville to tour the next battlefield of Hood's Tennessee Campaign. Sadly, there is not much to see of the Battlefield due to Nashville Government's total disregard for their heritage and their history in the American Civil War. Ft Negley is a treasure and one of the few remaining icons of the Battle of Nashville, which ended in the total defeat of Hood's army. The Nashville battle and retreat south were the final act of the Civil War in the western theater.

Several preservation groups are still trying to convince Mayor Megan Barry to drop her efforts to place condominiums, retail space, and high rise housing on the Ft Negley parkland surrounding the Fort. Instead, we believe Nashville should create an interpretative program at Fort Negley that complements Columbia, Spring Hill, and Franklin in order to tap into the tourism traffic those cities enjoy.

You can add your voice to ours by signing this [Petition](#)

Chip Huffman - President

New and Renewing Members August 2017

Clyde Barnhill	Franklin, TN
Ed Bearss	Arlington, VA
Angela Calhoun	Franklin, TN
The Carter House	Franklin, TN
Brandywine Valley CWRT	West Chester, PA
Cape May County CWRT	Del Haven, NJ
Hoosier Blue & Gray CWRT	Connersville, IN
Salt Creek CWRT	Glen Ellen, IL
Jim Danley	Germantown, TN
Mark Day	Lynchburg, VA
David Deatrick Jr	Prospect, TN
Fort Negley Park	Nashville, TN
Dennis Faught	Columbia, MO
Michael Hoover	Grand Terrace, CA
Sam Huffman	Brentwood, TN
Dot Kelly	Knoxville, TN
Dahk & Jan Knox	Mosheim, TN
John Moloski	Harrisonville, MO
Ben Nance	Nashville, TN
Billie Ruth Nanny	Clarksville, TN
Stephen Varner	Fort Wayne, IN
19 th Virginia Vols Co K	Monroe Twp, NJ
Sean Von Loh	Greeley, CO

STFB Annual Meeting Thursday November 16, 2017 Save the Date

Save Thursday, Nov 16, 2017 for the STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Our speaker will be Williamson County Historian Rick Warwick. We will have details and RSVP instructions in our October newsletter. We will see you there.

Cannons Arrive for Carter Hill Battlefield Park

There was great excitement and anticipation on Sept

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20 when Historical Ordnance Works delivered three cannons to Carter Hill Battlefield Park. The replica 3" ordnance rifles will be placed on the trench line just east of Columbia Pike. These guns will depict the 1st Kentucky Battery that was overrun by the Confederate breakthrough but later recaptured by Federal troops. An on-order replica Napoleon 12-pounder will be delivered in October and placed near the cotton gin. A dedication ceremony will be held Nov 10 at 1:00 AM.



Franklin Parks Dept staff help unload and place the three ordnance rifles at the main trench line.

Franklin's Charge President Cullen Smith is also Chair of the Cannons on the Battlefield Committee that raised the funds to buy the three guns. "We want to add the fourth cannon to accurately portray the Kentucky battery," Smith said, "but so far we only have money for three." The fourth ordnance rifle and carriage will cost about \$18,000.

The Cannon Committee is searching for groups or individuals to sponsor the fourth ordnance rifle. Those who can help us should contact STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman sam@capp.org or Franklins Charge President Cullen Smith bamaheart@mindspring.com

Mary Pearce Honored by the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association

The TCWPA is a state-wide group of preservation advocates dedicated to promoting the preservation of battlefield lands across the state. They focus special attention on smaller and less known battlefields. The group also sponsored and receives income from the Civil War License Plate – see <http://www.tcwpa.org>

For special occasions, TCWPA presents the Presidents Preservation Award to someone for exceptional

preservation efforts. This year's award went to Mary Pearce, who recently retired as the Executive Director of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County after three decades of service.

The Tennessee Preservation Trust held their Annual Conference in Franklin Sept 20-22. Knowing Mary would be there, TCWPA officers asked for a few minutes during the pre-conference reception to present the award to her. The plaque reads in part 'For Outstanding Contributions to the Preservation of Civil War Battlefields in Tennessee'.



