



Meeting Agenda

Civil War Historical Commission

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00 AM

Training Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, the Commission shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the Planning Director/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)

Comments on agenda items may be made in person at City Hall or by emailing recorder@franklinton.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes

OFFICERS

2. Consideration Of 2024 Commission Chair & Vice Chair

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. Law Overview of Commission Role and Roberts Rules

OLD BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Williamson Remembers Historical Markers

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consideration Of The Installation Of The Texas State Marker At Carter Hill Park

Sponsors:

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Historic Parks Audio Tour
7. U.S. Line Markers
8. Historic Wayfinding Signs

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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City of Franklin Civil War Historical Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2023—8:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Rich Buckner, Patrick Baggett, Mary Pearce, Marlene Holmes, Kelly Kautzman, Tony Morreale, Sam Huffman, Alan Simms, Clay Perry, Colbi Layne Hogan, Alma McLemore

Absent: Eric Jacobson, Steve Bacon, Heather Doleshel, Rachael Finch, Pam Lewis

Staff Present: Kelly Dannenfelser, Emily Huffer, Brian Walker, Aahil Rajpari

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buckner called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. and took an official roll call.

CITIZEN COMMENT

This is open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern. Are there any citizens who would like to speak to the Commission?

Hearing none we will move on to the next item.

MINUTES

- **Approval of the September 14, 2023, Minutes.**

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the September 14, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously 11-0.

ITEMS

- **Consideration of the 2024 Meeting Calendar**

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the 2024 Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously 11-0.

- **Consideration of the 2024 Chair & Vice Chair**

Chair Buckner stated this was his last year as Chair and we will not be voting on a Chair or Vice-Chair at this meeting, but the floor will be open for nominations and will be voted on at the January 2024 meeting.

Commissioner McLemore nominated Commissioner Simms as Chair.

Commissioner Baggett nominated Commissioner Hogan as Vice-Chair.

Chair Buckner nominated Commissioner Morreale as Vice-Chair.

- **Consideration of the Updated Bylaws**

Ms. Dannenfelser stated there is a very small update to bylaws and explained it concerns state law made a change in July that meetings with voting in them should have the citizen comment addition added to the bylaws.

Commissioner Simms moved to add the state law comment. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 11-0.

Chair Buckner commented on old business that is still open and stated it concerned the caissons and Williamson Remembers.

Commissioner McLemore stated she received an email from the Washington Post concerning Williamson Remembers and she forwarded it on to the PR person at Williamson Remembers.

Discussion ensued on Williamson Remembers.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Parks Audio Tour Project**

Commissioner Hogan stated they are still in research mode and will be meeting in January 2024.

- **U.S. Line Markers**

Chair Buckner stated tomorrow 11/10/23 is the celebration of the first two-line markers and they look wonderful. Chair Buckner stated it should be a good event. Chair Buckner stated the Streets Department did a wonderful job.

Mr. Walker stated this has been a long time coming and it is great seeing them getting installed.

Commissioner Baggett requested to know who the master of ceremonies would be and if there is a program.

Ms. Huffer stated she has a draft of the program and stated the bagpiper would start it off with a couple of songs, then Mayor Moore will speak, then Commissioners Buckner and Huffman would say a couple words and a couple more songs will be played.

It was stated there is no plaque yet in honor of Dr. Sam Gant. Ms. Huffer showed the example of the program to the commissioners.

Chair Buckner stated that this would not be the end of this subcommittee and would like an overview of what markers are onsite.

Commissioner Morreale stated he and Commissioner Finch knocked on fourteen doors on Friday before Pumpkinfest and talked to four of the homeowners who were home on Lewisburg, Fair, Natchez and one homeowner who brought up a bunch of questions they could not answer. Commissioner Morreale stated they left cards and maps of the locations. Commissioner Morreale stated there will be some challenges on Natchez and Lewisburg due to parking.

Chair Buckner stated there is a subcommittee meeting after this meeting to further discuss.

- **Wayfinding Signs Update**

Ms. Huffer stated she will be meeting with the Streets Department to see the status of the remaining signs.

Chair Buckner explained how the Streets Department had striping and paving work to do before the signs this summer and would pick up putting the signs up in the fall. Chair Buckner stated all the signs are made and anticipate being done by the end of the year.

