



Horses in line at Carnton

Winter Lecture Series Educates Civil War Enthusiasts

On January 27, at Carnton Plantation's Fleming Center, The Battle of Franklin Trust kicked off its Winter lecture series at with "Lincoln's Election and the Secession Drama," examining the presidential election and the secession of southern states.

Historians and authors Eric A. Jacobson and Thomas Flagel discussed Abraham Lincoln's rise to the presidency in the midst of political turmoil. The duo took an in-depth look into the reasons behind the quick secession of the first seven Southern States. In addition, the lecture detailed what was being said by participants at the time, as well as why the Union came undone.

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7th Tennessee Cavalry Camp at Carnton

More than 100 Civil War reenactors and historians along with at least 80 horses will gather for an annual event at Carnton Plantation to learn camp basics and completely immerse themselves in the field life in the day of a Confederate cavalryman. "Camp of Instruction," hosted by the 7th Tennessee Cavalry gives

reenactors and historians from across the country a rare opportunity to live and learn as Civil War soldiers.

In making the announcement, Battle of Franklin Trust Director of Operations Eric Jacobson said, "People from coast to coast come here to Franklin to learn more about an area and lifestyle that defines a

monumental era in American history. We are proud to be able to provide them with this experience where history really comes alive."

On Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19, Confederate cavalymen will be geared up from dusk until dawn, learning battalion formation,

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Trust Raises Funds for Carter House HVAC

Plan a winter or summer visit this year and enjoy a new climate in The Carter House. After more than a year of research and planning, The Battle of Franklin Trust will be coordinating the installation of a heating and air conditioning system for The Carter House. The state-of-the-art geothermal system was custom designed

for The Carter House by the Lee Company.

The geothermal system uses the earth's natural heating and cooling to regulate the temperature of the structure, thus reducing energy consumption and cost.

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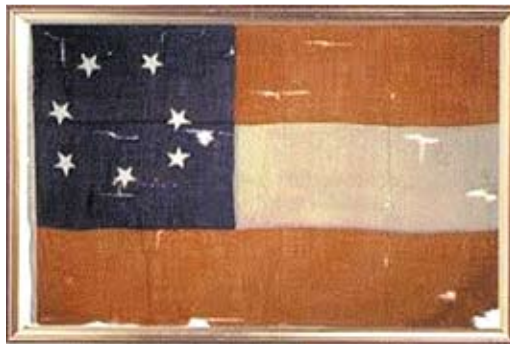
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New Flags Fly at Carter House

The Battle of Franklin Trust has plans to implement a new flag program for the flags flying at the Carter House at some point in the near future. The flag pole situated at the northeast corner of the property, near Columbia Pike, will display a different pair of flags every quarter during much of the sesquicentennial to show flags that flew on the battlefield at Franklin.

These changes are part of The Battle of Franklin Trust's programming for the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Today flags are primarily used in formal settings. This, however, was not the case during the Civil War. Flags were a part of the nation's consciousness and were often made by local communities and sent off with their "boys" to war. Soldiers carried these homemade and government issued flags with pride as a symbol of their cause and "the soul of their regiment." Selecting a man to be a part of the color guard was often a result of his prior bravery in battle. The men carrying the colors into battle, on both sides, were often easy targets for the enemy, but felt a sense of responsibility to represent their country and regiment with honor.

Flag conservation and preservation is an on-going effort within the museum community. The Tennessee State Museum has dozens of Civil War flags in their collection and the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)



The First National flag of the Confederacy

FLAGS TO FLY AT THE CARTER HOUSE:

34-Star United States Flag, Confederate Second National Flag, Hardee Corps Flag, 23rd U.S. Corps Headquarters Flag, 125th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Flag, Confederate Battle Flag/St. Andrew's Cross, First National Confederate Flag, 4th U.S. Corps Headquarters Flag

To learn more about these flags and see images, please visit www.battleoffranklintrust.org and click on the link for flags.

has partnered with the State Museum to help conserve these flags. For every SCV license tag purchased in Tennessee, a percentage of the cost goes toward the flag conservation program, along with any direct donations. The most recent flag to receive funds for conservation was that of the 20th Tennessee Infantry, a unit primarily composed of men from Williamson County and heavily engaged in the Battle of Franklin. Please contact The Battle of Franklin Trust, The Tennessee State Museum, or the Tennessee Division of the SCV to find out more about flag conservation.

By Joanna Stephens

Cavalry

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period horse shoeing, food preparation, firing revolvers and a myriad of cavalry oriented programs. On Sunday, March 20, the camp will come to a close at 2 p.m. with several drills and a church service.