TCWPA Board member Ernie Bacon presents the TCWPA President's Partnership Award to Mary Pearce

Mary is a founding Board Member of STFB (1989) and has been involved in every battlefield preservation project in Franklin. She also was a prime mover in the new streetscape for Main Street and the Public Square, the birthing of the many Franklin Street Festivals, the rescue and restoration of Franklin Theater (it's worth a trip to Franklin to see) and the restoration of the 1940 Williamson County Jail, now the Heritage Foundation offices. Many of her friends were at the Reception and were greatly pleased to see her receive this recognition.

United Kingdom CWRT Returns to Franklin for Update on Preservation Successes

Yes, there is a CWRT in the United Kingdom. It was started in 1953 and a group of them has visited Franklin several times, usually every 3-4 years. Their intrepid leader, Peter Lockwood, has been an STFB member since 2002 and has a strong interest in the many preservation projects here in Franklin. The group publishes a tri-annual *Crossfire* glossy magazine for their membership. The summer 2017 issue has a

four-page article on Col Emerson Opdycke and the 125th OVI. To join, or for additional info see acwrt.org.uk

The UKCWRT has closely followed Franklin's progress via the STFB newsletter which they share with their membership. Since their last visit, Dominos and the strip mall were removed, the Lovell buildings were removed, an access was added to Lorings Advance, and the cotton gin and trench lines have been located. Their last visit didn't allow time for Ft Granger, so the new entrance and signage there were of great interest.



The UK CWRT tour group pauses at Winstead Hill for a group photo - l-r Colin Wilks, Andrew Gill, Tony Margrave, Tim Francis, Peter Lockwood (rear), Dave Bradley (front) - Graham Baughan, STFB Sam Gant, Kevin Francis. Neil Langridge. Derek Young. Christine Young. Nigel Seaton (front), Craig Jones, STFB Sam Huffman -



The UK CWRT members were very interested in the cannon project and wanted to know where the fourth ordnance rifle would be positioned

It was a long but very good day. Our UK friends are very proud of all of the Franklin Preservation groups.

"America, Our Civil War and the Expanding Conversation"

Battle of Franklin Trust and historian Eric Jacobson will speak on this topic Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Williamson County Performing Arts Center at Academy Park, 112 Everbright Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public. The lecture will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A. Reservations are required due to limited seating. RSVP to Jayde Jacobs at (615) 794-0903.

"The lecture series is a way to talk to and educate the community about topics that pertain to the Civil War and specifically the Battle of Franklin," said Jacobson. "This particular lecture will highlight certain controversies and issues surrounding perceptions of Civil War history and look at what the future might hold."

News in Review September 2017

Breaking records, Williamson hits all-time high in tourism spending — Williamson-The Tennessean — 8/27/17 — Franklin — Another record number year for Williamson County as its tourism impact grew 9.4 percent in 2016. The economic impact of traveler spending grew by \$17 million over 2015 to a new all-time high of \$427.25 million. Travelers are bringing in over \$8.95 million in local tax revenues and creating over 3,500 jobs, which is great news for every Williamson County resident.

Franklin divided on keeping Confederate statue in downtown — Williamson-The Tennessean — 8/30/17 — Franklin — With thousands of signatures, two different petitions have taken center stage in Franklin—showing a division of what to do with a longstanding Confederate statue. The Daughters of the Confederacy placed the Confederate soldier statue on the square to remember those who died in the Battle of Franklin. The petition "Save Chip," started three days ago, is nearing 2,600 signers.

Battle of Franklin Trust to give slavery tours at Carter House, Carnton — Williamson Herald — 9/1/17 — FRANKLIN — The tour will focus on slavery as an institution and specific individuals who were enslaved at each site. "I am excited to delve into the perspective of the enslaved individuals who lived on farms such as Carter House and Carnton," said Kristi Farrow, a genealogist with the Battle of Franklin Trust who will lead the tours.

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