



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 28

Heritage Foundation Specail Lecture at Otey Hall at 5:30 pm. See last page for more details.

### DECEMBER 1

Patrick Cleburne Society - 2nd Annual PCS Dinner, Franklin, Tenn. As last year, the dinner proceeds will go to STFB. Cost \$40 non-member, \$35 member. Speaker will be noted author and historian Wiley Sword. For more info contact Christine 615-599-2566.

### DECEMBER 2-3

Civil War Show—Tennessee State Fair Grounds Nashville.

### DECEMBER 2

Christmas Ball at the Memorial Building in Columbia. Cost is \$15 per person, period dress preferred but not required. For more information please call Mrs. Tammy Hatcher at 931-381-1547.

## From the President

Dear STFB member--

We had a very successful and well-attended Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 12th. The highlight certainly was Mr. Rob Hodge speaking on battlefield preservation, and the fundraising and dynamics that go into it. He reported that only 3% of all battlefields are owned by the U.S. Government, and that every 10 minutes another acre of Civil War battlefield is destroyed. (How many acres have been lost between me writing this and you reading it?)

Rob told us that we are now "behind the curve"--the time for being proactive is gone, and that we can only operate in re-active mode. He also feels most of the remaining Civil War battlefield land will be lost or preserved in our generation. This is not a problem we can pass off to our children to deal with!

Rob has offered \$20,000. from his last Reenactors' March for Preservation to STFB, if we can match it dollar for dollar. Are we up to his challenge?

This generous offer could not have come at a better time. STFB has undertaken the effort to save 3.3 acres of *core battlefield* here at Franklin. You will be receiving information very soon on this exciting and important undertaking.

Thank you for continuing to support Saving the Franklin Battlefield!

*Joe Smyth*

## STFB Plans Purchase of Battlefield Parcel

As our name states, this organization's purpose is to save some of the Franklin Battlefield. Over time, the main trench line and the ground to either side of it, where desperate fighting occurred that November 30, has been transformed into quiet residential neighborhoods. The only protected portions of the actual trench line and adjacent grounds are the Carter House and its ten surrounding acres owned by the State of Tennessee, and the Carter cotton gin site now owned by the Heritage Foundation. Plus, on highway 96, a building lot with possible trenches is protected by a preservation easement.

Other war-related sites not part of the main battlefield have been saved over the years by state and local historical groups and by the City of Franklin. The State, the Heritage Foundation, and national preservation groups recently purchased Roper's Knob. The city bought Fort Granger 25 years ago and, during the last ten years, has improved it as part of Pinkerton Park. For years the Sons of Confederate Veterans owned a small plot on the north face of Winstead Hill and the city recently bought much of the remaining north face of the hill for a passive park and overlook. Carnton Plantation and its surrounding grounds was saved 25 years ago by a private historical group and now serves as an interpretation center for the battle. But please understand this: those preservation results required 50 years of effort, all of it slow and expensive work, by hundreds of volunteers and donors. The three local Battlefield Conferences of 1992-4, sponsored by Williamson County and the City of Franklin, helped to increase public interest in battlefield preservation. Much remains to yet be done, and our grandchildren will still be working to save battlefield parcels fifty years from now.

Today we have an opportunity to protect a very important portion of the east end of the actual battlefield. The 3.22 acre parcel is located on the right (south) of Lewisburg Pike as you leave downtown Franklin just beyond the CSX railroad tracks. Some-

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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.**

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar	\$6.00	
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar	\$6.00	
	Both Calendars 1999 and 2000—different pictures in each!	\$10.00	
	“Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville” Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$10.00	
	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$10.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Save The Franklin Battlefield Bumpersticker	\$1.50	
		<b>Order Sub-Total</b>	
		<b>Shipping/Handling</b> under \$10    \$0.75 \$10 - \$24.99    \$2.95 \$25 and up    \$4.50	
	-Individual	\$12.00	
	-Family	\$15.00	
	-Corporate	\$25.00	
	Donation—Marker Fund		
	Donation—Land Purchase		
		<b>Order Total</b>	

