



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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It is often suggested to us that we should have 3" ordnance rifle display cannons at Fort Granger to portray 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Light Artillery Battery D. This battery had an unobstructed view of the right flank of Hood's forces as they advanced along the south side of the Harpeth River. The four guns poured 163 rounds into mostly Loring's division with deadly effect.

The Franklin Parks Department does accept donations of equipment if it is something that the Parks Department has in its current plans, and the donated equipment conforms to the Parks Department Appropriateness Guidelines.

There are no current plans to add four ordnance rifles at Fort Granger – but future plans might change. We want to identify individuals or groups who can sponsor a gun when the time comes.

The guns are roughly \$20,000 including the bronze plaque. If you are interested, contact Treasurer Sam Huffman [sam@capp.org](mailto:sam@capp.org) or 615-480-9539



The 3-inch ordnance rifle. This wrought iron gun was a favorite with artillerymen of both armies - lightweight, safe from bursting and extremely accurate at long range.

## New & Renewing Members December 2018

Beth Altenkirch	Huntsville, AL
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Mike & Donna Grainger	Franklin, TN
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David Martin	Whites Creek, TN
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Lilian & Bo Stewart	Franklin, TN
James & Patricia Swan	North Las Vegas, NV
Staley Family Trust	Diamond Bar, CA
Ridley Wills	Nashville, TN

## Brandywine Valley CWRT Helps Save The Franklin Battlefield

CWRT Treasurer David Walter recently wrote from West Chester, PA to announce that once again the CWRT is supporting our land purchase projects by presenting STFB with a \$200 check. And David is correct, this is not the first time the CWRT has helped Franklin. Dick Simpson from Lancaster, PA

developed “The Forgotten Battle of Franklin” presentation many years ago and then visited many CWRT’s in the northeast to spread the Franklin story. He did his program for Brandywine Valley and asked that his honorarium be sent to STFB. And then twice in 2014 and again in 2016, our Brandywine Valley friends selected Franklin as their preservation project. All told, STFB has received well over \$1,000 from the CWRT and is very grateful for their steadfast stewardship of the Franklin Battlefield.

David also mentioned that the CWRT has supported battlefield presentation for many years and has donated more than \$51,000 to various battlefields. STFB is very thankful to be included as one of preservation initiatives of the Brandywine Valley CWRT. Next time you come to Franklin, let us know and we will show you what all of the local preservation groups, with the substantial help of the CWT (ABT), have accomplished.

### **STFB Now Accepts Credit Card Payment by Mail**

STFB members and guests can now make credit card payments by mail for dues, donations and purchases. Just use the form on the back of the Membership Renewal Form that you mail in, and we’ll take it from there. Thank you all for helping us.

### **Hinman Family Donates Funds To Complete 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery Display**

About a year ago, Kirk Hinman of Lakewood, OH contacted us to discuss the possibility of having his greater family join with him to donate one of the cannons for the Carter Hill Battlefield Park. Their ancestor was Lt Col Wilbur Fisk Hinman of the 65<sup>th</sup> OVI. That regiment was raised in late 1861 as part of the Sherman Brigade (nothing to do with Uncle Billy). That brigade also included the 64<sup>th</sup> OVI and the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery plus McLaughlin’s Cavalry Squadron. The gun they wanted to donate was the second Napoleon 12-pounder that would complete the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery display at the cotton gin.

Both display Napoleons were made by Tom Bailey at the Historical Ordnance Works. The Napoleons require a #2 carriage which is larger and stouter than the #1 carriage. The #1 carriages are used with the ordnance rifles near Columbia Pike at the trench line, and with the 6 pdr cannons on the Square. All of the carriages are cast aluminum and painted to resemble wooden ones.

During the intervening three years leading up to the Battle of Franklin, and after many Army reorganizations, the 65<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> were now part of Conrad’s Brigade positioned in the Advanced Federal line. They were directly to the front of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery. When the Advanced Line broke and stampeded to the main trench line, the 65<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> regiments crossed the parapet near the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio battery position. The battery held their fire to let the lagging blue jackets come in. When the Confederate lines were about fifteen feet from the muzzle, the double-shotted guns fired with devastating effect.

Lt Col Wilbur Hinman records in his book that the 64<sup>th</sup> OVI lost one officer wounded; five men killed, twenty-one wounded, and thirty-eight captured – total sixty-five. The 65<sup>th</sup> OVI lost three men killed, twenty wounded, and forty-one missing – total sixty-four.



**Franklin Parks staff help unload the Hinman Napoleon near the cotton gin foundation.**



**The two Napoleons will be placed near the cotton gin foundation over near the White house.**

At the battle, the Napoleons were dug into the trench line with embrasures just east of the cotton gin – about



where the white house now stands. An embrasure is a U-shaped cut in the parapet and trench wall, the bottom at roughly muzzle height. The sides and bottom of the U-cut are then planked to prevent soil loss due to the concussive blasts of the gun. The embrasure gives some protection to the gun crew as they work the gun from inside the trench.



The muzzle stampings identify this gun as made by the Revere Copper Company weighing 1248 lbs and assigned Registry Number 151. The gun was accepted by U.S. Ordnance Officer T.J.W (Thomas Jefferson Rodman) in 1862. The original Revere #151 still survives and is on display at Fredericksburg. The first display Napoleon at the cotton gin is stamped as Revere Copper #150



This 8 X 5 bronze plaque will be fitted to the new Napoleon. The Sherman Brigade was raised by Ohio Senator John Sherman and included the 64th and 65th OVI Regiments plus the 6th Ohio Battery and McLaughlin's Cavalry Squadron

## Clarification of Annual Meeting Report

Our November-December newsletter had a slip-up in the article on the STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner. We reported that our guest student, David Moore, and his parents, Steve and Tina, were sponsored by a STFB member from California. That attribution was incomplete and should have named the Staley Family Trust of Diamond Bar, CA. The Trust has a goal of helping students develop an interest in history, and the sponsorship to the STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner was intended to help advance that goal. We thank the Staley Family Trust for once again sponsoring our guest student and his family, and for supporting STFB projects over the years.

## News in Review January 2019

**2018 Ends on a High Note — CWN Civil War News — January 2018 — Franklin** — As always, the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show was a sellout again this year, retaining its title as the country's largest Civil War show. When the first hours gate was tallied, over 700 attendees had passed through the turnstile for a record breaking start to the Franklin show.

**'CONFEDERATES BADLY NEEDED' — Civil War Times — February 2019 — Franklin** — In 1923, sixteen years before *Gone with the Wind* debuted, production began on "The Human Mill", an adaption of John Trotwood Moore's 1906 historical novel "The Bishop of Cottontown". The Battle of Franklin scenes were shot on location on Columbia Pike. The movie featured in leading roles Blanche Sweet and Henry B. Walthall, the son of a Confederate captain who had fought at Franklin. Sadly, the movie never made it into a theater. Two months after the filming, the director died and the movie was never completed. Since then, no trace of *The Human Mill* film footage has been found.

**Top 2018 Williamson County news: Tax increase, Confederate statue, Pilgrimage and more — "Land dispute in Franklin over African-American history markers" — Williamson — The Tennessean — 12/30/18 — Franklin** — The Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 14 threatened to sue the city of Franklin if markers aimed at depicting the city's African-American history were placed on the public square next to the Daughters' monument of a Confederate soldier. The city approved the markers after it modified language from its original resolution to "in and around the square." Whether the city of Franklin owns the full public square remains undecided.

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