



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—

Welcome to our special “Forty for Franklin: Preservation March 2003” issue. As you may know, this is Save The Franklin Battlefield’s major fundraising event for the year. You can read the details on it throughout this newsletter. Through the preservation zeal of STFB Vice President David Fraley and the committed efforts of a number of like-minded reenactors, the event is now in its third year.

If you only donate once a year to STFB, or if you have been meaning to, but haven’t found the occasion, now is the time! Your gift is completely tax-deductible and every bit of the money goes towards paying off the bank note on Collins’ Farm...3-plus acres of core battlefield at Franklin that will *never* be developed. We read about the defeats in Franklin—the County Library and the planned development along Columbia Pike, but here is a victory that points the way to a future Franklin Battlefield.

Victories do not come cheap, however, especially for small non-profit groups such as Save The Franklin Battlefield. We need your help, and we thank you for the help you have given in the past. Please consider sponsoring one or more of our marchers with your most generous donation.

Our marching reenactors, with their blood, sweat, blisters, and tears, call us to remember the brave men, both North and South, who gave their own blood, sweat, blisters, and tears here on a late-fall afternoon in 1864, and the very reason for Saving The Franklin Battlefield.

Very sincerely yours,

Joe Smyth

FORTY FOR FRANKLIN—2003: Reenactors to March for Battlefield Preservation at Franklin, Tennessee

On November 7th & 8th, 2003, twenty-one Confederate and Federal reenactors will be marching “Forty for Franklin” to help Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. The twenty-one uniformed reenactors will be marching 40 miles over two days to raise funds to help retire the debt on the Collins’ Farm in Franklin.

Collins’ Farm is an important 3.22 acres of core battlefield Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc. (STFB) purchased in June 2001 to preserve as open battlefield land. This land is on the extreme Confederate right/Federal left of the Franklin battlefield and was the ground General W. W. Loring’s Division passed over as they climbed the railroad embankment and got entangled in the osage orange abatis in front of the Federal trenches. It was this ground of which Lieutenant William H. Berryhill of the 43rd Mississippi lamented, “I cannot see how any human being could live two moments in such a place.”

The main part of the Collins Farm house is most probably the original wartime structure and was used as a hospital for many Confederate wounded who were brought to the house for treatment. The dug well south of the house is no longer used but it is mentioned in wartime letters as providing water for the wounded. Several Confederate dead were buried in the garden east of the house until they were re-

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News In Review by Sam Gant

Preservation planner job accepted by Texas woman – *The Review Appeal* – 8/17/03

FRANKLIN – A Fort Worth, Texas, historic preservation officer, Shanon Wasielewski, has accepted Franklin's offer to become the city's second preservation planner serving the Historic Zoning Commission.

Battlefield group drawing preservation "road map" – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/18/03

FRANKLIN – It's a new group with a big name but a sharp focus: to identify preservation goals and policies for the city of Franklin. The Battlefield Subcommittee of the Central Franklin Area Plan Steering Committee met for the first time last Thursday to consider battlefield sites within the Mack Hatcher Bypass. "We're not trying to do a master plan but set up common goals," said consultant Greg Dale of McBride Dale Clarion in Cincinnati. "We're trying to set the genetic code for the future and see what the community can accomplish." Dale also emphasized that the group's ideas would speak for the city of Franklin. "We need to articulate a set of goals or policies that if we handed them to the Board of Mayor and Alderman, would be the voice of the city." Dale said.

Completed battlefield plans guide city preservation goals – *The Tennessean*, "Williamson A.M." – 8/29/03

FRANKLIN – A group identifying battlefield preservation goals for the city of Franklin hopes to "connect the dots" among sites by making good use of preservation studies already done. Members of the Battlefield Subcom-

mittee of the Central Franklin Area Plan Steering Committee identified several goals, including: creating an inventory of sites, investigating funding, encouraging city officials to do a definitive battlefield study, investigating the enhancement of Columbia Avenue around Carter House and being "opportunistic" when battlefield land become available. In addition to setting goals, the subcommittee also plans to recommend how the city should proceed with a full battlefield preservation plan.

