



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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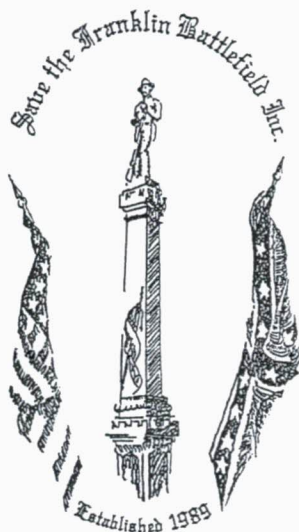
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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

STFB HAS A NEW LOGO

Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc. now has a logo. It shows the monument on the square in downtown Franklin with the flags of the Union and Confederacy on either side.

There have been 1,000 stickers printed to be given out to the young people who attend our battlefield tours.



From Your President

Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc. is starting a campaign to raise money for a plaque to be placed on the grounds where the Carter Cotton Gin stood.

We have to raise about \$1300 to pay for the marker. We have set a goal of holding the dedication of the plaque during the October Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion.

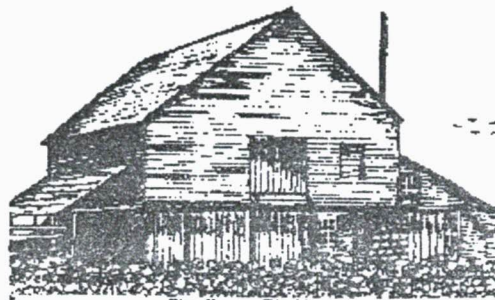
If you would like to give a donation, please send your check to:

Save The Franklin Battlefield
PO Box 851
Franklin, TN 37065-0851

Note on your check "for Gin Plaque."

Thank you for your help.

E. J. Neeley



The Carter Gin House

The News In Review by Peter Schofield

Highlights from print media articles of interest to the battlefield community

Carnton Plantation adds bluegrass to Southern Folklife Festival – The Tennessean – 5/21/98 – Carnton Plantation's popular Southern Folklife Festival will hit a high note this summer, with the addition of bluegrass music to the festivities. A celebration of mid-19th century Tennessee life, the two-day event at the historic mansion, August 15 and 16, features artisans recreating such crafts of the era as brooms and woven items, Civil War reenactors, tours of Carnton Mansion and special children's activities. This will be the first year music is on the bill. "We're very excited by the addition of music to this year's festival," said Hayden Roberts, education director at Carnton. "Music was an integral part of life in the days before television and we felt that it was a natural addition to the festival." Music will begin late Saturday afternoon and continue until sunset. Families are encouraged to bring blankets and enjoy a picnic supper. The festival begins at 10 a.m. August 15 and 1 p.m. August 16. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and free for children under six. For more information, or to become a member of Carnton Plantation, call 794-0903

Old Sullivan farmhouse awaits the right buyer – The Tennessean – 5/28/98 – The venerable old brick farmhouse is in need of a facelift – okay, a major restoration – but whoever takes on the job will wind up with one of Williamson County's treasures, says historian Rick Warwick. "The old Sullivan farmhouse, which sits now on a weedy patch at the edge of the new Sullivan Farms subdivision on Lewisburg Pike, was rescued by the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County in 1996. "This house could truly be one of the architectural gems of Williamson County when it is restored," says Warwick. "We hope to find just the right buyer for this treasure." "The house is structurally sound, but in desperate need of renovation," said Craig Brent of the Heritage Foundation. "It will be eligible for inclusion on the National

Register of Historic Places if it is restored properly."

Late Breaking News – The Sharpshooter – 6/98 – At the time of publication of *The Sharpshooter*, two late breaking stories about Civil War finds in Middle Tennessee – A Union cannon and thirty cannon balls were found by a digging crew working on the site of a new downtown Nashville building at the corner of Third and Commerce. The Nashville police department bomb squad was called in since some of these relics were still "live". It is believed the cannon was made at a local foundry. – A piece of Civil War history is returning to Maury County after 135 years. . . a Union flag captured by Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest in 1863. Forrest reportedly gave the flag to a Columbia girl who warned Confederate soldiers that Union troops were on their way. Historians thought the flag was lost forever. . . until the girl's granddaughter brought it back to Columbia from Kentucky, where she lives. Local historians hope the family will donate the flag to Maury County for display. (Ed. Note: *The Sharpshooter* is the monthly newsletter of the Middle Tennessee Civil War Roundtable which meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Brentwood Municipal Center on Maryland Way. Interested in membership information? Write them at P. O. Box 111275, Nashville, Tennessee 37222, or visit a meeting.)

Cemeteries to be toured – The Williamson Leader – 6/18/98 – More events centered around this year's City of Franklin's observation of its Bicentennial will include tests of courage for the superstitious – nighttime walking illuminated tours of two historic graveyards during October. A tour of Toussaint L 'Ouverture Cemetery west of Hillsboro Road and south of Del Rio Pike on the weekend of October 3 is

being arranged by Tommy Murdic and Mary Mills of the African-American Heritage Assn., according to special events manager Bob Holladay. Holladay said he is also working with E. J. Neeley to have an illumination tour that same weekend of the old City Cemetery on Fourth Avenue North. Ernie Bacon and the special events committee of the Carnton Assn. are planning an encampment near the Confederate Cemetery on the weekend of October 17, just one week after the Carter House descendant's reunion.

