



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC

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

The 2019 STFB Annual Meeting Thursday, November 21

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner is set for Thursday, November 21 at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. We will gather in Otey Hall at 6:00 PM with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting will follow which will include a review of STFB 2019 activities followed by our guest speaker Todd Van Beck whose topic is "Reverence for the Dead".

Todd is retired after 50 years in the Funeral Service and Bereavement Care industry. He has studied the funeral practices during the Civil War era and has developed a presentation that you will find fascinating.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Tuesday, November 19. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

STFB
PO Box 851
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Questions? Call Sam Huffman 615-480-9539

Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Ag Center Dec 7 – 8, 2019

The 33rd Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for December 7 – 8 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center, I-65 Exit 61 in Franklin, TN. Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee will once again host this gigantic 1,000-table show. The hours are:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

General admission is \$10.00 with children under 12 free. Come visit the STFB booth at the lower level, west end of the arena. We'll see you there.

New & Renewing Members September 2019

Gerald Bartig	Huntsville, AL
James Childress	College Grove, TN
Jim & Ellen Coulter	Pittsfield, MA
Naples CWRT	Naples, FL
Sara Edwards	Huntsville, AL
Sam Gant	Franklin, TN
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James Hackett	Brentwood, TN
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Kay & Rod Heller	Franklin, TN
Tom Herbert	Nashville, TN
Laura Hill	Franklin, TN
Dave Hundt	Franklin, TN
Mike Kent & Assoc.	Monroe, GA
James & J H Joslin	Atlanta, TX
Marty & Ronald Ligon	Franklin, TN
Linda Marvin	Franklin, TN
Curtis Older	Gastonia, NC
Stephanie Phelan	Ocala, FL
Howard Reich	Laguna Woods, CA
Don Sawyer	Rochester, NY
Robert & Marcia Spahr	Franklin, TN
Jerry & Ruth Swedeon	Punta Gorda, FL
Land Trust for Tenn.	Nashville, TN
The Watchdog	Warren, MI

2019 Year End Gift Planning

As you complete your year-end gift planning, please keep STFB on the list. STFB is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation so your entire contribution is fully deductible from taxable income to the full extent of the IRS code. We are all volunteers with no office rental or paid staff. We operate from home with a cell phone, web site, and PO Box so your entire gift will 'buy dirt'.

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And finally, remember to look into your employer's Matching Grant Program. Many companies rely on their employees to identify worthy recipients for their corporate giving program. Most companies of any size will match your tax-deductible contribution to STFB. Some employers (even if you're retired) match a portion of your gift, others match 1 for 1, and still others will make an even greater match of your donation. Contact your Benefits or Human Resources department right away. They have the forms and instructions you will need. It is easy to do, and the match greatly multiplies the financial impact of your gift.

Sunday, November 10th -- two screenings of Emmy award winning film to benefit Franklin battlefield

Franklin, Tenn. – A second showing of the Emmy Award winning film, "The Battle of Franklin", was just announced for Sunday, November 10th. The first show at 5 pm is nearly sold-out. The second screening will start at 8pm. The program will include a discussion on the battle, the film, and preservation efforts, followed by the showing of the 74-minute documentary on the battle.

The film's director and producer Robert Lee Hodge, of East Nashville, said that it is only the sixth time the film has been shown in Franklin on the big screen. After selling-out the beautiful theatre the last five years Hodge is repeating the effort on Sunday, November 10th. He said, "It is always great to share this Emmy Award winning project with an audience from Franklin. Much of the footage was shot there – at Carnton, The Carter House, and the cemeteries. Making the film was a dream come true." The annual showing of Hodge's documentary has generated upwards of \$8,000 for Franklin battlefield preservation.

A Booklist review stated that Hodge's film is, "... an exceptional program for both students and Civil War buffs ... worthy to be alongside filmmaker Ken Burns' acclaimed *The Civil War*."

Robert Hicks, author of *Widow of the South*, said, "The film very much captures the emotion that I would

envision was felt at the Battle of Franklin."