Please note that the commemorative items listed above for sale can be viewed on the STFB website at:  
[www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/saleitem.htm)



## Tennie Pinkerton Dozier Award for 2000

At the Annual Membership meeting of Save the Franklin Battlefield the Tennie Pinkerton Dozier was awarded to a gentleman who was involved in the 1989 Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin; served on the Board of STFB in the past; traveled across the state of Tennessee speaking to Civil War Round Tables; appeared on the History Channel; is often quoted in the newspapers; helped with the City of Franklin's Battlefield Conferences; organized Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunions, bringing together descendants who fought on both sides; helped with STFB McGavock Cemetery Tours.

He has "worn many hats" at the Carter House, tour guide, military curator and now serves as it's Director. He has brought special exhibits to the Carter House Museum.

Not all historic sites have a director that not only can tell the site's history, but lives and dresses the part, therefore, breathing life into it's history.

The dictionary defines the word constant: something unchanging; not varying; faithful; steadfast. Thomas Cartwright is that constant.

Tennie Pinkerton Dozier was the wife of a Confederate Veteran and founding president of United Daughters of the Confederacy—Franklin Chapter #14. During her lifetime after the war, she worked tirelessly for the establishment of a national park on the Franklin battlefield, but alas, no federal money was available.

Later she headed a group seeking to build "a peace monument arch" across Columbia Pike. This too failed to become a reality.

Finally in 1899, she succeeded in funding the Confederate Monument that stands today in the center of Franklin's downtown square.

*Submitted by E. J. Neeley*

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time after the war, this small farmstead became known as Hyssop Hill but on November 30, 1864, the Confederate right wing, mostly Loring's division, assaulted over this ground and charged up over the railroad embankment. There the attacking troops became entangled in the osage orange fence-rows and abatis in front of the strongly entrenched Federals of Henderson's Brigade. The fighting was close range and brutal.

The property is still mostly open and has about the same appearance that it had during the war years. It will permit good off-road parking and, with informational markers, will provide an excellent interpretation point for the east end of the battlefield. The soldiers who were here often wrote about the railroad embankment and the osage orange hedges beyond. Like the Carter House and the cotton gin site, this special part of the battlefield held high drama for those who endured the fighting on this ground.

The asking price for the house, outbuildings, and acreage is \$300,000 and STFB recently applied to the National Park Service for a grant to help buy this important piece of the Franklin battlefield. For our part, we would have to raise at least \$200,000 to save and protect this hallowed ground. The property is zoned Light Industrial and if we cannot take advantage of this window of opportunity right now, this precious remaining parcel of the battlefield will be added to the long list of ground altered and lost forever.

You will shortly receive additional materials describing the site's history and asking for your substantial financial help. Our very simple task is to find 200 people whose concern for the Franklin Battlefield will convince them to donate \$1,000 to the project at least one time.

We think those 200 individuals do exist, it's just that we have to find them. You can help us locate those special 200 people before it is too late. A good first place to begin that search is to look in your mirror first thing tomorrow morning.

All donations to STFB are tax deductible as allowed by IRS code for 501(c)(3) organizations. If you would like to donate appreciated securities to this project, contact STFB Treasurer Sam Huffman 615-370-3842 for a how-to brochure. If you have questions about this purchase, please call STFB President Joe Smyth III at 615-794-6812..

## *Heritage Foundation to Sponsor Special Lecture*

The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County will present "What We Have Lost, and What is at Risk" on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 starting promptly at 5:30 PM at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 510 West Main Street, Franklin. Heritage Foundation Executive Director Mary Pearce and author/historian Rick Warwick will speak to the group.

This program is part of the Heritage Foundation drive to double its membership. You are encouraged to bring a prospective member to the event. A social for members only with wine and hors d'oeuvres will follow in Otey Hall. Please RSVP 591-8500 by Wednesday November 22.

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