



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

President's Message

On March 23 and 24, The SUVCW National Council of Administration met at Franklin, TN, for their Council Encampment. The Council met at the historic Harrison House to be greeted by Franklin City officials and civic leaders. Mayor Dr. Ken Moore welcomed the Council of Administration to the City, while former mayor, Lillian Stewart, served as hostess and spoke of the Civil War history of the Harrison House. Also welcoming the officers were Alderman Scott Speedy, former alderman, Ernie Bacon and City Preservation Planner, Amanda Rose.



**The SUVCW National Council group and hosts
at the Harrison House**

Amid light showers, Secretary Sam Gant and I led the Council on a driving tour circuit of battle lines, major points of conflict, and other significant sites of the Battle of Franklin. Stops were made at Winstead Hill, Carter's Hill Battlefield Park, Fort Granger, and Rest Haven Cemetery. Earlier, Gant had given an illustrated presentation, "The Road to Franklin Battlefield Reclamation."

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Stone's River Descendants Reunion Save The Date Oct 12-13, 2018

Mark your calendar – the Stone's river Descendant Reunion dates are set - additional information will be available at stonesriverbattlefield.org

Cannons On The Square Project Has Been Completed

A marker has been placed on the NW corner of the Franklin Public Square that describes the cannons out on the island, and gives a brief review of action on the Square during the Battle of Franklin. The marker is the last step of a project begun in 2014 by the Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission to remount the four Model 1841 6 Pdr bronze cannons from their concrete pedestals to replica #1 carriages. The intent was to have the Square announce to our visitors that they have arrived at a major Civil War history destination.

Many of you enthusiastically contributed to the project and after a few weeks, we had to close donations. You can review the ins-and-outs of the project from the [March 2014](#), [September 2014](#) and [November 2014](#) STFB Newsletters.

We here are pleased and proud of the results. You need to come visit the Square once again to see what you helped the project team to accomplish.

The marker text:

U.S. MODEL 1841 6-POUNDER FIELD GUNS

In 1908, the U.S. War Dept loaned the four bronze gun tubes located on the Square to Franklin. The N.P. Ames Co. and Cyrus Alger & Co in Mass. cast the guns between 1847 and 1861. These guns were among the last to display the decorative features found on early artillery pieces.

Widely used in the Mexican War, they were considered obsolete by the onset of the Civil War. Effective range was 1,500 yards. Usually smoothbore, these four guns were rifled at some point during their service. Each gun tube, weighing 884 lbs., was mounted on a No. 1 Field Carriage that required a six-horse team.

In 2014, the cannons were transferred from concrete stands to replica gun carriages using grants from the Tennessee Historical Commission, Tennessee Wars Commission, the City of Franklin and donations from civic organizations, local businesses and citizens.

FRANKLIN SQUARE DURING THE BATTLE

At dawn on November 30, 1864, the Federal army under Maj Gen John M Schofield began streaming into Franklin after marching from Spring Hill in pitch darkness. The wagon bridges over the Harpeth River were out. Schofield ordered the intact railroad bridge planked over and temporary bridges built.

All morning long, the Federal train of an estimated 800 wagons and 3,500 draft animals were coming into Franklin and jamming this Square, every street, alley and woodlot. By noon, just as the last Federal wagon came past the Carter House, the bridges were ready and the wagon train began untying itself.

As the Confederate Army, commanded by Lt Gen John B Hood, began their assault at 4:00 PM, the entire Federal wagon train was safely across the river and the Federal army was waiting for darkness to conceal their planned retreat to Nashville.



Cannons on the Square – Before & After

New Preservation Directions A Heritage Foundation Symposium Saturday June 2, 2018

The Heritage Foundation of Williamson County will host a preservation symposium entitled New Preservation Directions, which will be presented with Renasant Bank at Williamson County Enrichment Center on Saturday, June 2.

“As we look ahead, the Heritage Foundation plans to provide more educational offering for both adults and children across Williamson County on the topic of historic preservation,” says Heritage Foundation CEO Bari Beasley. “The New Preservation Directions symposium, sponsored by Renasant Bank, brings together three nationally known speakers who will highlight new trends in historic preservation. With the rapid growth in our County, the topic is very timely.”

