



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

Dear STFB member—

Well, 2003 has arrived, and STFB is planning our schedule of events for the year. We hope to hold several tours, including a tour of the Battle of Brentwood. With the current interest in the Cal Turner property on Franklin Road, this year seems the perfect time to offer this tour again.

We are looking forward to working with the County Commission on future plans for the Battle Ground Academy land parcels and other parcels that may come available this year. Historic consultant Joe Brent's study should be presented at this month's Williamson County Commissioners meeting. We will report on this in next month's newsletter.

Finally, the STFB board has scheduled a work or "brainstorming" session for fundraising ideas for the future on Sunday, January 19th. Please read about this elsewhere in this newsletter. We'd love to have those of you with fundraising ideas and experience join us!

We look forward to another productive year together, in partnership with you to help Save The Franklin Battlefield.

Joe Smyth

The "40 For Franklin" March Results To-Date

The 2002 "Forty For Franklin" March for Collins Farm has produced \$15,293 as of December 23. Every penny of the march donations will go to pay down the debt on Collins Farm. The total donations by state are at www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm

The Confederate Marchers have tallied \$7,416 in actual donations received, and the Federal Marchers' total is \$7,877. As the final pledges come in over the next six weeks, and the 'in the mail' checks are tallied, the final total will be well over \$16,000, we believe. You still have time to get your donation, or a combined donation from your group, to us in order to be included in the official "Forty For Franklin" totals.

Many thanks to David Fraley and the others who put this project together, and to those who sacrificed a week-end 'make the march'. If you see any of the "40 For Franklin" marchers, be sure to pat them on the back and give them our thanks. The rain and cold during the 40 mile march made their task much more difficult than anyone could have predicted. They toughed it out and made the project a success. We should all show them our gratitude and admiration whenever we meet them - they more than deserve it.

COLLINS FARM MORTGAGE STATUS

The campaign to pay down the debt on Collins Farm keeps making progress. The property was purchased June 2001 for \$227,000. A little over a year later, we have paid off \$63,000 of the loan, leaving an outstanding mortgage balance at the bank of \$164,000. In Addition, the STFB Land Fund currently totals \$17,900, some of which is a bank-required escrow reserve. If we were able to apply the entire land fund reserve to the debt, we could then pay off the entire net mortgage with another \$146,100 in donations - that's the true net amount that we owe. We are making steady progress thanks to all of you.

2003 Fundraising Session

On Sunday, January 19th, Save The Franklin Battlefield's board of directors will hold a fundraising work session/seminar from 2-5 p.m. at the Heritage Foundation's boardroom. This will be a "brainstorming" session to come up with new fundraising ideas to continue to pay down the Collins Farm note.

If you have past fundraising experience, or ideas for possible fundraisers, we'd love to have you attend and share these with us! Please call the STFB office at (615) 500- 6612 to let us know to expect you. We're hopeful that new and exciting possibilities will grow out of this session!

News In Review by Sam Gant

Four-legged Civil War vet honored at Carter House *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." 11/20/02 **FRANKLIN** Harvey the Civil War dog will get his due this weekend during Battle of Franklin anniversary events at the Carter House. Guests marking the 138th anniversary tomorrow can see photos of Harvey and his red, white and blue collar in a display case at Carter House, and get information about statues being produced to honor the only dog known to have participated in the battle on Nov. 30, 1864. The black-and-white bulldog mascot of the 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry the "Barking Dog Regiment" reportedly was stationed near the Carter House cotton gin on the day of the battle.

Battle to save a few blood-drenched acres Civil War buffs, soldiers families fight to save site of tragic campaign from sprawl *San Francisco Chronicle* 11/29/02 **FRANKLIN** For Andrew Quist of San Mateo, on battle site in America stands apart for its Homeric tragedy. Its not Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, Shiloh or the Little Big Horn. Its Franklin, Tenn., a little town south of Nashville where on Nov. 30, 1864, the Confederacy's Army of Tennessee smashed itself in a last-ditch move to check the progress of federal arms in the Southern heartland. There was so much blood, Quist said, it literally cut rivulets in the Tennessee clay. Quist, a 27-year-old administrative assistant at Stanford University, knows of no ground in the nation more emotionally potent nor more unsung. As history enthusiasts and soldiers descendants from around the country plan to mark the Battle of Franklin's 138th anniversary on Saturday, Quist is one of several Californians who have joined a nati

