



# City of Franklin

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Franklin, TN 37064  
(615) 791-3217

## Meeting Agenda

### Civil War Historical Commission

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Thursday, July 9, 2026

8:00 AM

Eastern Flank Event Facility

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#### MEETING LOCATION

Eastern Flank Event Facility  
1368 Eastern Flank Circle

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#### CALL TO ORDER

**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.)**

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#### ROLL CALL

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes

#### NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion Of Cemetery Restoration At Rest Haven Cemetery.

Sponsors: Brian Walker

3. Presentations By Organizations.

4. Discussion Of A Commission Update To The Board Of Mayor And Alderman.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

5. Historic Parks Audio Tour.
6. U.S. Line Markers.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

Anyone needing accommodations due to disabilities please contact the ADA Coordinator at 615-791-3277 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.



## Meeting Minutes

### Civil War Historical Commission

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

8:00 AM

Eastern Flank Event Facility

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#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Morreale called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Commissioners Present: Heather Doleshel, Kelly Kautzman, Alan Simms, Colbi Layne Hogan, Alma McLemore, Bill Macon, Tony Morreale, Pam Lewis, Patrick Baggett, Sam Huffman, Marlene Holmes, Sean Aiello

Staff Present: Emily Huffer, Elizabeth Bulay, Kelly Dannenfelter

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Chair Morreale asked for citizen comments. There were none.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 1. Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes

Sponsors:

Commissioner Simms moved to approve the March 19, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously 12-0.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### NEW BUSINESS

##### 2. Discussion Of Preservation Plan Update

Sponsors:

Chair Morreale stated he wanted to get everyone's thoughts on the Plan. Chair Morreale stated this commission's next steps will likely come from this Plan. Chair Morreale opened the meeting for feedback.

Commissioner Huffman stated his concern is the development around the battlefields, and something should be

done.

Chair Morreale stated he thought there was something in place to limit the number of stories.

Ms. Dannenfelsler stated it depended on the location because downtown is limited to 3 stories while Columbia Avenue is limited to 2 stories.

Commissioner Lewis asked whether there should be language requiring a buffer around historic properties. Commissioner Lewis referenced stream buffers.

Ms. Dannenfelsler stated that we do have something called Edge Treatments that are required along a developing property that is next to or on a National Register property, and there are different approaches depending on the context. Ms. Dannenfelsler stated the Planning Department makes that determination.

Commissioner McLemore stated that Commissioner Baggett brought up the "Pathway to Freedom," which she thinks is amazing and that someone needs to grab and run with it.

Commissioner Baggett stated we could add in our section connectivity of the Carter House story to 264 Natchez Street. Commissioner Baggett stated that telling a fuller narrative in that area could create some good public opportunities.

Commissioner Lewis stated we shouldn't forget about the parks.

Commissioner Doleshel stated she was surprised at the last meeting to hear all they did was put on paper priorities we already identified. Commissioner Doleshel thought they would suggest how to get to the priorities or suggest steps on how to get there, not ask us what we suggest.

Commissioner Baggett stated when you think about strategic plans, this is where tactics come from. Commissioner Baggett stated that maybe there is something else we need to look at, like a daughter for this commission on other Preservation issues.

Commissioner McLemore stated that people don't know what this commission is all about, and we need to get people more informed, but how do we do that?

Chair Morreale stated that a couple of points he took away were education with the community and in the schools.

Commissioner Baggett stated what has been said are tactics, and maybe we should have a meeting on goals with tactics.

Commissioner Huffman stated he wasn't part of the original Save the Franklin Battlefield, but it was organized to do a reenactment at the old golf course. Commissioner Huffman stated that the reenactment drew a lot of people. Commissioner Huffman stated that the public wants something easy and without a time commitment.

Commissioner Baggett stated that, somewhere in the plan, there should be a city-sponsored event centered on the battlefield.

Chair Morreale stated this is all good stimulus for further conversations.

Ms. Dannenfelsler spoke to the commission about the consultants' timeframe and explained the plan.

### 3. **Presentations By Organizations**

#### **Sponsors:**

Commissioner Hogan stated this goes back to 2003, and community members started working to stop it from being developed. Commissioner Hogan stated a group got together and formed Franklin's Charge. Commissioner Hogan stated there were people from all historical backgrounds. Commissioner Hogan stated that after Eastern Flank was saved, the next step was saving the battlefield of Carter House, piece by piece. Commissioner Hogan stated that since 2019, many new people have joined.

Commissioner Baggett stated to think of Franklin’s Charge as the identifier of land, the coordinator for dealing with property owners, the one getting properties under contract, and the one working with the American Battlefield Trust for grants.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4. Historic Parks Audio Tour**

**Sponsors:**

Commissioner Doleshel stated they are listening to some voices and signage to look at.

**5. U.S. Line Markers**

**Sponsors:**

Ms. Bulay stated they are moving forward by meeting with property owners, and this afternoon is the final meeting with a property owner. Ms. Bulay stated that the Streets Department is working on the foundations and should have markers ready by June 30th for installation.

**COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Holmes stated the annual memorial service at McGavock Cemetery is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Commissioner McLemore stated that on May 18th, at 6 p.m., there is a gathering at Hayes House for the Porch Talk. Commissioner McLemore stated Juneteenth will be held at the Bicentennial Park. Commissioner McLemore stated the Tom Murdick scholarship will be awarded on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kautzman stated that at the Lotz House, the tours are picking up, our women’s history is still going on, and there is an archaeological dig in the cellar.