The symposium will feature keynote speaker Matthew Webster, director of the Grainger Department of Architectural Preservation and Research for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. In this role he oversees the preservation of 603 structures in the National Landmark Historic Area, the 15,000-piece architectural fragment collection, architectural research and historic interiors. Webster also sits on the board of Falmouth Heritage Renewal in Falmouth, Jamaica. Prior to Williamsburg, he served as Director of Preservation at Drayton Hall in Charleston, South Carolina.

Additional speakers include Robert Leath, vice president of collections and research at Old Salem Museums and Gardens and chief curator at the

Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, along with Chris Ohrstrom, co-founder of Adelphi Paperhangings, as well as a Trustee and Former Chairman of the World Monuments Fund.

Annabeth Hayes, director of preservation added, “We’re very excited to welcome Mr. Webster, Mr. Leath and Mr. Ohrstrom to Franklin. Individually, they all offer unique perspectives to historic preservation and telling communities’ stories, but together their shared experiences will be a one-of-a kind experience for individuals interested in the impact of historic preservation.”

Tickets to the symposium are \$50 per person, which includes lunch provided by Merridee’s Breadbasket. Heritage Foundation members will be offered a 10 percent discount, and students can purchase tickets for \$25 by contacting the Heritage Foundation with their school email. All interested parties are invited.

The symposium will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Williamson County Enrichment Center, which is located at 110 Everbright Ave. in Franklin. The symposium is sponsored by Renasant Bank, which will be opening its newest branch in Downtown Franklin later this year.

For more information about the symposium and to purchase tickets, visit www.williamsonheritage.org or contact Annabeth Hayes, director of preservation at the Heritage Foundation at ahayes@williamsonheritage.org

TCWPA Annual Members Meeting April 28, 2018

Join fellow battlefield preservation supporters for TCWPA’s Annual Members meeting at 9 AM at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. President Anthony Hodges will review TCWPA’s annual report and members will elect the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. Lastly, help us recognize two outstanding preservation leaders with the annual Ragland Award and the Fred Prouty Preservation Award. The meeting is open to the public.

“Layers of History”

Battlefield Preservation at Stones River Tour

At 10 AM, after the annual meeting, join Chief Park Ranger Jim Lewis for a look back at how battlefield

land since the time of the 1862-63 battle of Stones River has been preserved and interpreted. Learn about the early establishment of the National Cemetery, the emergence of a post-war Freedmen’s community, three battlefield expansions from the time of the battle until the 1990s, and the effect all preservation efforts had on a neighboring community. Hike to unmarked post-battle sites on the field and explore the impact of a rapidly advancing urban environment on unprotected core battlefield.

The tour will begin at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center at 10 AM and conclude by 12:30 pm at the Battlefield. The tour will include short hikes over unpaved and uneven terrain and will go “rain or shine.”

There is no fee for the meeting or tour. Pre-registration is required for the tour as the number of participants is limited. We’ll keep a waiting list in case there are cancellations. Register at TCWPA.org

News In Review April 2018

Designers share plans for new Carter House Visitor Center — Williamson-The Tennessean — 3/25/18 — Franklin — Architects moved forward with new steps to create the new Carter House Visitor Center. State lawmakers allocated \$3.2 million in the 2017-2018 budget for the new center. Proposed architecture of the new building will draw off an agricultural feel, designers said. It also will mirror the visitor center on its sister campus at Carnton. Plans for the new center call for a two-story structure. Visitors enter into the lower level, and on the lower level will sit the museum and orientation center. It will also include offices, a gift shop and restrooms.

Heritage Foundation to host preservation symposium Saturday, June 2— Williamson Herald — 4/20/18 — Franklin — The Heritage Foundation is to host “New Preservation Directions,” featuring Matthew Webster. Additional speakers include Robert Leath, vice president of collections and research at Old Salem Museums and Gardens and chief curator at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, along with Chris Ohrstrom, co-founder of Adelphi Paperhangings, as well as a Trustee and Former Chairman of the World Monuments Fund. The symposium will take place at the Williamson County Enrichment Center, which is located at 110 Everbright Ave. in Franklin.

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