Tickets for the second showing just went on sale and are \$20.00 and can be purchased through the Franklin Theatre website: <http://www.franklintheatre.com> or call 615-538-2076. One-third of the ticket's sales will go toward preservation efforts at the Franklin battlefield.

Historian, Eric Jacobson said of the documentary, "It is a timeless representation of this important event in our history, and never fails to evoke a multitude of emotions. From the musical score, to the re-enactment footage, to the careful way in which accounts of the battle are interwoven, the film never lags. The opening scenes are exceptionally powerful and the conclusion is near perfection."

Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, Ed Bearss, said, "... one of the best, if not the best, documentaries I have seen on a Civil War battle. Not since Ken Burns' monumental PBS production, *The Civil War*, have I seen better."

When: Sunday, November 10th, 5:00 pm and 8 pm

Where: The Franklin Theatre, 419 Main St., Franklin, TN 37064. Visit the Franklin Theater website www.franklintheatre.com or call (615) 538-2075 For more information contact Robert Lee Hodge -- robertleehodge@yahoo.com

Five New Markers Dedicated October 17 On Franklin Square

A crowd estimated in excess of 200 gathered at the old Courthouse on Franklin Square on a bright and crisp October morning to see the Dedication Ceremony for



Visitors and locals gathered for the dedication of the new markers on Franklin Square.

new markers placed on the Square. The markers are intended to tell the “Fuller Story” of Franklin’s Civil War era. Expanding the historical breadth of Franklin’s story was the brainchild of three local pastors Hewitt Sawyers, Dr. Chris Williamson and Dr. Kevin Riggs, and historian Eric Jacobson. During the last two years, they had many discussions among themselves, their congregations, the African American community, and the greater middle Tennessee history professionals.



Three of the new markers are installed in the sidewalk area of the Old Courthouse.

The new markers tell the stories of the African American experience before, during and after the Civil War. The old courthouse was completed and put into service in 1858. During the Union occupation, the U.S. Provost Marshall Headquarters, where United States Colored Troops were enrolled, was housed in the Courthouse. One marker tells the USCT story and a life-size bronze statue of a USCT soldier will be added later near the courthouse. Eric Jacobson announced a fundraising campaign for the statue sponsored by the Battle of Franklin Trust. When campaign details are published, we will pass them along. The two other courthouse markers explain the Riot of 1867 and the Reconstruction era.

The original plan to add two markers on the roundabout at a later date was altered to install all five markers at the same time. One roundabout marker will present an Overview of the Battle of Franklin and the other will describe the Market House where Enslaved People were bought and sold.

In a separate but complementary project, the Battle of Franklin Trust has recently installed historical markers at Carnton near the enslaved dwelling and

the enslaved cemetery. These new signs provide visitors a better understanding of the site itself as well as the dozens of people who lived and worked there long before the Civil War.



The two markers on the island are installed on the street-level sidewalk near the steps onto the upper level. Visitors will face the Monument as they view the markers.

The Battle of Franklin Trust plans additional interpretative signage at Carnton and the Carter House that will add greater context to the story of all of the people living there over the years.

News in Review October 2019

Sons of Confederate Veterans now claim ownership of memorials removed in Franklin — Williamson—The Tennessean — 9/26/19 — Franklin — In an Aug. 13 complaint filed to the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Sons of Confederate Veterans argued that the City of Franklin violated the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act. Franklin staff removed the stakes on Columbia Avenue in the spring after the Civil War Commission concluded there was a lack of historical context and that they created confusion for visitors.

Stories of enslaved people now shared at Carnton in Franklin — Williamson—The Tennessean — 10/9/19 — Franklin — The Battle of Franklin Trust has installed two new interpretive signs at Carnton which will feature some of the site's stories of enslaved people. The new signs are, “The Springhouse” and “Beyond the House.” They will discuss Randal McGavock's spring house and Carnton's farm land and the history it contains. Installing the signs is part of the collaborative effort with the Civil War Trails program.

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