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STFB Annual Meeting November 21, 2019

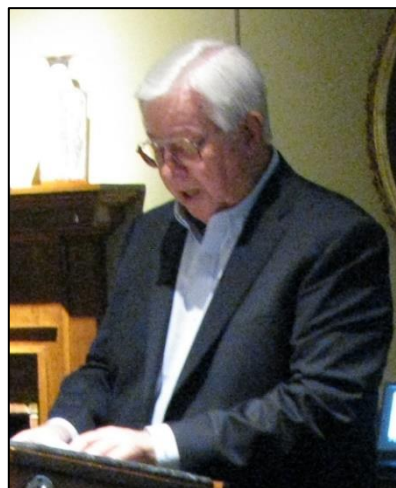
Save The Franklin Battlefield's Annual Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Otey Hall of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin, TN and was well attended by a who's who of Franklin Preservationist folks. The guests were welcomed at 6:30 PM by President Chip Huffman who proceeded to welcome many of the Preservation Leaders in the room.



President Chip Huffman

Secretary Sam Gant then led the Invocation, which was the perfect introduction for a Dinner prepared by Caterer Donna Stokes-Rogers and her staff which consisted of Cider Glazed Pork Tenderloin, Garlic Parmesan Roasted Sweet Potato, Crispy Brussel Sprouts, Green Salad, and Rolls with Olive Oil dipping Sauce. Dessert was a fabulous Chocolate Cake with Kahlua Cream Sauce.

Treasurer Sam Huffman then narrated a Power Point Presentation of STFB's accomplishments for the past year, highlighted by the placement of a Replica 12-pound Napoleon Cannon on the Carter Hill Battlefield Park by a donation of one of our members. He added that we are still accepting donations, small and large, to place additional cannon at the Fort Granger site.



Treasurer Sam Huffman

After Dinner, Chip Huffman called the Business Meeting to order and introduced Secretary Sam Gant who offered Dean Carr, Sam Huffman, and Mike Skinner for election to the Board. All were confirmed unanimously.

We then enjoyed an inspiring talk from Todd Van Beck entitled "Reverence For The Dead".

Sam Huffman then explained our Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award before presenting the 2019 Award to Pam Lewis. The inscription on the plaque reads: "For her dedication and leadership in preserving the Harrison House, the Franklin Battlefield and Middle Tennessee History - 2019" The decision was met with

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rousing approval from the audience before Pam gave a heartfelt acceptance speech.

Sam Huffman then closed the meeting with wishes for safe travel home.



Secretary Sam Gant



Guest Speaker Todd Van Beck



Pam Lewis receives the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award from STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman.



Angela Calhoun, Mary Pearce, Pam Lewis, Lillian Stewart and Alma McLemore take time to pose for a group picture.

Fundraising underway for Franklin USCT Statue

The Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously to approve a life-size statue of a United States Colored Troops (USCT) soldier to stand on the plaza near the old courthouse in a place of equal nobility with the Confederate monument.

Tennessee native Joe F. Howard has been selected to sculpt the USCT soldier that will soon stand on our square. Once we reach half of the estimated cost for this project, the initial process of making the statue can begin. All tax-deductible gifts can be made to The Battle of Franklin Trust and earmarked "USCT Statue."

Visit <https://boft.org/usct-statue> to contribute.



USCT Statue at Nashville National Cemetery in Madison

News in Review November 2019

Carter House to unveil memorial for 4-legged friend in Battle of Franklin — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 10/16/19 — Franklin — Animalia Health & Wellness and the Battle of Franklin Trust will welcome Harvey, the beloved mascot of the 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at the historic site. Through the generosity of Animalia, a bronze sculpture of Harvey is the first tangible component completed for the new Carter House museum. The 104th Ohio was located on the main federal line of defense south of Franklin, positioned near Fountain Branch Carter's cotton gin during the battle.

City: Ownership claims on square 'not based in fact' — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 10/27/19 — Franklin — The City of Franklin' legal team filed a proposed amended motion asking the court to issue necessary deeds for the public square and bar the United Daughter of the Confederacy from raising claims of land ownership. This would mean the court find that the City of Franklin owns the footprint of the square. It also would renew an offer of judgment, meaning a deed to the UDC for the monument and the ground underneath it.

Tours, illumination ceremony at end of November to remember Battle of Franklin — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 11/2/19 — Franklin — At the end of November, the Battle of Franklin Trust will display luminaries at dusk to honor the casualties inflicted during the battle 155 years ago. Additionally, the organization will offer two different specialized battlefield tours on the anniversary of the battle at Carter House. The first will take place at 5 a.m. Nov. 30 and will be led by Eric A. Jacobson, followed by a second tour at 8 a.m. that will focus on leadership during the battle. That tour will be led by Eric Jacobson and Olivia Munsch.

History in the making — *Williamson Herald* — 11/7/19 — Franklin — In early November, Franklin's Charge held two major events: first, a commemorative and educational event recognizing the preservation of Franklin's battlefields over the past 15 years; then the unveiling of a monument to the enslaved at Carnton's McGavock Cemetery.

Descendants, community come together to unveil monument honoring the enslaved at Carnton — *Williamson Herald* — 11/11/19 — Franklin — A monument marker was unveiled during a ceremony to remember and honor the enslaved who were buried in the McGavock Cemetery at Carnton. The stone makes note of those who came to Tennessee from Africa, only to be enslaved until the Civil War's end. Prior to the War, around 12,000 slaves lived in Williamson County. Inscribed on the front of the monument are the words, "known to God here rest the mortal remains of men, women, and children of Africa. Enslaved in life. Freed in death." The back reads, "their souls rise up to greet a new morning."

Rippavilla to commemorate Battle of Spring Hill with candlelight tours — *Williamson Herald* — 11/12/19 — Spring Hill — Rippavilla this month will host several guided candlelight tours in commemoration of the Battle of Spring Hill. Guests will hear U.S. Civil War reenactors offering firsthand accounts of Union and Confederate soldiers as they tour the beautiful plantation mansion by candlelight. Susan Cheairs will read a letter from her husband, Nat, who is imprisoned during this memorable night. Tours will run every 15 minutes between 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, with the final tour of the evening at 8:45 p.m.

Lotz House names Thomas Cartwright executive director — Williamson—*The Tennessean* — 11/14/19 — Franklin — Lotz House historian Thomas Y. Cartwright has been named executive director of the historic Civil War home located at ground zero of the Battle of Franklin held Nov. 30, 1864. Cartwright's first initiative is organizing the first ever Franklin Civil War Living History Day, slated for Nov. 9 at the Lotz House.

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