Onlookers can expect to see a realistic portrayal of the Civil War, including multiple mounted and dismounted drill sessions with bugle calls, combat and several other living history opportunities.

Demonstrations will take place at 9:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 and on Sunday, March 20 at noon. The demonstrations are included in the regular admission prices of \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors over the age of 65, and \$8 for children 6-12. To view the demonstration without the house tour, the cost is \$5 per person.

A joint ticket for Carnton Plantation, The Carter House and Lotz House is also now available for \$30. This commemorative ticket provides a total savings of \$10 per adult.

Letter from the Chairman

The last few months have been quiet an exciting time for us. Since my last letter there have been several exciting events take place on the grounds of Carnton and The Carter House.

Recently, the Battle of Franklin Trust unveiled the bullet that killed Theodrick "Tod" Carter, which was lodged inside his skull during the Battle of Franklin. We are so grateful to Carter Conway, Tod Carter's great-great nephew, in donating the bullet to be on display at the Carter House. If you haven't had a chance to take a look at it, I hope you get a chance to see this emotionally moving display.

This year's anniversary of the Battle of Franklin was phenomenal. The commemoration activities kicked off with "Blue & Gray Days," giving guests the rare opportunity to go back in time to the Civil War era. But no commemoration is complete without the illumination organized by the



SCHROER

City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission. It always takes my breath away and this year was no different. There is something so emotional in seeing 10,000 lights representing the lives of brave Americans who fought and died in Franklin.

Fast forward to December, and it most certainly was a Dickens of a Christmas. This year, our annual candlelight tour merged with the Heritage Foundation's "Dickens of a Christmas," making it the first time both events were held on the same weekend. Guests were able to walk into nine historic Franklin homes, in addition to touring The Carter House—a rare treat. The partnership of the two events was the perfect way to kick off the holiday season.

In February, we celebrated Black History Month with Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush. She preformed Negro Spirituals and discussed their significance as historical American art. And of course, there's always more to learn about the Civil War. Our 2011 Winter lecture series was a huge success, covering topics such as Civil War drama and the myriad of flags used during the period.

If you weren't able to attend any of these events, don't worry. We have several upcoming ones you won't want to miss. Finally, spring is almost before us and that means we will be reopening the gardens at Carnton and The Carter House. Not only are they both gorgeous, but also historically significant. In late April, we will be hosting the Randal McGavock Society Dinner, which is always a great time! Later on in the year, when we get into the summer months, we will host Camp Carnton and our annual Carnton Sunset Concert Series—that being said: mark your calendars!

As you can see, it's a busy time for us here at the BOFT. Please join us as we work to achieve our goals by becoming a member. We can't do it without you.

Sincerely,
Marianne Schroer



Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush, a renowned interpreter and storyteller, speaks at Fleming Center.

Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush Performed Honoring Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, the Battle of Franklin Trust hosted Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush, a renowned interpreter and storyteller. Dr. Johnston-Bush performed Negro spirituals and discussed their history and significance as historical American art. Held at Carnton Plantation's Fleming Center, the event was open to the public and was free of charge.

"Naima's performance and lecture really contextualized a poignant historic experience. We're excited she was a part of our celebration of Black History Month again this year," said Tara Danley. Dr. Johnston-Bush uses her artistic gift to educate, entertain and encourage audiences across the nation. Her passion and artistic gifts resonate throughout her performance and discussions.

The founder of Broken Box Ministries, Dr. Johnston-Bush works with emerging Christian artists in assisting them in the development of their music ministries. She has written and produced her independent debut album entitled Everything and is completing her second CD, This Place.

Dr. Johnston-Bush is also author of several books including "Called to Sing: 13 Mistakes to Avoid When Starting in Music Ministry," and "Dr. Nay's Dream Development Guide."

Hear ye hear ye . . .

The Annual Randal McGavock Society Dinner is slated for April 29th, 2011. This event is our way of thanking members for their generous contributions. In keeping with a momentous royal occasion taking place the same day, guests will enjoy an evening of English fare and festivities. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served on the back porch of Carnton Plantation at 6:30 p.m. followed by a feast fit for a king at the Fleming Center. For more information, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Leigh Bawcom at (615) 794-0903 or leigh@battleoffranklintrust.org.

Illumination honors fallen



The Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, adjacent to Carnton Plantation, played host to the 2010 Battle of Franklin Commemorative Illumination at dusk where 10,000 luminaries were lit to commemorate the 10,000 casualties of the Battle of Franklin held November 30, 1864. Last year's illumination coincided with the Trust's "Blue & Gray Days" event. Photo by Olivia and Justin Stelter

HVAC

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the home the Lee Company was able to design a system that meets all of the needs and has minimal impact on the historic structure. Combining a high pressure and conventional HVAC system allows us to condition all areas of the home, including the attic and basement. Guests will notice an enormous difference, as will the furniture. The structure will now have consistent temperature and humidity control giving the priceless artifacts in the home a stable environment.