20-year roads plan should protect battlefield – *The Review Appeal* – 9/14/03

FRANKLIN – A Franklin panel of volunteers assigned to recommend protections for Civil War battlefield sites wants to influence the city's \$218 million, 20-year Major Thoroughfare Plan. Widening Columbia Avenue, for example, could adversely affect historic sites whether they're already developed or not, according to two participants of discussions in City Hall. Central Franklin Area Plan Steering Committee Chairman Julian Bibb should advise the city board's Transportation Committee the thoroughfare plan should include protections for battlefield sites, say Beth Adams, a member of the Battlefield Protection Subcommittee, and Erin Williams, a city planning department employee assigned to the panel. Battlefield Preservation Subcommittee members also recommend a larger segment of the area to be considered. For example, a historic corridor from near Carter House south on Columbia Avenue should be seen as an area for protection since it's the path used by troops marching to battle.

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moved to the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in the spring of 1866.

Each of the twenty-one reenactors will represent one of the Union and Confederate states that had regiments engaged at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. The Confederate states represented are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The Federal states represented are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The twenty-one uniformed reenactors' march will march 40 miles over two days departing from McCains, just south of Columbia in Maury County, on Friday and arrive at Collins Farm, 40 miles later, on Saturday afternoon. They will camp at Rippavilla Plantation on Friday night. This year, observers and supporters can join the reenactors for a designated segment of the march in Columbia, Spring Hill, and Franklin. The Franklin public segment will cover the two miles from Winstead Hill Park to Collins Farm on Lewisburg Pike. The public march segments for Columbia and Spring Hill will be announced later.

STFB is encouraging groups and the general public to sponsor the reenactor representing the state of their choice on a "per mile" basis. The donations are completely tax-deductible and can be sent to: STFB, PO Box 851, Franklin, TN 37065-0851 please note which states you are supporting in the memo line of your check or visit our website at www.franklin-stfb.org. This year's march will mark the third consecutive year that the Save The Franklin Battlefield has sponsored such an event, with previous years' marches raising \$12,700 and 16,300.

New and Renewing for August 2003

Wayne B Anderson Sr	Raymond MS
David Deatrick Jr	Prospect KY
John G Henderson	Nashville TN
Joan Herbert	Franklin TN
Sam & Carol Huffman	Brentwood TN
Trent Johnson	Franklin TN
Danny Marlin	Columbia TN
Kevin Dean Miller	Austin TX
Bill Nolan	Niles OH
Ellen Pinelli	Pompano Beach FL
Kristin Scherrer	Franklin TN
Timothy Shea Jr	Worcester MA
Dick Simpson	Orleans VT
Jim & Kelly Zumwalt	Franklin TN

140th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Reenactment

One hundred-forty years after the Battle of Franklin, men clad in butter-nut and in blue will once again march across the hills and fields a few miles from Franklin, and the roar of cannon and the sharp crack of rifle fire will echo over the countryside. These men will commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin with a massive reenactment of the Battle. On the two days before the Battle of Franklin event, the battles of Thompson's Station and of Spring Hill will be reenacted to provide three excitement-filled days of Civil War action. During October 1-3, 2004, more than 10,000 reenactors from both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line will stage the events, which are expected to draw an audience from all over Tennessee and from many surrounding states. The Battle of Franklin, the Spring Hill and the Thompson's Station reenactments will be sponsored by the Civil War Courier and Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

From The Mouth of A Marcher...

Fellow members, the 3rd annual "Forty for Franklin" March is upon us! This year we will have a minimum of 21 reenactors who will trudge shoulder to shoulder northward a total of 40 long miles up Tennessee Highway 31. As in the previous two years, our mission is to solicit mile-by-mile pledges to help pay off Collins' Farm, the portion of the Franklin Battlefield that Save The Franklin Battlefield reclaimed two years ago. Will you please help us in this endeavor? My marchers and I will do the hardest part, if you will please sponsor one or more of us on a per-mile basis.