Commissioner Hogan stated that the county commission will allow BOFT to install interpretative signage at Academy Park.

Commissioner Lewis stated signage has gone up for Benjamin Franklin at Bicentennial Park. Commissioner Lewis stated on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> there is a Belmont Mansion Tour.

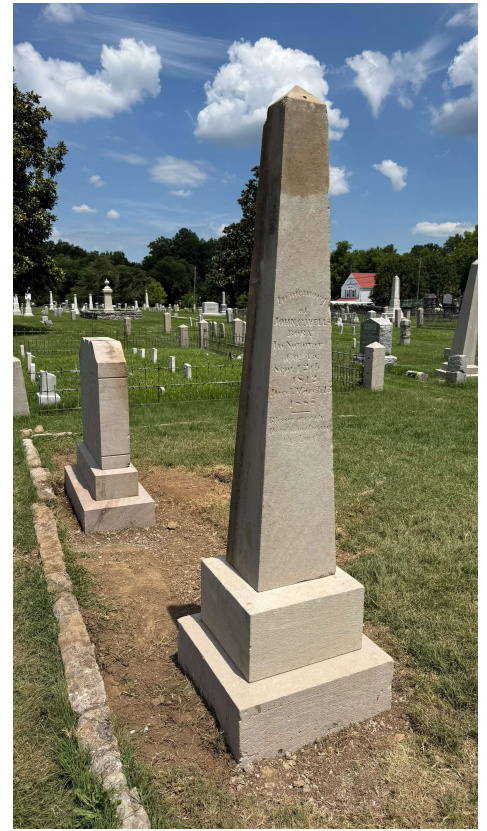
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 09:02 AM.

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Chair

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Date

# REST HAVEN CEMETERY CONSERVATION PHASE II



## REST HAVEN CEMETERY

FRANKLIN, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

### PREPARED FOR:

Brian Walker  
Urban Forestry Superintendent  
Historic Franklin Parks  
Town of Franklin  
Franklin, Tennessee  
615-598-4155  
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May 2026

RG&A Project No. 2025-350TN



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ASSOCIATES

**CEMETERY CONSERVATION PHASE II**  
**REST HAVEN CEMETERY**  
Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee

**Prepared by:**

Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.  
525 Wait Avenue  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

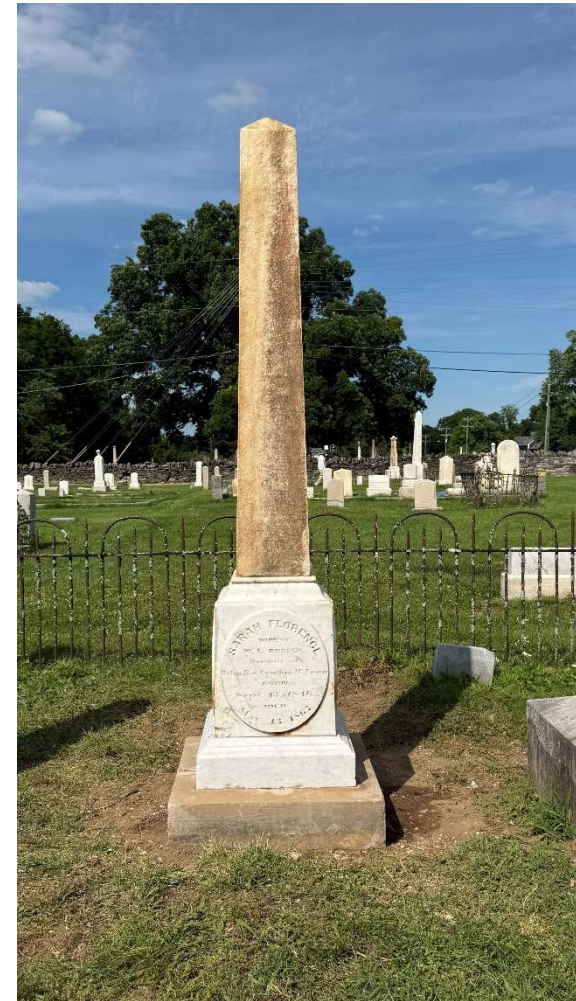
**Prepared For:**

Brian Walker  
Urban Forestry Superintendent  
Historic Franklin Parks  
Town of Franklin  
Franklin, Tennessee

**Date:**

June 13, 2026

**RGA Project No. 2025-350TN**



### **Sarah Florence Roser (d. 1846-1867)**

RGA staff cleaned all components of the gravemarker with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the lowest/bottom base with marble rock and sand and reattached the lowest components with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, monument setting compound, and lead wedges. The obelisk was rejoined with the upper base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, lead wedges, and monument setting compound.



