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

President's Message

For all of our members that may be looking for a place to vacation this summer, why don't you consider adding Franklin, TN to your travel plans. It is a wonderful place for couples, singles, families or anyone who enjoys beautiful country, wonderful weather, and has a place in their heart for American History and especially the Civil War.

There are many other things to do and see in Middle Tennessee such as our fine Nashville Zoo, Adventure Center, Tennessee State Museum, and of course music of many genres in Music City and the surrounding area. From Country to Bluegrass to Roots, to Rock, there is something for everyone.

But if you are a Civil War buff, following the path of General John Bell Hood's Confederate Tennessee Campaign in the fall of 1864 has plenty of sites and plenty of history. As Hood's Army of Tennessee crossed the Tennessee River, General John Schofield's Federal XXIII Corps rushed from Chattanooga to Pulaski to slow the Confederate progress. From a standoff in Columbia, to the fiasco in Spring Hill, to the disaster that Franklin became, to the crushing Confederate defeat and retreat from Nashville, there is enough history to captivate folks of all ages!

Did I mention that Franklin now has roughly 140 acres of Battlefield Parks for you to walk and study? We want you to come see it.

Chip Huffman – President

New & Renewing Members April 2018

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| Patrick Small | San Antonio, TX |
| Amy & Tom Stone | Mt Airy, MD |
| Greg Wade | Franklin, TN |

Trench Marker Update

The Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission has been working on a project to place battlefield markers showing where the main Federal trench line crosses Franklin City streets. The markers are four-foot concrete obelisks that will be placed on both sides of each city street where the trench line crossed.

The markers will serve as a constant visual reminder to our residents and visitors that they are on a Civil

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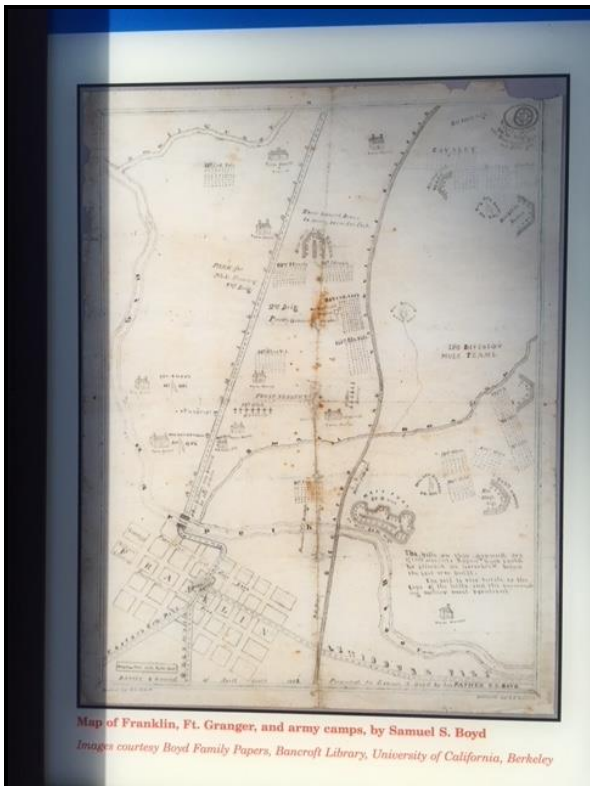


War Battlefield. The markers will also help visitors orient themselves on the maps as they tour the battlefield.

The Commission reports that City funding for the markers is set to be approved for a July 1 start date. The plan is for most of the markers to be in place by the end of this year. The placement of the markers in the street right-of-way has to meet city and Tennessee State guidelines and regulations. The markers will be first placed on the Franklin City streets. The markers on state routes will be placed as the permissions are received.

Fort Granger Update

The Franklin City Parks Department has quietly been making improvements to Fort Granger Park. Several new interpretative markers have been added that you should see. They describe the layout of the Ft Granger installation and the role of contraband ex-slaves, who fled their owners to come inside Federal lines, in constructing the fortifications.



Also, **look out for the goats and sheep.** The Parks Department has contracted for a herd of goats and sheep to graze the steep exterior SW wall of the Fort. This area above the Harpeth River is very difficult to clear by hand. The plan is for the goats and sheep to make short work of that undergrowth.

Wilder Flag Restoration You Can Help

The guidon flag used by General John Wilder's 17th Indiana Mounted Infantry Regiment, part of the Lightning Brigade, has needed conserving since the end of the Civil War. The Lightning Brigade first received notoriety at the Battle of Hoover's Gap where they introduced the Spencer repeating rifle to Civil War action. The flag would have witnessed action all across Middle Tennessee. The Tennessee State Museum obtained this flag many years after the War.

The Franklin Civil War Round Table (FCWRT) has been made aware of the desperate need by the Museum for a "sponsor" of this flag and has accepted the challenge. The FCWRT has committed to raise \$9000 to have this historic banner restored so it can be displayed when the new Tennessee State Museum opens this fall. Please consider making a tax-exempt donation to restoring this important Civil War flag.

Make your check payable to: "Franklin's Charge / RT Flag fund," and mail it to: Greg Wade, 113 Century Oak Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

Battle of Franklin Trust to Host Lecture On 14th Amendment

"The United States Constitution and Confederate Memory"

Thursday, June 7 at 6pm

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – The Battle of Franklin Trust will host a lecture on Thursday, June 7 featuring speaker Eric A. Jacobson. Titled "The United States Constitution and Confederate Memory," the lecture will focus on the 14th Amendment, how it defined American citizenship, as well as the creation of the Confederate Cemetery at Carnton, both of which unfolded simultaneously.

"The lecture series is a way to educate the community about topics that pertain to our country's history," said Eric A. Jacobson, author and CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust. "This lecture will show how the 14th Amendment and the cemetery, both of which had their origins in the immediate post-war era, symbolized America's struggle to both make sense of and move beyond the Civil War."

This summer will mark the 150th anniversary of the

ratification of the 14th Amendment. The 150th anniversary of the cemetery creation was observed recently. Both occurred during Reconstruction.

The lecture will take place at The Fleming Center at Carnton, located at 1345 Eastern Flank Circle. The event begins at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Attendees will also receive a ticket for a free Classic House Tour of Carnton to be redeemed at a later date.

Reservations are required due to limited seating. Contact mjayde@boft.org or (615) 794-0903. The lecture will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a Q & A. For more information about this lecture series, visit www.boft.org

----- **Reminder** -----
**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.

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.

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 is set for June 2, 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.

Details and Registration

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

**News In Review
May 2018**

Customers sad to see Franklin ceramic shop close after 48 years — Williamson-The Tennessean — 5/16/18 — Franklin — After 48 years of her and her family pouring and teaching ceramics, Helen Spivey, co-owner of Ceramic & Craft Workshop, is in the process of selling her Columbia Avenue property to Franklin's Charge and The Battle of Franklin Trust for \$1.36 million. "I'm glad it's going back to the original Carter farm," said Spivey. The Carter farm was the center of the Battle of Franklin, one of the bloodiest Civil War battles. Nearly 10,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed or wounded there almost 154 years ago.

Jacobson to speak on Spring Hill's Civil War history — Williamson Herald — 5/16/18 — Franklin — On May 21, Civil War history author Eric A. Jacobson spoke at the Spring Hill Library about Spring Hill's Civil War history. Jacobson's book, "For Cause & For Country: A Study of the Affair at Spring Hill and the Battle of Franklin," has been described as "one of the best Civil War books written in the modern era," and is considered one of the most important books written about the 1864 Tennessee Campaign.

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