Other Business

Commissioner Pearce stated she thinks it would be nice to have a sheet showing all that has been done for the year with a couple of pictures on it.

Commissioner Perry stated it has been a productive year.

Mr. Walker stated he had two things and stated you can go to the YouTube channel to see the caissons and over at Fort Granger one of the long-term projects involving Earthworks, there are trees growing on it and we will need to remove those trees to protect it.

Discussion ensued on the ironworks and stone walls at the cemeteries.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Huffman stated the Civil War show is set for December 2 & 3 out at the Agriculture Center.

Commissioner Baggett stated Franklin's Charge closed on the Williams Property.

Commissioner Perry stated there is nothing new at the Historic Masonic Hall and explained that it is stable and work on the upper wall will begin in 2024.

Commissioner Pearce stated they know now that 264 Natchez was involved in the Battle of Franklin. Commissioner Pearce stated she has been working with American Legion on 11th Avenue.

Commissioner McLemore stated there are two events coming up. Commissioner McLemore stated one event is on Sunday at the Factory with famous singers. Commissioner McLemore stated December 2nd is open house at the McLemore House.

Commissioner Kautzman women's history tours and ghost tours going on at the Lotz House.

Chair Buckner stated this was his last meeting and thanked everyone.

Adjourn.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Acting Secretary

December 27, 2023

To: Civil War Historical Commission

From: Vernon Gerth, ACA-Community & Economic Development

Subject: **Williamson Remembers - Historical Marker Presentation and Information**

During the July 13, 2023 meeting of the Civil War Historical Commission, Williamson Remembers Co-Chairs Julian Bibb and Dr. Kenneth Hill thanked the Commission for their support of the placement of the three remembrance markers in our central business district and mentioned that we would be seeking additional feedback on the proposed locations and marker language. Since we last met, other organizations have expressed interest in learning about the Williamson Remembers project and have offered additional insight and support.

The Williamson Remembers Committee is now prepared to join you during your January 11, 2024 where, Co-Chairs Julian Bibb and Dr. Kenneth Hill and Matt Maxey will provide a brief overview of the proposed makers while seeking the Commission's feedback on the individual maker locations and language. In the meantime, I have enclosed exhibits of the proposed marker locations and language for your consideration. It is anticipated that following your guidance on January 13, the Williamson Remembers Committee will be prepared to appear before Board of Mayor and Aldermen for formal consideration.

Thank you, your continued guidance and support.



Proposed Marker Locations



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WILLIAMSON COUNTY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT - MARKER NO. 1

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, DENIED

The end of the Civil War in 1865 led to a period of opportunity and equal rights known as the Reconstruction Era, 1865-1877. By the 1880s, federal troops had left the South and neither Congress nor the federal courts took steps to protect civil rights of Black people. In *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) the Supreme Court ruled separate but equal was the law of the land. "Jim Crow" segregation was the result in politics and the courts for the next 70 years. Schools and most public spaces were segregated by race. The right of Black men to vote, to serve in juries, and to hold public office were severely limited, if not eliminated. Nor did government protect Black citizens from extra-legal violence and domestic terrorism. Denied free and impartial trials, too many Black citizens became victims of White lynch mobs. Lynchings of African Americans were one of the most public and brutal forms of racial terrorism. Across the United States, at least 4,000 such lynchings occurred.

Williamson County did not escape this brutal period in history. Racially motivated lynchings, murder and violence targeted Black residents. The Remembrance Project believes that by confronting with honesty this history, our community will be stronger and more united in its quest to realize the promise of Liberty and Justice for All made by our nation's Founders.

This Marker is the first of three markers of the Williamson County Remembrance Project. Other markers are located at the City Cemetery.

PROPOSED LOCATION:

Northeast Corner of Third Avenue South/Public Square

WILLIAMSON COUNTY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT - MARKER NO. 2

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, DENIED

In the summer of 1868, a series of documented racially motivated terror killings happened in Williamson County. On July 19th, local Ku Klux Klan members lynched an African American, William Guthrie, for allegedly assaulting Mary Ezell, a White woman. Next, unidentified African American residents killed John Ezell, Mary's brother, who they believed was guilty of Guthrie's lynching. The Klan escalated the violence by lynching three victims in August. An unidentified African American was hanged near the Bostick home, known as Everbright, on Carter's Creek Pike. Then the Klan next attacked White Jewish merchant, Samuel A. Bierfield, at his Franklin business, located at the present-day intersection of 4th Avenue and Main Street. It is believed that Mr. Bierfield was attacked because some Klan members suspected he was present when John Ezell was killed, and others believed Bierfield sympathized with the town's African American residents. The Klan lynched Bierfield by shooting him to death and leaving his body in the street. Bierfield's employee and formerly enslaved African American, Lawrence Bowman, also was shot by the Klan and died the following day from wounds sustained in the attack. Bierfield has been recognized as the first Jewish person lynched in the United States.