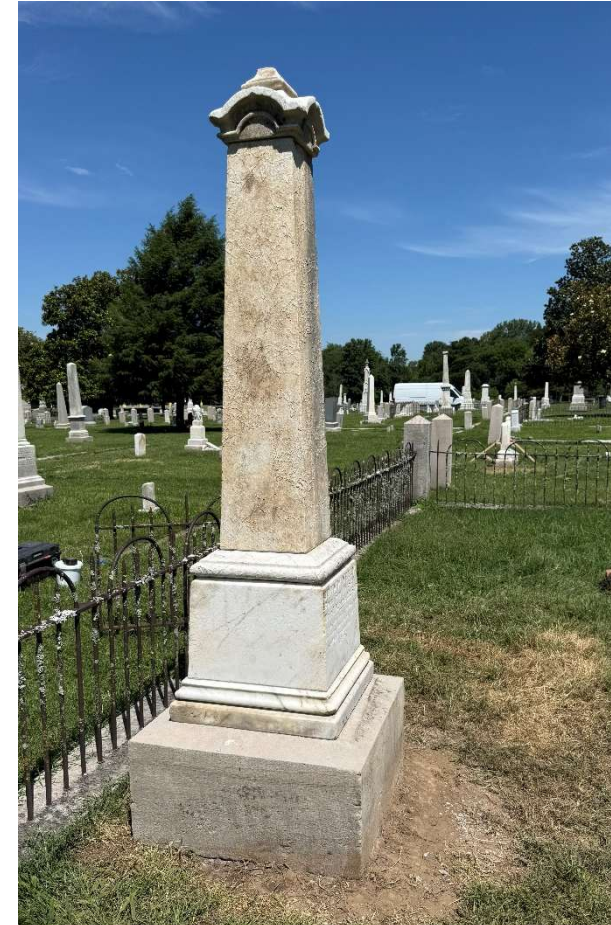
**Mrs. Annie E. Whiteside (d. 1837-1896)**

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### **James C. Karr (1804-1870)**

RGA staff cleaned the various parts of the damaged marble die (headstone) and the stacked marble and granite bases with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the stacked bases with marble rock and sand and set the die on the upper base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy. The die's cracks and missing components were infilled with Cathedral Stone Products Marble Repair Mortar M120.



**John Nelly (1820-1871) and Paralee Neely (1848-1867)**

RGA staff cleaned all components of the gravemarker with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the lowest/bottom base with marble rock and sand and reattached all 7 components with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, monument setting compound, and lead wedges.



**John Eldred Toon (1869-1870)**

RGA staff cleaned the stacked marble bases and die with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the lowest base with marble rock and sand and set the upper base on the lowest base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, lead wedges, and monument setting compound. The die's tab was set on the upper base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy and Cathedral Stone Products Marble Repair Mortar M120. Cracks were infilled with Cathedral Stone Products Marble Repair Mortar M120.



**Robert B. Toon (1866-1881)**

RGA staff removed concrete from the upper base with stone chisels and cleaned the stacked limestone and marble bases and die with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the lowest base with marble rock and sand and set the upper base on the lowest base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, lead wedges, and monument setting compound. The die's tab was set on the upper base with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, and a new upper base was created with Cathedral Stone Products Marble Repair Mortar M120.



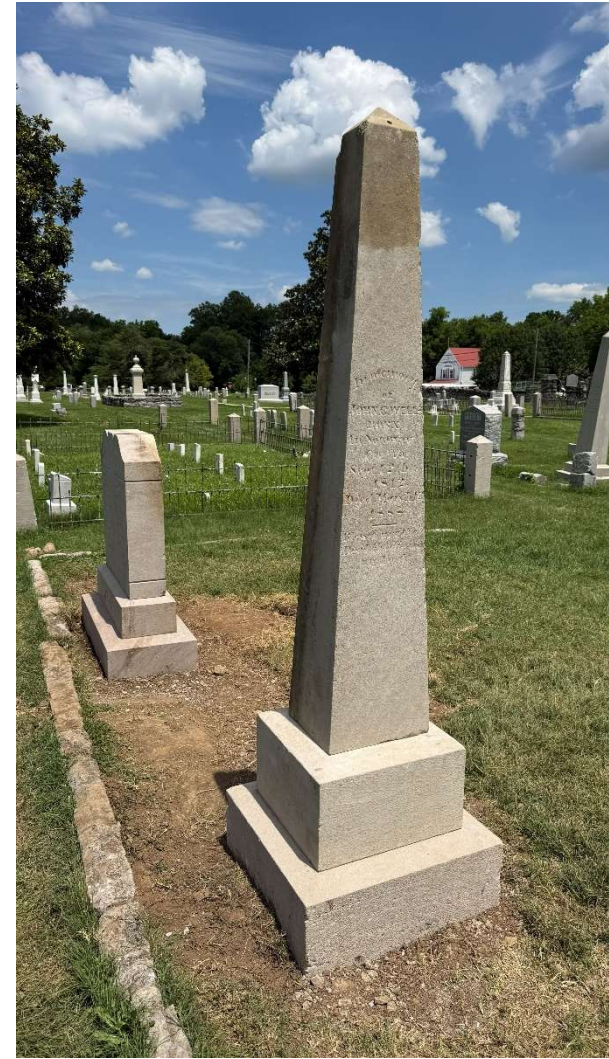
**William D. Spencer (1847-1878)**

RGA staff cleaned all components of the headstone and bedstead with water and soft, wet brushes, and utilized D/2 Biological Solution to remove atmospheric staining and biological growth, respectively. Staff leveled the lowest/bottom base of the headstone, side rails, an end rail and footstone with marble rock and sand and reattached the upper bases, plinth, and urn with Akemi Akepox 5010 stone structural epoxy, monument setting compound, and lead wedges.