In addition, please consider coming out to cheer us on! We will commence our journey at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7th at McCain's Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Highway 31, roughly 5 miles south of Columbia, Tennessee. We will be stopping at the Columbia town square later that morning, and will certainly be making many other rest and/or "meet the public" stops along the route also. I will be carrying a cell phone (615-500-6612) and can be reached for specific times and places we'll be stopping, as well as for progress reports both days.

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Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Mail To: Save The Franklin Battlefield~P.O. Box 851~Franklin, TN 37065-0851

Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.

Advance Guard Tactical
Oct 17-19, 2003
STFB Fund-Raising Project
Call For STFB Volunteers

This immersion event is sponsored and registered by the WESTERN INDEPENDENT GRAYS and will replicate the movement of the 'advance guard' of a Federal army advancing against the Army of Tennessee. The event is pre-registered and by invitation only. The event is not open to public spectators. Funds raised will be donated to STFB for land purchase on the Franklin Battlefield.

STFB will help with the on-site logistics and check-in of attendees. We need STFB volunteers to help in this effort on Friday-Sunday, Oct 17-19. The event will move across 800 acres in Stewart County west of Clarksville - about 90 miles from Franklin.

Contact Sam Huffman 615-370-3842 (sam@jsp.net) to sign up if you can help. Friday and Saturday will be long days so we need several STFB volunteers to help out.

STFB also needs the use of a 10'x10' tent for use at the event. If you have a tent we could use, contact Sam ASAP since we need to nail down this detail right away.

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On Saturday, November 8th we will continue our journey from Rippavilla Plantation northward to Franklin, arriving at Winstead Hill around 2:00 p.m. From this point to The Carter House (2 miles), the march will be open to the public. Please come meet us and be a part of this! This is a great cause, it's good exercise, and above all, it provides an excellent opportunity to remember what brave Americans endured for their beliefs along this very route in 1864!

Please keep us in your prayers.
 Thank you!

David Fraley

Sponsorship To-Date "40 For Franklin - 2003" November 7 - 8

Below are the names of the stout souls who will make the "40 For Franklin - 2003" march on Nov 7-8. You will recognize many of the names as Marchers for the 2001 & 2002 events. Some are local men, others have traveled long distances to help Save The Franklin Battlefield.

They all need your support to make their efforts worthwhile. Listed with the marchers' names are the total funds raised by state for 2003, along with the March results from prior years. In 2001, the marchers raised \$12,700 for Collins Farm, and for 2002 they increased that total to \$16,303. The marchers hope to do even better this year but need many sponsors to help them along. So return the enclosed card with your per-mile sponsorship, or see:

www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm

Confederate Marchers To-Date

2001	2002	2003	State	Marcher
505	885	345	Alabama	Shane Smith
460	445	25	Arkansas	Lee White-Leonard Adams
200	190	0	Florida	Evan Hudson
730	306	0	Georgia	Richard Russell
140	290	0	Kentucky	Jim Lawrence – Captain
215	240	0	Louisiana	Matt McGill
230	680	40	Missouri	Evan Kutzler
525	265	50	Mississippi	William Long
390	1075	0	South Carolina	William Carraway – NCO
3435	2820	420	Tennessee	David Fraley
450	310	0	Texas	Justin Scherrer – OC Hood
7280	7506	880	Total Confederate Marchers	

Federal Marchers To-Date

2001	2002	2003	State	Marcher
1000	1060	0	Illinois	Allen McClelland
510	1361	0	Indiana	Ron Wilkins - Captain
197	185	0	Iowa	Shane Smith
145	290	0	Kentucky	Chris Cox
415	502	0	Michigan	Louis Varnell – NCO
125	660	0	Missouri	Jerry Layton
1968	2894	0	Ohio	Chris Lane – Bill Radcliffe
520	525	0	Pennsylvania	Mark Grant
220	640	0	Tennessee	Trent Golden
320	680	0	Wisconsin	Brian Maddox
5420	8796	0	Total Federal Marchers	
12700	16303	880	March Total as of September 13, 2003	