General John Bell Hood, C.S.A. *The Review Appeal* 11/30/02 **FRANKLIN** In the spirit of full historical disclosure, the following information is provided to help the public develop a more complete and accurate understanding of General Hood's role in the Battle of Franklin. Hood planned to first defeat Schofield's 20,000 men at Pulaski and then move against the 19,000-man garrison at Nashville. Schofield's army marched past the sleeping Confederates at Spring Hill and retreated to Franklin. By the time Hood viewed the Federal forces constructing defensive fortifications at Franklin, he had very little daylight remaining and knew that Schofield's force would most certainly complete their retreat into heavily fortified Nashville overnight. Rather than confront 40,000 Federal defenders inside Nashville, where strong Union defenses had been constructed over three years of occupation, Hood chose to attack Schofield's 20,000 exhausted troops at relatively lightly fortified Franklin. Hood decid

Civil War collection to be shared at Carter House Candlelight Tour *The Review Appeal* 12/1/02 **FRANKLIN** Civil War collector Ronald Cotton's extensive collection covers walls, tables, chairs, desks almost anywhere you look you'll see something from his estimated 3,000-piece

collection. Cotton has agreed to allow visitors on this year's Carter House Candlelight Tour the privilege of viewing his usually private collection. He collects anything that he finds relating to the Civil War. On the walls are knives, sabers, swords all in varying conditions from great to well worn with age and weathered from laying in field for years. There are belt buckles, medical knives, buttons, coins and lots of money, cannon balls, guns and even portions of trees that have been cut revealing bullets still lodged in them. Perhaps the only flag remaining from the Alabama 24th hangs on the wall above Cotton's fireplace.

War history isn't all there is *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." 12/5/02 **FRANKLIN** We've gone through the annual remembrance of the Battle of Franklin the past few weekends. Many took some time to consider how the tragedy that unfolded ate the southern edge of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864, shocked, traumatized and changed people here. But there is a different take on history at Natchez Place, a sort of community resource center on Natchez Street in the middle of historically black Franklin. Though the Battle of Franklin was a profound, nation-changing event, the Natchez Place take on history is no less important to the big picture. One could argue that this is the rest of the story, a story that also began at the Carter House. The Natchez community grew up behind the cabins of the Carters slaves.

Dec. 14 tour spotlights another battle *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." 12/5/02 **NASHVILLE** After the Battle of Franklin, there was the Battle of Nashville. And for Williamson County residents who know little about the battle that took place two weeks after the devastation in Franklin, Travelers Rest Plantation and Museum is offering a tour of Battle of Nashville sites from 11 to 4 p.m. Dec. 14. Thomas Cartwright, director of the Carter House in Franklin, focal point of the Nov. 30, 1864, Battle of Franklin, will lead the tour. Cartwright also has served as a consultant for the History Channel on Civil War productions.

Franklin landmark gets infusion of TLC *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." 12/9/02 **FRANKLIN** A Federal-style, brick mansion was built about 1828 by wealthy landowner Edward Clouston, and used to entertain all three of Tennessee's presidents: Jackson, Polk and Johnson. The place where Clouston's daughter Annie reportedly hanged herself from the entrance hall banister after she was jilted by a beau and still haunted, some say, by the ghost of "Miss Ninnie," who lost a thumb trying to shoot a Yankee from one of the upstairs windows and wore gloves forevermore. It was a field station for wounded Confederates after the 1864 Battle of Franklin, and most recently, the home of the late Bunn Gray, a nationally-known artist.

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	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$10.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
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STFB Booth at Civil War Show Dec 7-8

STFB had a booth again this year at Mike Kent's Civil War show in Nashville on Dec 7-8. Once again, Mike showed his support for STFB by donating a table to our group. When you see Mike, thank him again for us - he has been very good to STFB over the years.

Dan & Linda Mora, Sam Gant, and Sam Huffman swapped of booth duties to meet and greet the sizable crowd - particularly on Saturday. We took in \$424 with the usual mix of books, buckles, and cups, and signed up 4 new memberships. We have a new fold-out panel display with pictures and explanation of the "Forty For Franklin" project that drew a lot of interest. We had the opportunity to meet many new people at the booth and passed out our 1999 & 2000 calendars as promotional items, and handed out nearly 200 pledge cards for the "40 For Franklin" re-enactors march.

As usual, one of our big attractions at the booth was the 3 X 5 aerial photo of downtown Franklin and the battlefield, with the trench lines marked with tape. Today's protected parts of the battlefield are also marked off, and additional open plots that might possible be included in a battlefield park are easily seen.

With the new display and the aerial map, we find that we need two people to staff the booth at all times. The number of visitors we get, and the depth of interest they show, require that we spend considerable time with many of them. We don't have any booths scheduled yet for 2003, but we will. Please consider coming out and lending a hand when we next call for volunteers. You will have a good time and meet lots of people.

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