**Margaret Ann Wells (1850-1911) Edward Thomas Wells (1847-1915)**

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**John C. Wells (1812-1888) and Mary Catherine Wells (1810-1890)**

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8-1874

**CLAIMANT'S TESTIMONY.**

STATE OF Kennecott  
 COUNTY OF Williamson } ss

In the matter of the application for Pension No. 267 962  
 of Freeman Carothers, 1st Co 12 Reg, U.S.A. personally comes the claimant, who,  
 being first sworn on oath, says: *Original use*  
 I cannot now give the exact day that I  
 was wounded. It has been so long. It was when we made  
 the attack on Genl Hood near Nashville. Our regiment in  
 attack was not far from Genl Orestons place South  
 of Nashville. I received the wound in my left leg in  
 Genl Orestons woods lot. It was during the fight in  
 defense of Nashville with Hood's Army. My regiment  
 followed up the fight. I was carried back that evening  
 to the Hospital in Nashville. I think the Wilson  
 Hospital and remained there about six weeks. When I  
 next joined my Regiment they were in camp near  
 Nashville on the North Western R.R. I am an ignorant  
 colored man. I cannot read nor write, and cannot remember  
 days of week or month or year I was wounded. I do not know  
 either any of my Commissioned Officers are. *William was my Lieut*

# The Slaves To Soldiers Project

Civil War Historical Commission, City of Franklin, TN

Tina Cahalan Jones

July 2026



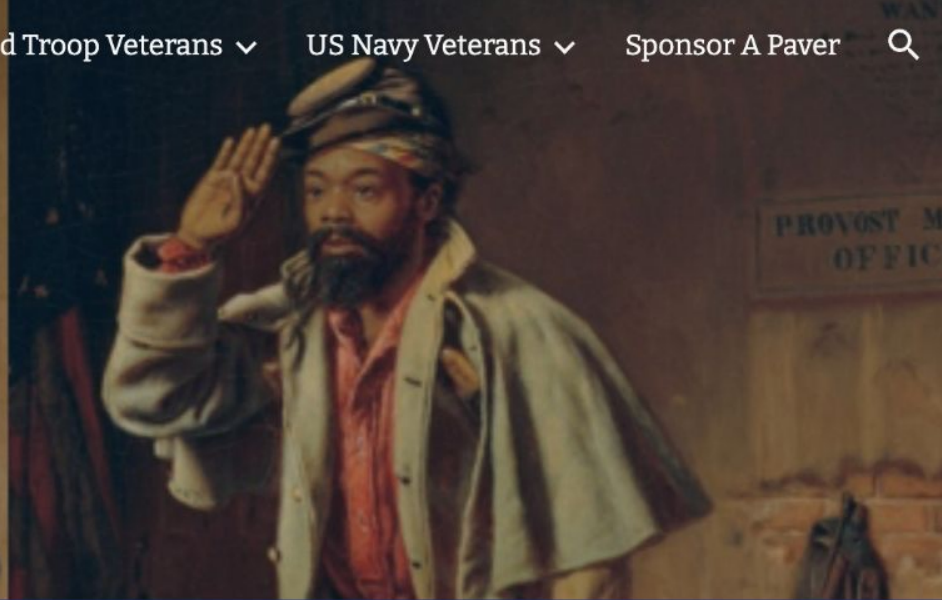
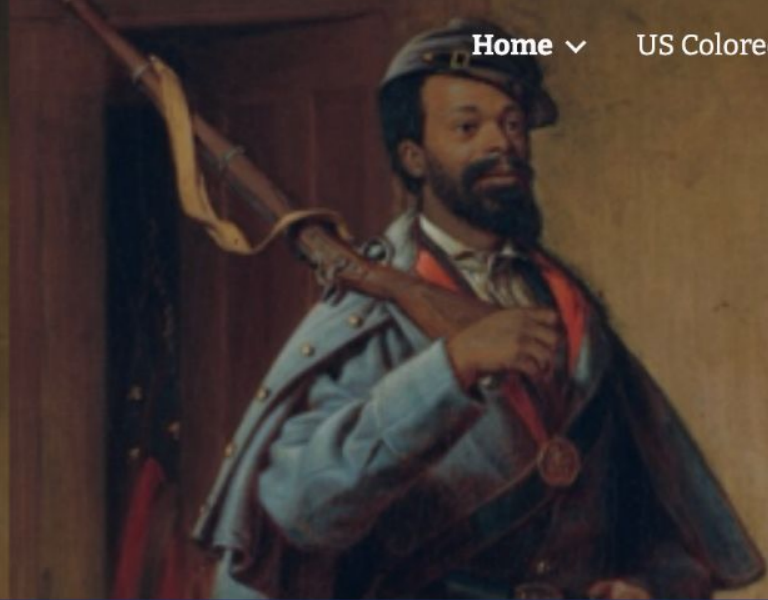
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## The Slaves To Soldiers Project

Honoring Williamson County, Tennessee's  
Black Civil War Veterans  
of the US Army and US Navy Who Were  
"Fighting To Get Free"



**Research and Education.**



**Brick Pavers at Veterans Park.**

No.	NAME	AGE	SEX	STATUS
27	Aswell Gray	30	M	L
28	Bach Mast	30	M	L
29	Bach W. & J.	30	M	L
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**Crite, Joseph**

NAME OF SOLDIER: **Crite, Joseph**

SERVICE: **Late rank, P. Co. Ft. 13 Regt U.S.C. Inf.**

TERM OF SERVICE: **Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1**

DATE OF FILING: **1914 Nov 11**

CLASS: **Invalid**

APPLICATION NO.: **744029**

LAW: **age**

CERTIFICATE NO.: **898359**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: **Widow, 1036769**

REMARKS: **Minor, 804033**

**Disch Oct 17, 1914, at College Grove Tenn**

Page No. 3; Inhabitants in 10th District, in the County of Davidson, State of Tennessee, enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1870.
 Post Office: Nashville, Tennessee. Asst. Marshal.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
1	Charles Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
2	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
3	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
4	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
5	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
6	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
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19	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	
20	John Marshall	25	M	White	Slipshoe	Tennessee	

**CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

State of Tennessee, County of Davidson.