This Marker is the second of three markers of the Williamson County Remembrance Project. Other markers are in Franklin's Square and the City Cemetery.

PROPOSED LOCATION:

Northwest Corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave./N. Margin St.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT - MARKER NO. 3

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, DENIED

Between 1877 and 1891, the following five horrific racially motivated terror lynchings of African American men took place in Williamson County. On March 18, 1877, masked men violently took Jim Walker, accused of rape and murder, from the County Courthouse and hanged him, without a trial. In 1878, a White lynch mob took Calvin Beatty from the county jail for allegedly raping a child and hanged him at a location near Moores Lane. In October that year another White lynch mob chased John Thomas, who it alleged raped a White child, for 3 miles before hanging him outside Franklin. On August 10, 1888, members of the local Ku Klux Klan violently removed Amos Miller, who was accused of the rape of a White woman, from the courtroom at the County Courthouse and hanged him from the courthouse's second story rather than allow him a fair trial. On April 30, 1891, a White lynch mob took Jim Taylor, accused of shooting a police officer, and hanged him on the Murfreesboro Road Bridge near downtown Franklin.

This Marker is the third of three markers of the Williamson County Remembrance Project. Other markers are in Franklin's Square and the City Cemetery.

PROPOSED LOCATION:

Southwest Corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave./N. Margin Street



TENNESSEE WARS COMMISSION

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City of Franklin Parks
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Franklin, Tennessee 37064

&

Mr. Eric Jacobson, CEO
Battle of Franklin Trust
1345 Eastern Flank Circle
Franklin, Tennessee 37064

September 13, 2023

Re: Project review request determination for the Cameron Strip Tract, FA# 13-02-012, at 1221-53 Columbia Avenue, Franklin Tennessee 37064 in Williamson County.

Dear Ms. Clayton and Mr. Jacobson,

Thank you for working with the Tennessee Wars Commission to ensure our Civil War battlefields and war-related historic sites are preserved in perpetuity. We appreciate the opportunity to review your proposed project.

This letter is to inform you that the proposed project, to erect a granite monument in honor of the Texas Brigade, has been approved by the Tennessee Wars Commission. The approved location, barring any issue from the Division of Archaeology, is north of the paved trail and near the property border with 1205 Columbia Ave. The monument should be set back into the trees, approximately in front of where the green garage used to be. If there are any questions regarding the location, please reach out to the Wars Commission prior to proceeding.

The proposed inscription found in the Project Review Request Form has been approved. If revisions are proposed, please resubmit the new verbiage for approval.

