



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--

By way of an update, Save The Franklin Battlefield continues to push for securing the golf course property between Lewisburg Pike and Carnton Plantation as the "Eastern Flank of the Franklin Battlefield."

As you may remember, Rod And Kay Heller, of Washington D.C., purchased the property for \$5 million, with the hopes that it would become a battlefield park. The Hellers challenged the preservationist and the community at large to repay the purchase price within ten years. The Civil War Preservation Trust has committed at least \$250,000 towards this goal. Initially, the word was that the City of Franklin was interested in supporting this to the tune of \$2.5 million. There has been no official word yet on whether this will hold true.

While all this is good news for STFB and friends of the Franklin Battlefield everywhere, the members of the country club, mostly living in the immediate neighborhood, have banded together to say, "Not in our backyard!" Using junk history and misleading maps, they have assailed the press, the City Mayor and Aldermen, and anyone else who will listen to say the golf course was not battlefield, that there was no fighting there, no loss of lives, and et cetera and et cetera.

The background behind this stand is this. The country club members, until recently, owned outright their golf course. They knowingly sold it out to a developer whose business plan across the country is to purchase old and outdated courses and develop them with homes and condos. Rod and Kay Heller purchased the course from this gentleman, effectively saving the land from extensive development. The country club members simply want their golf course irregardless of their self-made predicament. Their plan is to force the Mayor and Aldermen to not help fund this battlefield purchase.

STFB, as part of a pro-Eastern Flank coalition, have been taking the high road in all of this. We have been attempting to educate both citizens and officials on the true significance of this property, and its importance to future battlefield purchases here. Our coalition's unofficial motto has been, "Before we can have a Franklin Battlefield, we must have a field."

This certainly is our best and brightest shot at creating a field here at Franklin. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress, and how you can help us. Thank you for your constant concern.

Joe Smyth

STFB Participates in Smithsonian Exhibit

Save the Franklin Battlefield participated in the KEY INGREDIENTS-America by Food presentation sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibit selected Franklin as one of it's nine Tennessee locations for their display. The exhibit itself will be at the Williamson County Library from June 26 through July 18, 2004.

As the opening event, Natchez Place, Inc. of Williamson County and the Williamson County Library of Franklin hosted the display. Opening day event included food vendors and a cook book display on the ground of the Library in Franklin. STFB was invited to provide water and soft drinks for sale at the event.

STFB also took advantage of the event to promote its upcoming annual tours and the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin Reenactment which is scheduled for 1-3 October and to advise the general public of the STFB mission.

Collins' Farm and the Eastern Flank Tour

On Sunday, May 23, Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc., presented a tour, "Collins' Farm and the Eastern Flank," which described the part Collins' Farm played in the bloody assault of the Federal earthworks during the Battle of Franklin. Participants walked the grounds and heard about future improvements and plans for Collins' Farm. They also learned about the widespread action on the McGavock farm, across the current golf club grounds even to the immediate surrounds of the McGavock's home. They were shown a cannon projectile unearthed in the yard of Carnton Plantation.

Brentwood Historic Seniors Introduced to STFB

At the June meeting of the Brentwood Historic Seniors, STFB presented a program on Dr. Charles Todd Quintard, Chaplain to the Confederacy, and on an introduction to STFB.

Before and immediately following the Civil War, Dr.

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The 140th Anniversary is Just Around the Corner

Save the Franklin Battlefield (STFB) in conjunction with the Civil War Courier (CWC) will sponsor the largest Civil War Reenactment in the West, 1-3 October 2004. This date precedes the actual anniversary date, however in order to be able to provide Franklin and surrounding communities with an opportunity to see three distinct and key battles of the Civil War we opted to present the activities in October.

The actual reenactments will be preceded by School Days programs for the schools throughout the surrounding communities. Static displays of period living will be available as will activities to provide a learning experience for the students. Be sure your child's school does not miss out on this opportunity.

STFB and CWC will have the reenactment of three key battles that impacted this area in 1864. There will be one battle reenacted each day of the event. Friday, October 1 will see the **"The Road from Atlanta"** (The Battle will include cavalry, artillery and infantry). Saturday, 2 October will be the **"Battle of Franklin"** which will feature 8,000 to 10,000 reenactors to include infantry, cavalry and about fourteen artillery pieces. Sunday, 3 October will conclude the reenactments with the **"Battle of Nashville"**.

Grand Opening ceremonies will be Friday 1 October at 12 Noon with local and state government officials expected as well as yet to be named celebrities who have an interest in Civil War History. Prior to each battle there will be static displays such as the full size replica of the Confederate Submarine "Hunley", plus other Hunley artifacts, original cannon from the Battle of Shilo, as well as other authentic Civil War Memorabilia obtained from Tennessee museums. There will also be historical impersonator and the 14th Georgia Regimental Band who will serve as the official band of the 140th Battle of Franklin.