I, **Joseph Crite**, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths, who, being duly sworn, declared to me as follows:

I did not apply for pension prior to July 1st, 1899, as provided for by an Act of General Assembly of Tennessee, passed January 15, 1871, and approved January 25, 1871, and I am now applying for the same.

Signed: **Joseph Crite**  
 Official the Local Registrar  
 Address: **Carbondale, Ill.**

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF TENNESSEE---WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

To any authorized Minister of the Gospel, having the care of Souls, or any Justice of the Peace for said County:

These Presents are to authorize you, or either of you, to solemnize the rites of matrimony between **Washington Baskick and Charlotte Baskick** provided always that the said **Charlotte Baskick** be an actual resident in the aforesaid county of Williamson. And do you enclose hereon the day on which you solemnized the rites of matrimony between the parties mentioned herein, sign your name hereto, and return these presents to the Clerk of the County Court for the County of Williamson aforesaid, within six months after such administration.

Given at the Clerk's office in Franklin, this **29th** day of **August**, 1885.

**Wm Cummins** Clerk  
 Dep. Clerk Williamson Co. Court.

**1930 Revision**  
**FORM V. S. NO. 30 B**

**I. PLACE OF DEATH**  
 County of **Jackson** Registration Dist. No. **1075**

**II. DECEASED**  
**Elizabeth Austin**  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)  
 Street and No. **305 S. Marion St.** Ward. **18** (Consecutive No.)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred **18** yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

1. SEX: **Fem.** 2. COLOR OR RACE: **Negro** 3. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: **Widowed**

4. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year): **1839**

5. AGE: **93** Years Months Days

6. OCCUPATION: **Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.**

7. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) and State or country: **Franklin, Tenn.**

8. NAME: **Don't know**

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) and State or country: **Don't know**

10. MAIDEN NAME: **Don't know**

11. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) and State or country: **Don't know**

12. INFORMANT: **John Glenn** (personal signature with pen and ink)  
 P. O. Address: **Murphysboro, Illinois.**

13. PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation or Removal: **Franklin, Tenn.** DATE: **3/2 1882**

14. UNDERTAKER: **Frank B. Jackson** (personal signature with pen and ink)  
 ADDRESS: **Carbondale, Ill.**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year): **2/29 1882**

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from **Feb. 29** to **Feb. 29** at **305 S. Marion St.**

I last saw her alive on **Feb. 29, 1882**; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at **305 S. Marion St.**

\*The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: **Physical Exhaustion.**

Other contributory causes of importance: **Senility.**

23. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? **None.**

24. Was there an operation performed? **No.** Date of operation: **None.**

25. Was there an autopsy? **None.** What test confirmed diagnosis? **None.**

26. Was disease in any way related to occupation of deceased? **No.** If so, specify: **None.**

27. Signature: **H.C. Moss** M. D.  
 Address: **Carbondale, Ill.**  
 Date: **3/2** Telephone: **30-81**

28. Filed: **March 2 1882** T.L. Miller, Registrar.  
 P. O. Address: **Carbondale, Ill.**

**CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF TENNESSEE,  
 Williamson County.

I solemnized the rites of matrimony between the within named parties on the **3** day of **September**, 1885.

**Washington Baskick and Charlotte Baskick**

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, **Washington Baskick and Charlotte Baskick** of the County of Williamson, in the State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals, this **29th** day of **August**, 1885.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That whereas, the above bounden **Washington Baskick and Charlotte Baskick** both this day prayed and obtained from the Clerk of Williamson County Court, a license to marry **Charlotte Baskick** resident of the County of Williamson.

Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage between the said **Washington Baskick and Charlotte Baskick**, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue, according to the intent and meaning thereof.