Cavalry hero to get memorial in Franklin – The Tennessean – 6/23/98 – 1st Sgt. George Jordan, the first and only Williamson Countian to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, will be honored 108 years after he was recognized for heroism by the U. S. Congress. Jordan won fame for his exploits as a leader of a company of Buffalo Soldiers during the Indian Uprising of the 1880s. He is a son of Williamson County slaves who joined the U. S. Cavalry in Nashville in 1866 and rode west into the pages of American history. Jordan is Williamson County's lone Congressional Medal Honor winner and one of 47 Tennesseans to ever receive America's highest military decoration for "personal bravery and self-sacrifice, above and beyond the call of duty." The county commission last month approved a resolution detailing Jordan's exploits and directed that a memorial plaque be placed in a prominent place, probably at the entrance to the main branch of the public library where other local military veterans are honored.

Ed Note: The Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, Inc. (TCPWA) continues organizational work – Franklin's Stuart Moore elected President – The Tennessee Historical Commission / Tennessee

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BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL NEWS

October is going to be a busy month for the historic community in Franklin, Williamson County.

Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc. has been invited to take part in Franklin's third annual Bicentennial Festival. (See last month's newsletter, page 4 for more details.)

We are going to be helping with the Cemetery Tour that will take place on the first weekend. The Cemeteries are Old City Cemetery and Rest Haven, which is the cemetery in which Tod Carter is buried.

We will keep you informed as things come together.

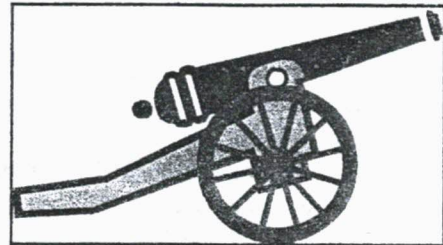
NEXT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JULY 13

The next monthly STFB Board meeting will be held on July 13 at the Williamson County Library meeting room at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members, prospective members and everyone interested in protecting and preserving the Civil War Sites in Williamson County. We hope to see you there!



"History may speak of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg or the charge of the Federal Irish Brigade at Marye's Hill (Heights); but I consider the charge of Johnson's Division of Lee's Corps at Franklin the gallant feat of arms which I witnessed during the war . . . It is an honor to have done it, and American History should treasure the reputation of American valor displayed on the bloody field of Franklin . . . Franklin was the bloodiest field of the war for the time engaged . . . It was the saddest of sites as the dead were collected for burial the next morning."

Confederate Veteran Magazine, Vol. XVI (1908), #6 (June), pages 258-259, article by S.D. Lee, Corps Cmdr., A.O.T., C.S.A.



"The battle of Franklin, in my opinion, was one of the most desperate of the Civil War. . . I have talked this battle over with . . . F.M. Cockrill. Of Missouri, who was a (Confederate) Brigade Commander there and was wounded. He agrees with thousands of others that Franklin, Tenn., November 30, 1864, was the worst "Slaughter Pen" and the most bitterly contested of all our battles with more loss of life on the Confederate side for the number engaged than any battle of the war."

Confederate Veteran Magazine, Vol. XVI, (1908), #11, (Nov.), page 554, article by J.K. Merrifield, 88th Illinois Infantry, USA & Medal of Honor Recipient for actions at the battle of Franklin, TN.

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Wars Commission have created the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, Inc., a free standing, state-wide, (501-c3) not for profit organization, to serve the state (including all counties, communities, organizations and other entities with Civil War-related issues and interests) in identifying, acquiring, protecting and developing Civil War sites within the State of Tennessee. Speaking on the *acquisition* aspect of the Association's eventual responsibilities, Fred Prouty, Director of Programs for the Tennessee Wars Commission said, "The successful operation of the TCWPA is crucial to the Tennessee Wars Commission's efforts to obtain timely options on Civil War sites that become available in our state. Without the immediate intervention of the TCWPA to acquire options on significant Civil War properties when they become available, the Wars Commission has no way of holding such properties until the governmental process of land acquisition can be completed, which usually requires a six-month time frame."

At a recent organizational meeting of TCWPA, during which Stuart Moore of Franklin was elected President, Prouty explained, "In order for Tennessee to continue to grow and achieve "big results" in attracting Civil War

heritage tourism to the state, **the state must think big itself!** Tennessee (with 56 sites) has the second largest amount of Civil War tourist destinations in the United states. Virginia, with 59 Civil War sites open to the public, is planning to invest \$450,000 in television and print advertising campaigns this year to stimulate interest in their Civil War destinations that are visited yearly by over 5 million visitors. Hopefully the state of Tennessee will, in the very near future recognize the great potential to increase heritage tourism and at the same time draw state and national attention to the hundreds of unprotected sites awaiting preservation and interpretation."

The next organizational meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday August 1 at the home of The Tennessee Historical Commission / Tennessee Wars Commission, Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Road, Nashville. (Ph: 615/532-1563). Individuals and organizations with Civil War-related interests are urged go attend and **get involved.**

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

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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.

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	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$12.00	
	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$12.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
		Order Total	