Make your plans to be there. Be sure to purchase your tickets from STFB as every ticket sold by STFB will result in a percentage of your ticket price being given to STFB to help STFB reduce the cost of the Collins Farm property. Call STFB or go to our web site www.franklin-stfb.org. Advance tickets for a three(3) day pass are \$15. Children under 10 are Free.

140th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of *Franklin*

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National premier reenactment for 2004

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(+\$1 postage and handling charge per order)

News in Review

Heritage tourism would help local economy – The Review Appeal – 5/16/04 – FRANKLIN – Heritage tourism can be a lucrative way to develop a city's economy, according to historic preservationists who point to information from battlefield parks. Guidelines for preservation and development along the Columbia Avenue corridor are being developed for the city, Alderman Dan Klatt told four dozen members of the Country Club of Franklin who met Thursday to voice concerns about a challenge from Rod Heller of Washington, D.C., a historic preservationist and descendant of the family which built Carnton Plantation. "Preservation makes good sense," Klatt told the club members. "Help us select priorities." Civil War heritage tourists look for battlefields, says Robert Hicks, co-chair of the Carnton fund-raising campaign.

Mayor tells golfers city hasn't targeted their club – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 5/18/04 – FRANKLIN – The city of Franklin has no plans to specifically contribute \$2.5 million toward buying Country Club of Franklin land for a battlefield park if the private sector comes up with \$2.5 million to match it. That's what Franklin Mayor Tom Miller told club members Thursday night who gathered to question him and voice their objections to city money being used for the purchase of their golf course. On March 29, however, when the city accepted a Preserve America Community Award, a videotape of the ceremony recorded Miller saying, "I'm issuing a challenge today to the community that the city will match dollar for dollar up to \$2.5 million for the purchase of the Country Club of Franklin. This is the historic eastern flank of the Battle of Franklin. This is a historic piece of property worthy of preservation, and we are moving forward with preservation."

Purchase isn't only way to keep homes off golf course – The Review Appeal – 5/25/04 – FRANKLIN – Short of public-private collaboration to buy the Country Club of Franklin, there may be a way to make sure the golf course isn't developed as a housing subdivision, Alderwoman Pam Lewis, one of the preservationists on Franklin's Board of Mayor and Aldermen said. It's called a conservation easement, a publicly recorded contract between a property owner and a qualified entity which can include local government. The Land Trust for Tennessee Inc. is another legal entity which monitors conservation easements. It's unclear whether golf qualifies as a conservation purpose here, but it has elsewhere. Lewis' observation followed a tour and Civil War history lesson at the Collins' Farm, just northwest of the country club and Historic Carnton Plantation.

Editorial: Battlefield tourism could quell tax increases – The Review Appeal – 5/26/04 – FRANKLIN – According to a recent national survey of tourists visiting one of seven Civil War battlefields in the Southeast, there is money to be made in the local economy from a battlefield project. At locally owned sites, such as the Corinth Battlefield in

Mississippi, visitors spent more than \$220,000 in the local economy in 2003. On average that translates to \$54.54 per person, per day, supporting \$102,000 in resident income, \$8,000 in local government revenue and \$23,000 in state government revenue. At a time when governmental budgets are straining to maintain revenue without tax increases, letting someone else pay the bill can't be ignored as an option.

Jail swap could keep county in Harlinsdale deal – The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M." – 6/1/04 – FRANKLIN – Alderman Dan Klatt said the city would be interested in acquiring the old

jails which currently are owned by the county, if they became available. County commissioners interested in maintaining a partnership with the city to purchase and preserve Harlinsdale Farm said the jails could be declared surplus property and given to the city in lieu of money for the purchase. County leaders said financial and political pressure has put the possibility of a joint venture in jeopardy. "I think a land swap would be perceived better than cash, particularly if it was the old jails," Commissioner Judy Hayes said.

Last Civil War widow dies, 139 years after Appomattox – The Tennessean – 6/1/04 – MONTGOMERY, AL – Alberta Martin, 97, the last widow of a Civil War veteran, died on Memorial Day, ending an unlikely ascent from sharecropper's daughter to the belle of 21st-century Confederate history buffs who paraded her across the South. Martin died in a nursing home in Enterprise of complications from a May 7 heart attack, said her caretaker, Dr. Kenneth Chancey. She died nearly 140 years after the Civil War ended.