WITNESSES PRESENT:  
**Wm Cummins**  
**John Glenn**

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DATE	NAME	AGE	SEX	STATUS
1877	Stovall L.	14	M	L
1453	Kennel J.	14	M	L
1458	Whitens S.	14	M	L
1460	Ballard W.	14	M	L
1461	Cartwright C.	14	M	L
1462	Cartman L.	14	M	L
1463	Richardson M.	14	M	L
1464	Lawson A.	14	M	L
1465	White A.	14	M	L
1466	Harris D.	14	M	L
1467	Smyth M.	14	M	L
1468	Smith E.	14	M	L
1469	Commons A.	14	M	L
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1471	Commons C.	14	M	L
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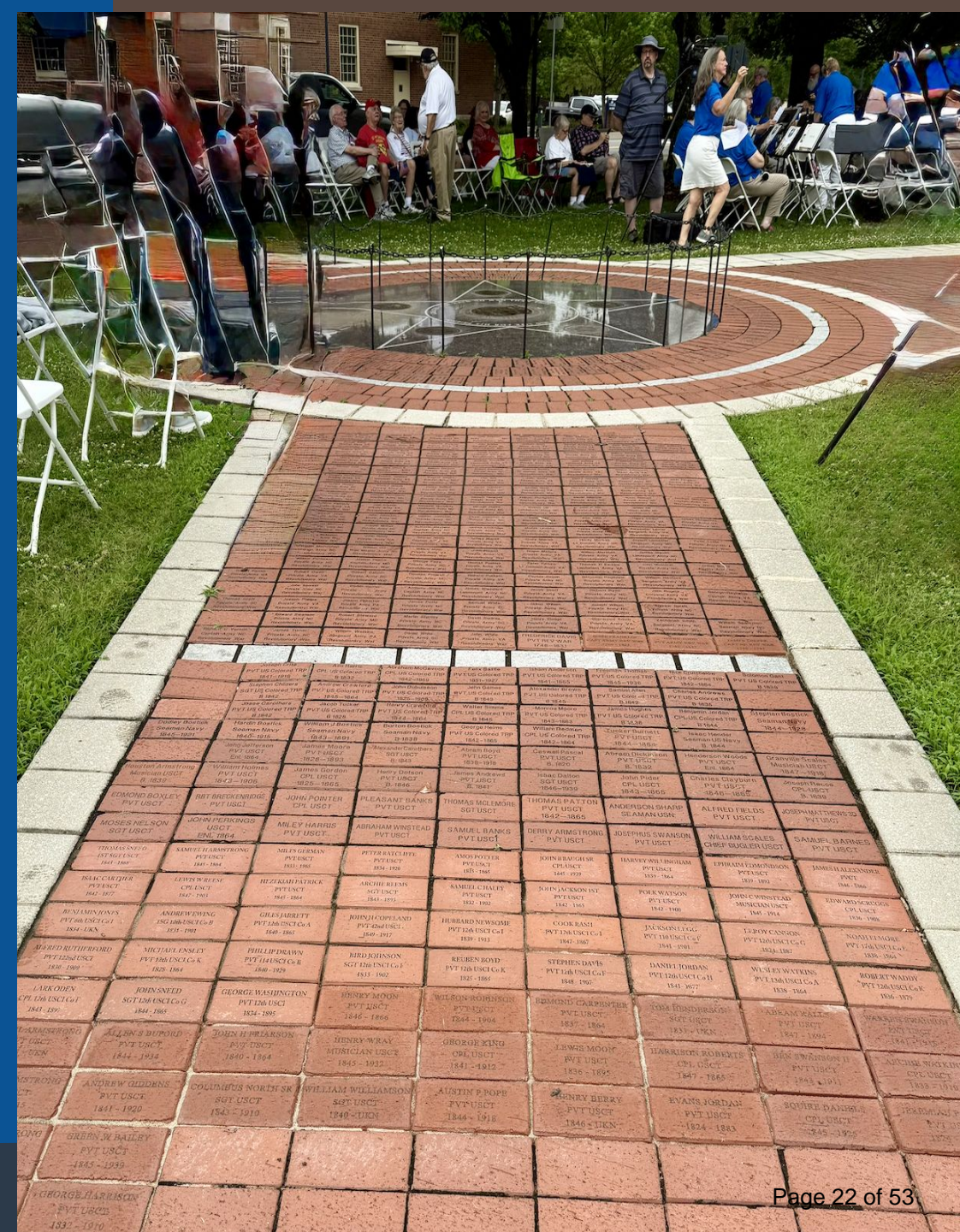


**Research and Education.**



**Brick Pavers at Veterans Park.**

- 137 Pavers have been installed
- 5 sponsored for installation in 2027
- Cost is \$75/paver - set by the County
- dedicated on Memorial Day each year for those sponsored by previous February 1st



5 → 15

Local Black men served in the US Navy

4 → 365

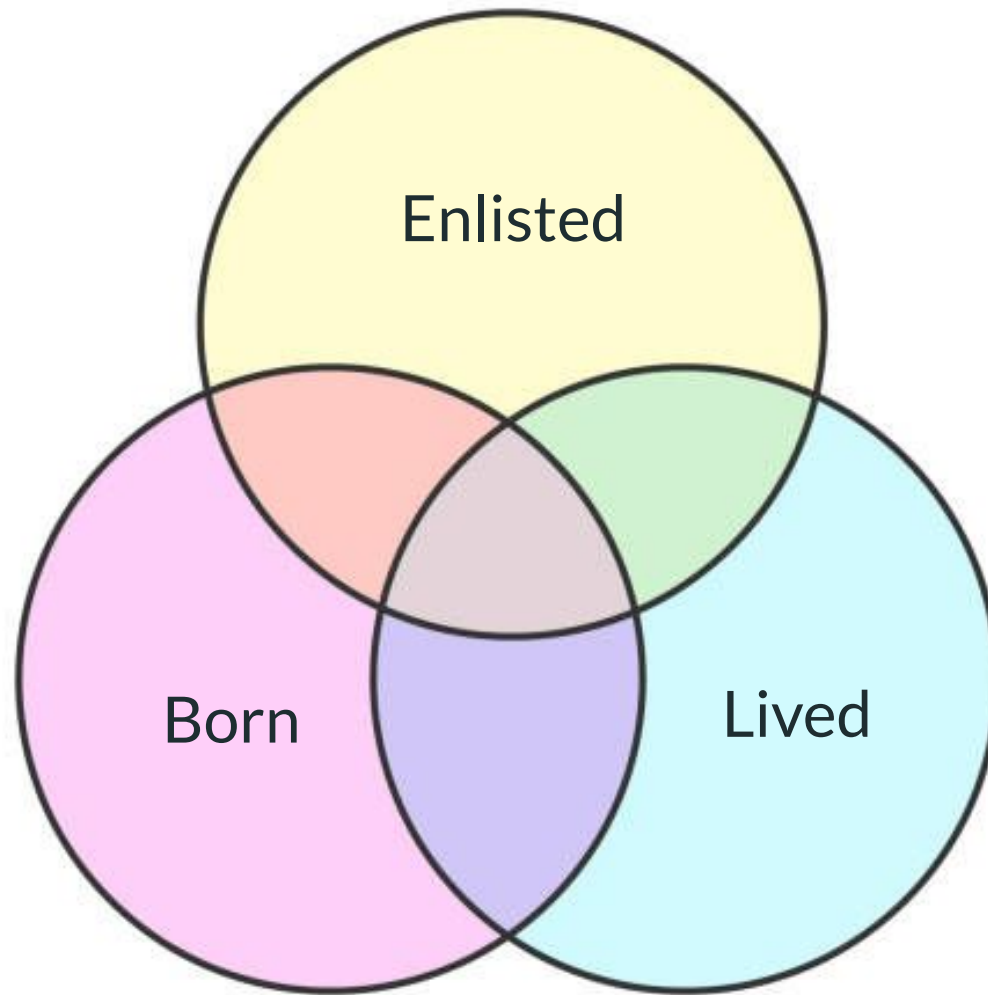
Local Men Served in the US Colored Troops

How to define “local”?