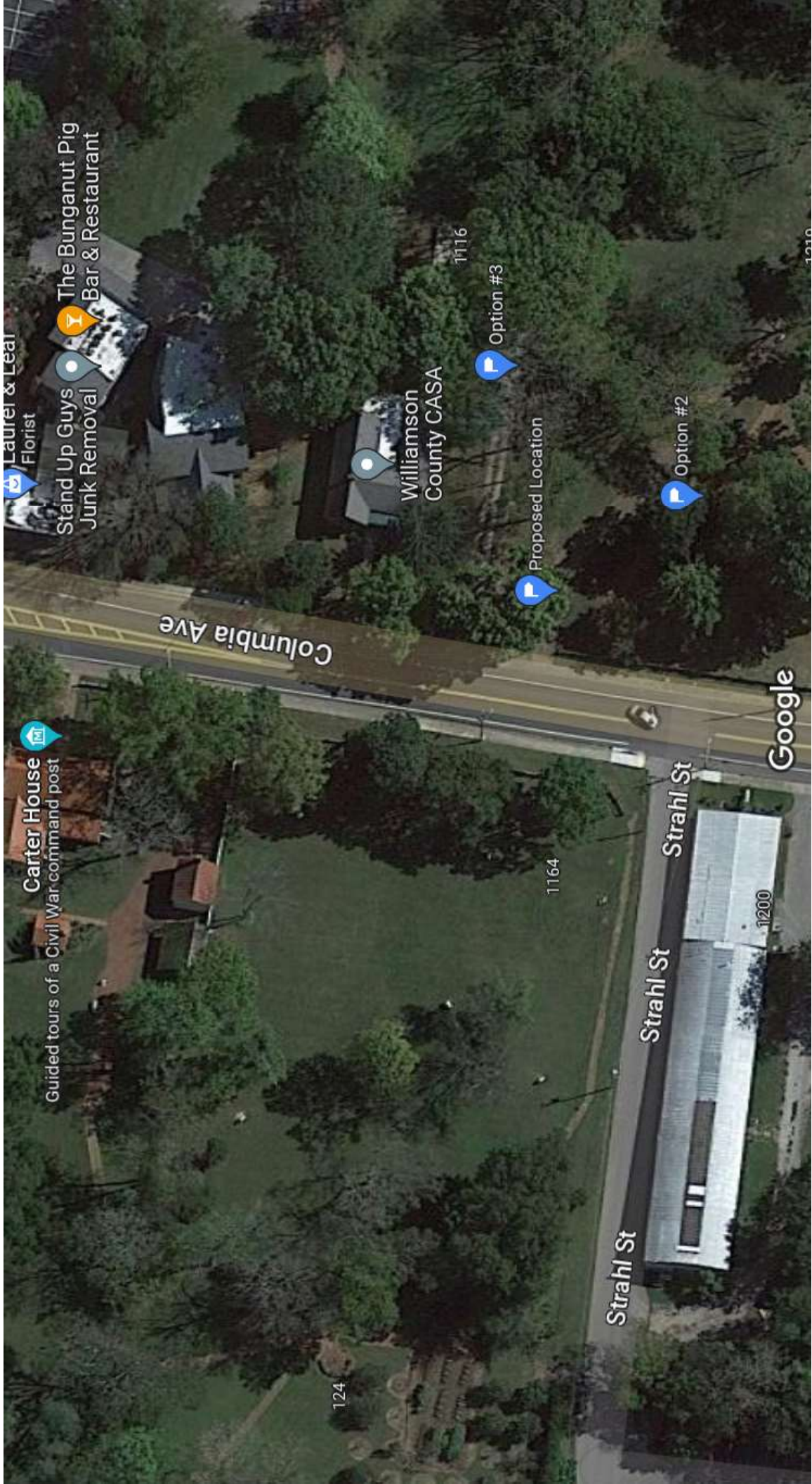
Please make sure that your project adheres to the parameters outlined in the Project Review Request Form. If for any reason your project must deviate from the approved scope, location, materials, size, or timeline, you must stop work and contact the Wars Commission in writing for additional approvals. This project approval is contingent on the approval of the Division of Archaeology.

If you would like to discuss this determination, please contact the Wars Commission at Nina.Scall@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Nina L. Scall

Nina L. Scall, Director
Tennessee Wars Commission



Stephen Cure

From: Nau, John <John.Nau@SilverEagleBev.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 11:19 AM
To: Stephen Cure
Cc: Mark Wolfe
Subject: RE: Proposed Franklin Inscription

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Steve,

Good with me.

John

From: Stephen Cure <Stephen.Cure@thc.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 11:54 AM
To: Nau, John <John.Nau@SilverEagleBev.com>
Cc: Mark Wolfe <Mark.Wolfe@thc.texas.gov>
Subject: Proposed Franklin Inscription

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John,

The attached proposed text has been reviewed by Michael Smith, PhD at McNeese State, John Lundberg, PhD at Tarrant County Community College, and Charles Grear, PhD at Texas A&M-Central Texas who have all written on the 1864 Tennessee Campaign and the Texans that participated. The product of their feedback was then reviewed by Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust, who has also written on the battle. Here at THC, Mark and Charles have also reviewed it. I ask that you look it over and send me any feedback you have. Once I have incorporated any changes you have, I can start getting the quote for the fabrication and installation of the stone.