The Tennessee State Historical Commission, which owns the property, has approved the installation of the system and offers their full support for the project. The Lee Company began installation in the end of February and the system will be operational in March.

The Battle of Franklin Trust was the January recipient of the Middle Tennessee Electric Customers Care Grant for \$10,000 towards the installation of the heating and air-conditioning system. This grant covers the cost of drilling the geothermal wells for the HVAC. We extend our sincere thanks to Middle Tennessee Electric for their support of the project.

The total cost of the HVAC system and installation is just under \$50,000. We are asking our members and patrons to help us by supporting this project. Installing the HVAC system will protect The Carter House and also provide comfort for our guests.

Please contact Joanna Stephens at 615-794-0903 or Joanna@battleoffranklintrust.org if you have questions or are interested in contributing to this project. All gifts are welcome and appreciated.

By Joanna Stephens



The dining room of the Vaughan-Magher House, built in 1914 was a highlight of The Carter House Candlelight Tour.

38th Annual Carter House Candlelight Tour a success

Saturday, December 11, 2010, kicked off the holiday season for many in Franklin as homes, churches, and businesses opened for the 38th Annual Carter House Candlelight Tour. Despite the less than desirable weather, guests enjoyed the season's decorations inside magnificent historic structures in downtown Franklin. The tour featured nine homes in the heart of Hincheyville, Franklin's oldest subdivision, in addition to St. Philip Catholic Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Franklin Flower Shop and The Carter House. Each site provided a different style of warmth and holiday spirit ranging from an 1861 Christmas at The Carter House to the varied decor of the nine homes and the quiet beauty of the churches. Franklin Trolleys circled the tour route on West Main and Fair Street, keeping guests a little drier from house to house. As a great addition to the tour, Stites and Harbison was a welcome stop for refreshments with none other than Santa himself!

The Candlelight Tour, held in conjunction with The Heritage Foundation's Dickens of a Christmas, proved to be a success with the help



The Carter House Candlelight Tour included touring the homes of Peggy and Robin Hood's home Whitehall, built circa 1828.

of numerous volunteers and local organizations. Plans are already being made for the upcoming 39th Annual Candlelight Tour, which will be held December 10 and 11, 2011. Mark your calendars now for another taste of historic Franklin at Christmastime!

By Elizabeth Atkinson



Reunion of the 20th Tennessee Infantry in 1877 Reunion

Remembering Our Bold Defenders: Civil War Veterans

A new exhibit looking at Civil War veterans opened at Carnton Plantation's Fleming Center March 1, 2011. When many individuals study the Civil War, they only look at the four year period of the War. It is often forgotten that many men went on to live for another fifty or more years beyond their service in the military. Living with the horror of war day after day for all those years shaped the veterans and our country.

"Remembering Our Bold Defenders is not just about understanding Civil War Veterans," says curator Joanna Stephens, "It is about understanding how the modern world views and remembers the war." The display examines the immediate transition from soldier to civilian, the formation of veterans' organizations, reunions, and

modern memory through re-enactment.

As we commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, it is important to look at how the men who lived through the war commemorated it. We must look back 150 years to understand how the war shapes the fabric of our country today and why it still remains one of the most important events of our nation's history.

The exhibit could not have been possible without the help of Rick Warwick, Patrick Landrum, and Vann Martin and The Veteran's Attic. The exhibit will run from March through October 2011; admission is included with the purchase of a tour ticket at Carnton. Please join us as we look at Civil War veterans through Remembering Our Bold Defenders.

By Joanna Stephens

What's New IN THE CARNTON GARDEN for 2011

By Annie Owen



The lilies that were planted in 2010 should be showing their beautiful blooms this year.

Look for the old fashioned tiger lilies with their black spots, the species lilies Rubrum and Album, and Tennessee native Turk's Cap lilies.

The new additions for 2011 are historic dianthus or garden pinks. Varieties include 'Fenbow Nutmeg Clove', a dark red variety known since the 17th century for flavoring wine. Also debuting in the garden are Dianthus 'Inchmery' a light pink from 1800, 'Bridal Veil' 'Pheasant's Ear', 'Bat's Double', 'Rose de Mai', and 'Unique', all very old varieties.