Effort to Preserve Golf Course Gains Attention – Columns: Historic Carnton Plantation Newsletter – Fall 2004 – FRANKLIN – Efforts to preserve 110 acres of the golf course at the Country Club of Franklin at Carnton and restore it as the Eastern Flank of the battle of Franklin have continued and have gathered national attention. In April the New York Times ran an article on the grass roots effort that began with the purchase of the golf course by Rod and Kay Heller and their challenge to the preservation community to raise \$5 million to buy it for future generations as public historic open space.

Preservationists fight to save Franklin field – Civil War Courier – June 2004 – FRANKLIN – Nearly 140 years after the last bullet was fired, a new Battle of Franklin is threatening to erupt over land believed to be part of the historic battle. This newest battle is pitting preservationists against members of the Country Club of Franklin, current tenants of the contested eastern flank of the historic battlefield. According to Ed Berris, chief historian of the National Park Service, the ground played a crucial role in the battle. Country club members, a small and vocal group, challenge that claim. Club members claim no significant action took place in the area.

New & Renewing Members May, 2004

William Adkins Jr
Dave & Kassie Berry
Charlie & Jeanne Brock
Phillip Burstein
Tommy Cole
E A Hansbarger
W A Harris
Frank Kendrick
Bill Kennedy
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Bill & Cindy Morelli
Mark & Karen Perreault
Gregory Rottmann
Stephen Tosterud
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Lewisburg, TN
Santa Barbara, CA
Columbia, TN
Franklin, TN
Franklin, TN
Brentwood, TN
Norfolk, VA
Canton, OH
Bush, LA
Greeley, CO
Franklin, TN
Centennial, CO

CWRT of Naples, FL Donates to STFB

In May, we received a letter from Charlie Abbott of the Civil War Round Table of Naples, Florida, containing a \$300 contribution for Battlefield Preservation here in Franklin. Several of the group are STFB members and have visited Franklin over the years. The group also promoted the Franklin story in their latest newsletter, and encouraged their members to assist us in all ways possible.

Charlie says that in past years the Naples CWRT has supported the restoration of Fort Jefferson and the Gamble Mansion there in Florida. The CWRT also has supported the Antietam Battlefield and various other national projects of the Civil War Preservation Trust. Lately, they have been following the ups-and-downs of our efforts here in Franklin, and want to help us with the recent efforts to have a Battlefield Park on the Confederate right.

We very pleased and heartened to have the support of the Naples CWRT and hope to meet them here in Franklin one day.

Gary Moore of the South Bay Civil War Round Table in Los Gatos, California wrote to inform us that their CWRT is donating \$200 to the battlefield preservation efforts here in Franklin. The South Bay CWRT has long been a good and constant friend of the Franklin Battlefield – this is the group's fourth donation to STFB in the last three years.

Dr. Moore noted that their CWRT has made the Franklin Battlefield one of their high priority preservation efforts. We expect that some of the South Bay members will be in Franklin this fall for the Carter House Descendants Reunion and/or the 140th Battle of Franklin Reenactment. We hope to meet them then and to thank them in person for their ongoing support.

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Quintard was the rector of the Nashville Church of the Advent. In 1865, he was elected the second Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. During the War, as chaplain for the Confederate First Tennessee Regiment, he saw much of the action with the Tennessee troops and associated with the Confederate high command. He was in Middle Tennessee during the battles of Franklin and Nashville, where he officiated at the funerals of many of the generals killed at Franklin. Between these two battles, Dr. Quintard visited a number of the homes in Franklin, Brentwood, and south of Nashville. The PowerPoint slide presentation focused on this part of his diary entries.

The slide presentation, "Introduction to Save The Franklin Battlefield, Inc.," gives a comprehensive view of the activities and efforts of STFB, including the on-going projects of Collins' Farm restoration, raising funds to pay off the CF mortgage, the BOF map, BOF site markers, potential battlefield parks, educational tours, information tables at civic events, 140th sponsorship, STFB newsletter, and the STFB web site.

The Historic Seniors showed a great interest in these efforts of STFB. The audience of some fifty people asked many questions, showing particular interest in the battle sites for potential preservation. Many have been following the saga of the City Of Franklin Mayor and the Franklin Country Club, and expressed support for preserving the country club site as a battlefield park.

STFB offers to give presentations to preservation and civic organizations in the mid-Tennessee area on activities and efforts of Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc.

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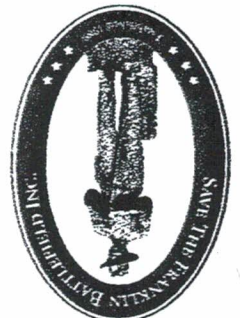
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