I am also working with Eric on the exact placement of the monument and provide you an update on that as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Steve



Stephen S. Cure

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1 1/2"
3/4"

SANDBLAST CONFIRMATION
FRONT



SPACE FOR
9" BRONZE

TEXAS

REMEMBERS THE VALOR AND DEVOTION OF
ITS SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT IN THE
BATTLE OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
NOVEMBER 30, 1864

FOLLOWING THE FALL OF ATLANTA, CONFEDERATE LT. GEN. JOHN B. HOOD SOUGHT TO DRAW FEDERAL MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM T. SHERMAN'S FORCES OUT OF GEORGIA BY MOVING INTO TENNESSEE OR FURTHER NORTH. HOOD'S ARMY OF TENNESSEE INCLUDED THREE BRIGADES AND AN ARTILLERY BATTERY OF MOSTLY TEXAS VETERAN TROOPS IN ITS 1864 TENNESSEE CAMPAIGN. DURING THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN, GEN. HIRAM B. GRANBURY'S TEXAS BRIGADE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CENTER OF THE CONFEDERATE LINE AS THE LEFT FLANK OF MAJ. GEN. PATRICK R. CLEBURNE'S DIVISION MOVING UP THE EAST SIDE OF THE COLUMBIA PIKE. THE BRIGADE ADVANCED ACROSS NEARLY TWO MILES OF OPEN GROUND, FORCED THE FIRST LINE OF FEDERAL DEFENDERS TO RETREAT, SLAMMED INTO THE FEDERAL BREASTWORKS AND BREACHED THE LINE. BRUTAL FIGHTING ENSUED BEFORE THE BRIGADE WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW BY FEDERAL REINFORCEMENTS. OF THE ROUGHLY 1,100 MEN IN THE BRIGADE, OVER 400 BECAME CASUALTIES INCLUDING GEN. GRANBURY AND EIGHT OF HIS SENIOR OFFICERS. DOUGLAS'S TEXAS BATTERY, SUPPORTED MAJ. GEN EDWARD JOHNSON'S DIVISION ON THE CONFEDERATE LEFT AND SUFFERED SIX CASUALTIES, INCLUDING ITS COMMANDER. WHILE GRANBURY'S BRIGADE AND DOUGLAS'S BATTERY WERE ENGAGED ALONG THE CONFEDERATE LINE, GEN. LAWRENCE S. "SUL" ROSS'S TEXAS CAVALRY BRIGADE OF GEN. WILLIAM H. JACKSON'S DIVISION CROSSED THE HARPETH RIVER IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRAW FEDERAL FORCES OUT OF FRANKLIN. AFTER REPEATED CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES, ROSS'S BRIGADE WAS FORCED TO RETREAT WITH SIGNIFICANT LOSSES. THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN WAS COSTLY IN TERMS OF LOST LEADERSHIP AND THE VOLUME OF CASUALTIES AMONG TEXAS UNITS. ON THIS FIELD, TEXAS SOLDIERS DEMONSTRATED EXEMPLARY COURAGE AND AUDACITY IN SERVICE TO THEIR STATE.

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TEXAS UNITS ENGAGED IN
THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN,
TENNESSEE
NOVEMBER 30, 1864

GENERAL HIRAM B. GRANBURY'S
TEXAS BRIGADE

6TH AND 15TH TEXAS INFANTRY REGIMENT

7TH TEXAS INFANTRY REGIMENT

10TH TEXAS INFANTRY REGIMENT

17TH AND 18TH
TEXAS DISMOUNTED CAVALRY

24TH AND 25TH
TEXAS DISMOUNTED CAVALRY

GENERAL LAWRENCE S. "SUL" ROSS'S
TEXAS BRIGADE

3RD TEXAS CAVALRY

6TH TEXAS CAVALRY

9TH TEXAS CAVALRY

27TH TEXAS CAVALRY

DOUGLAS'S TEXAS BATTERY

GENERAL MATTHEW D. ECTOR'S BRIGADE
ARRIVED ON THE BATTLEFIELD AFTER
MAJOR FIGHTING ENDED.
THEY AND THE BATTERED TROOPS OF
THE OTHER TEXAS UNITS OF THE
CONFEDERATE ARMY OF TENNESSEE
WENT ON TO FIGHT TWO WEEKS
LATER AT THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE.

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SOLDIERS AND THOSE OF OTHER STATES
WHO FOUGHT HERE.
THEY SLEEP THE SLEEP OF THE BRAVE.

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