BLUSH NOISETTE

The new roses for 2011 are in the class of Noisettes, an American bred class of roses from the early 1800's. The three that are going to be trialed are 'Blush Noisette', 'Champney's Pink Cluster', and 'Fellenberg'. All are fragrant, free flowering, and should be a welcome addition.

EHEMANII CANNA, from 1863 is another new plant we will try for the first time.

Be sure to stop by the garden and see the progress of the new plants for 2011.



FELLENBERG



CHAMPNEY'S PINK CLUSTER



EHEMANII CANNA



The grounds at Carnton make an ideal location for celebrations.

Here Come the Brides

Who doesn't dream of getting married in a beautiful garden on a historic plantation? With nearly a full calendar and lots of beaming brides, it promises to be another exciting wedding season at Carnton! Thanks to our Head Gardener Justin Stelter, his crew and countless volunteers, our grounds provide an idyllic setting for an outdoor wedding. The Fleming Center is proving to be a valuable resource not only for interpretation purposes, but also for special events. More than sixty percent of our 2011 brides have chosen the Fleming Center for their reception because of the many conveniences it offers.

These special ladies will be honored at a bridal shower in March where they'll have an opportunity to share ideas, hear some last minute planning tips and receive a commemorative gift from Leigh and Rebecca, who run the Special Events Department for the Battle of Franklin Trust. What a great way to celebrate their upcoming Carnton Plantation wedding!

By Leigh Bawcom

BATTLEFIELD TRUST WISH LIST

- Reams of white multipurpose letter size paper
- 10 table cloths and 48-60 matching napkins for 60-inch round tables
- 10 table cloths and 48-60 matching napkins for 8-foot rectangular tables
- Sideboard or table that is about 4-5 feet long, 8-12 inches deep and 33-40 inches high
- Rocking Chairs for The Carter House Visitor's Center

*For more details on how you can help,
please call 615-786-1864.*



The Carter family

Carter Family Donates Bullet

On December 2, 2010, The Battle of Franklin Trust and The Carter House were honored to receive the fatal bullet that killed Tod Carter from Carter Conway, a descendant of Fountain Branch Carter. In a small ceremony held in the parlor of The Carter House, Mr. Conway, along with other members of the Carter family, presented the bullet for permanent inclusion in The Carter House museum. “I’d been the custodian for approximately 50 years. It belongs to this part of history. It ought to be here,” said Conway at the ceremony.

At the age of 21, Theodrick “Tod” Carter left his home in Franklin and enlisted in Company H, 20th



Ed Underwood and Marianne Schroer

Tennessee Infantry. By 1864, he was serving as aide-de-camp for Brig. Gen. Thomas Benton Smith. During the Battle of Franklin, Tod led a charge against the Federal works and, just yards from his home, was struck by enemy fire nine times. The next morning he was found wounded and delirious but still alive. Family members brought him to the house where his wounds were treated. The regimental surgeon, Dr. Deering Roberts, was called in to operate and remove the bullet which was lodged above Tod’s left eye. Despite the efforts, he passed away the following morning, December 2, in the family parlor. The bullet which was removed from Tod’s head was saved by his family and passed through the generations as a reminder of his sacrifice.

The Battle of Franklin Trust extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Carter family descendants for their willingness to share one more part of their family story with the thousands of visitors that come to Franklin each year.

By Joanna Stephens

Looking forward to a great year

This year is off to a great start. Marianne Schroer gave you an overview of all our many accomplishments since our last newsletter. The Battle of Franklin Trust continues to thrive and we’re proud of the many things to come.

A major improvement at The Carter House is the new geothermal HVAC system that will soon be installed. We are incredibly enthusiastic about this new addition. Of course, a new HVAC system will make The Carter House experience more comfortable for visitors, but the system is also vital to maintaining the overall integrity of the house and the antiques. With this addition, The Carter House will now have consistent temperature and humidity control, creating a more stable environment.



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I’ve diligently been working with our Curator, Joanna Stephens, on making this possible and after more than a year of research and planning, the Trust, along with the assistance of The Lee Company, was able to coordinate the installation of this custom-designed heating and air conditioning system. The system will use the earth’s natural heating and cooling to regulate the temperature of The Carter House interior, reducing the energy consumption and cost. The HVAC system will be operational this month.

Thankfully, we were able to jumpstart this large-scale project thanks to a \$10,000 Middle Tennessee Electric Customers Care Grant which was awarded to the Trust in January. The grant covers the cost of drilling the geothermal well for the HVAC. Yet, as with almost everything in life, the new system comes with a steep, but justifiable price tag of nearly \$50,000. We are asking our members and patrons to please help us by supporting

this invaluable project. I encourage you to make whatever contribution you can to help us with this vital project. You can make a contribution on line through PayPal by visiting www.battleoffranklintrust.org or by calling 615-786-1864 and speaking with either me or Joanna Stephens.