Enlisted

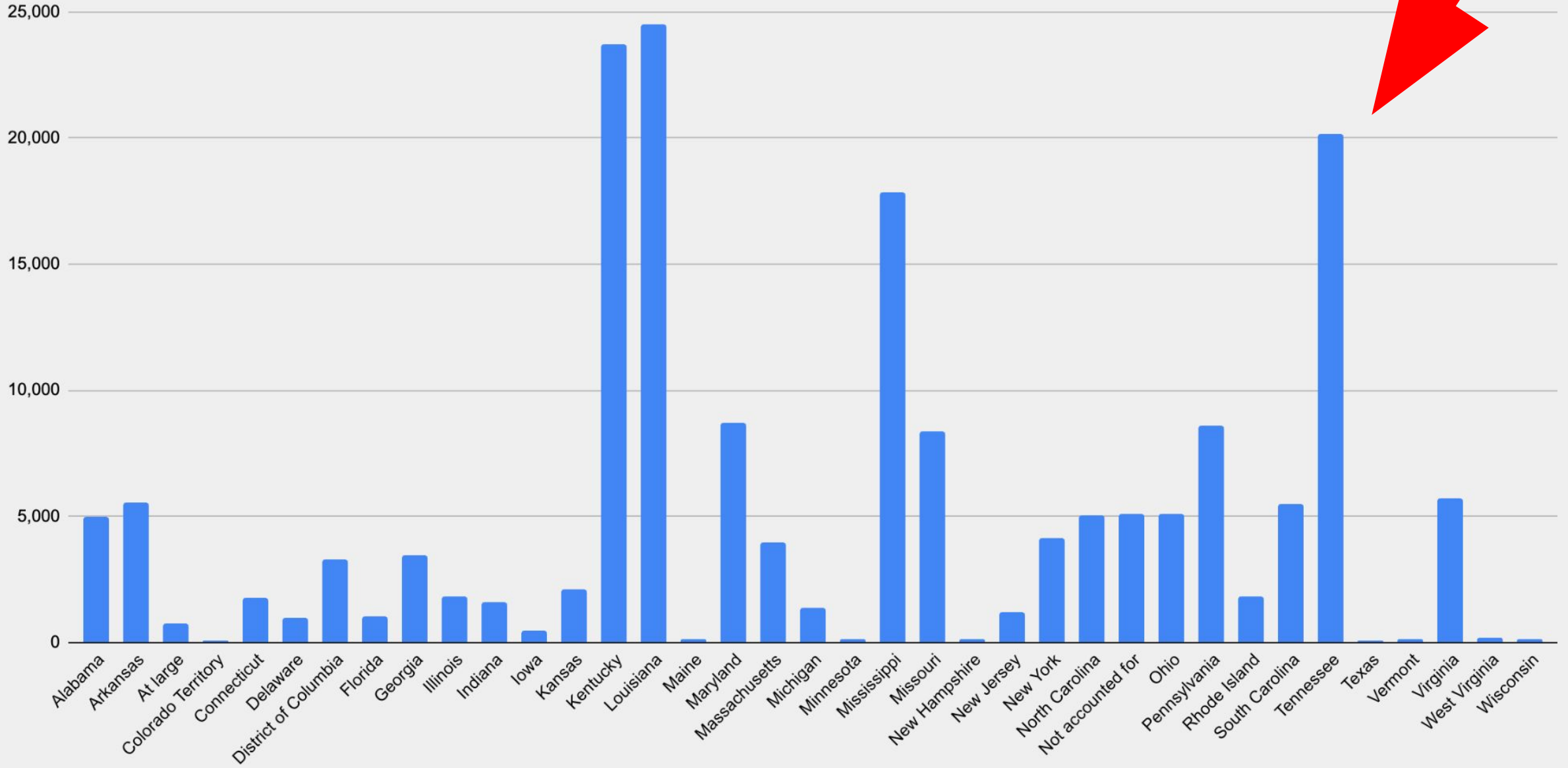
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Lived



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# USCT Enlistment by State



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  - suffered almost 4,500 casualties.
- Enlisted during the second half of the war between 1863 and 1865.
  - Many served into 1866.
- By war's end, they filled 22 infantry regiments, 8 artillery batteries and one cavalry unit in Tennessee.

311

Were Born in Williamson County, TN

85% of 365

25

Men enlisted in Franklin, TN

62%

of Williamson County-born USCT enlisted in Tennessee



- Mississippi is the second highest with 24 enlistments.
- Kentucky had 18 enlistments.
- Alabama had 15 enlistments.
- Arkansas had 13 enlistments.
- Missouri had 6 enlistments.
- Ohio had 3 enlistments.
- Pennsylvania had 2 enlistments.
- New York, Michigan, Louisiana, and Illinois each had 1 enlistment.