As we continue to look at ways to enhance the visitor experience, we would like to encourage company visibility in our numerous events throughout the year by becoming sponsors. One of our most popular events is the Carnton Plantation Concert Series which is held every summer. We always have a wonderful turnout as families come out to enjoy the music and atmosphere. The Concert Series is a great opportunity for companies to establish themselves in front of visitors by being part of the promotional advertising for the concerts - all while enjoying the live music.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available for other events throughout the year, such as the upcoming 147th re-enactment of the Battle of Franklin and our annual Blue and Gray Days. If you are interested in aligning your company with the Trust’s special events please call Leigh Bawcom at 615-794-0903 or send an e-mail to leigh@battleoffranklintrust.org.

We are always thinking of ways to improve and enhance every event and activity we organize. We pride ourselves on trying to make the visitor experience exceed expectations. That being said, we welcome your ideas and encourage you to share them with us. We want to work together with you to provide the best visitor experience and education possible. Each year, Franklin gains more popularity with heritage travelers. We should all be proud of this as we continue to work and inspire others to embrace all that our incredible history has to offer.

Eric A. Jacobson
Director of Operations

Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Update

This year marks the official start of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Here in Franklin and across Tennessee, the next five years are filled with commemorative events, educational opportunities, and one-of-a-kind experiences that will allow us to experience the Civil War firsthand.

One of the most exciting Sesquicentennial initiatives is the Tennessee State Library and Archives'

Looking Back in Tennessee project, developed in partnership with the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Looking Back provides an incredible opportunity to preserve locally owned Civil War manuscripts, photos, and artifacts by making digital copies to share with the public through TSLA's online archive.

TSLA's archivists recently spent a day in Franklin, digitally recording many remarkable artifacts associated with the Battle of Franklin. Some

of the most exciting items include letters written to and from Capt. Tod Carter. Archivists also photographed a sword that belonged to Lt. Henry Gleason of Opdyke's Brigade – a weapon believed to have been used during the Battle of Franklin.

The Looking Back project is a powerful way to document and share privately owned Civil War memorabilia and collections that might not otherwise be available to the public. Now everyone can see

Tod Carter's own written words and view weaponry that saw action at the Battle of Franklin online, viewed from any location that has internet access. It's another influential tool that helps tell the Battle of Franklin's story to people within our community and across the nation.

To view these artifacts and learn more about the Sesquicentennial in Franklin and beyond, visit www.tncivilwar150.com.

By Laura Holder

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

MARCH 18-20

7th Tennessee Cavalry Demonstrations

APRIL

APRIL 29

Randal McGavock Society Dinner

JUNE

JUNE 9-11

*Calicos and Cadets
Battle of Franklin Trust
Civil War Camp*

JUNE 23

Carter House Annual Meeting

JUNE 26

Carnton Plantation Concert Series

JULY

JULY 14-16

*Calicos and Cadets
Battle of Franklin Trust
Civil War Camp*

JULY 31

Carnton Plantation Concert Series

AUGUST

AUGUST 28

Carnton Plantation Concert Series



SEPT-OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2

Descendant's Reunion

OCTOBER 14-16

147th Reenactment (formerly Civil War Days)

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 18-20

Blue & Gray Days and Illumination

NOVEMBER 30

Ceremony for Anniversary - Carter House

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2-3

Civil War Show

DECEMBER 10-11

Carter House Candlelight Tour

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At the end of the lecture, guests participated in a lively question and answer session with Jacobson and Flagel. The duo held a book signing following the Q&A.

On February 24, the series continued discussing the role of flags used by both sides during the Civil War. Greg Biggs, a noted flag expert, and Eric Jacobson, paid particular emphasis to the flags used in Franklin, but also delved deep into the plethora of patterns and designs used throughout the war, going beyond the Stars and Stripes and the Confederate battle flag generally associated with the period.

Historians and authors Jacobson and Biggs expounded on the various patterns and designs used as wartime flags. However, the duo paid special attention to the flags used in Franklin, giving guests a glimpse of the numerous flags an observer at the Battle of Franklin would have seen waving in the air.

Eric A. Jacobson is a historian for The Battle of Franklin Trust and author of *For Cause & For Country*, an exploration into the battles at Spring Hill and Franklin. He is also the Director of Operations for The Battle of Franklin Trust. Gregg Biggs is a Civil War author, editor, researcher and tour guide specializing in the war fought in the Western Theater, an area in the East defined by geography and the sequence of campaigning.

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