# Williamson County-Born USCT enlisted outside of Tennessee

# Experiences During the War

# 81 Died During Their Service (22% of 365)

Died of Disease

66

Died of Wounds or KIA

15

11

Were taken as Prisoners of War

# Post-War & Reconstruction

55

USCT veterans lived in Williamson County after the War  
(20% of survivors)

# 5

Re-Enlisted in the US Army as “Buffalo Soldiers”

15

Opened a Freedmen's Bank Account

39

Appear in the 1890 Census of Veterans

# 194

Pensions Applied For by Soldier or Descendant

147

Pensions approved for Soldier or Descendant

(76%)

88

Copies of Pension Application Obtained by the Slaves To Soldiers Project

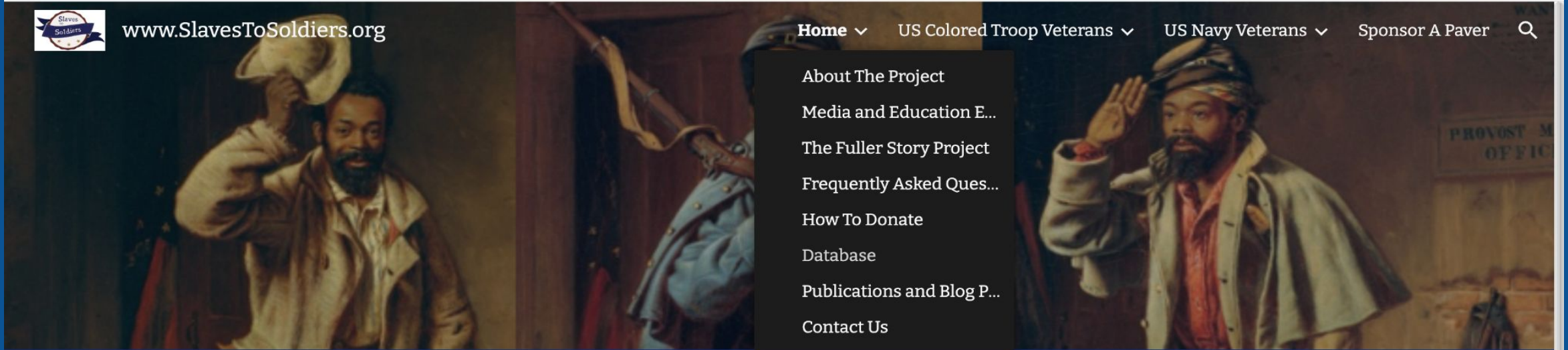
# Burial Locations



## Local Men Who Lie in Unknown Graves

- 4 Local men Killed at the Battle of Nashville
- 8 Local men died in Nashville hospitals
- 24 Local men died in other Tennessee locations
- 11 other locations
  - 2 in Alabama
  - 2 in Arkansas
  - 1 in Kentucky
  - 3 in Louisiana
  - 3 in Mississippi





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- Tennessee USCT Regi...
- Williamson County's U...
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- Infantry Regiments
- Artillery Regiments
- Cavalry Regiments



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Williamson County Sail...

USS Clara Dolson

USS Gen. Bragg

USS Black Hawk

USS Key West

USS Reindeer

USS Red Rover

USS Wamsutta

USS Prairie Bird

USS Gen. Grant

USS Lackawanna



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- Understanding their stories provides deeper and more meaningful insight to greater local and national history
  - Slavery
  - Claiming Freedom
  - Reconstruction
- The War was not “North” vs “South” - it was the USA vs. the Confederacy

## Key Points

# City of Franklin Board and Commission Report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

CIVIL WAR HISTORICAL COMMISSION

JULY 2026

**BOARD PURPOSE** The Civil War Historical Commission serves as an advisory body to the BOMA and City Administrator in the identification, preservation, interpretation, maintenance, and recognition of battlefields and sites related to all aspects of Civil War history within the City of Franklin in order to protect and maintain the city's irreplaceable historical wealth for this and future generations (Ord. 2010-34).

**MEMBERS** Tony Morreale (Chair), Sean Aiello, Alderman Patrick Baggett (BOMA), Eddie DeGarmo, Heather Doleshel, Ray Eldridge, Rachael Finch, Colbi Layne Hogan, Marlene Holmes, Sam Huffman, Eric Jacobson, Tina Jones, Kelly Kautzman, Pam Lewis, William Macon, Alma McLemore, Mary Pearce, & Alan Simms.

**MEETINGS** Second Thursday of every other month at 8:00 AM (next meeting is in September)

## CURRENT

### U.S. LINE MARKERS UPDATE

The Commission received approval from the BOMA in March of 2023 with funding over the next two fiscal years for the U.S. Line Marker project. The project demarcates the locations of the main U.S. Army defense lines during the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. Concrete obelisks of 5' height will be placed on either side of ten state and city streets. Using these markers as reference points, locals and visitors can visually identify where the forces were located, better understand how the battle enveloped much of the central Franklin area, and gain a sense of how much the landscape has evolved since the Civil War. Since the approval from the BOMA, markers have been installed on both sides of Columbia Avenue, Fair Street, Hillsboro Road, and New Highway 96. Most of the remaining sites have been prepared for installation of the markers by the end of the year. The nine remaining markers to be installed are: Mt. Hope Street, West Main Street, Adams Street, West Fowlkes Street, Natchez Street, and Columbia Avenue (Wagner Line).

### COF HISTORIC PARKS AUDIO TOUR UPDATES

Now that the Historic Wayfinding Plan is in place, the Commission is actively evaluating the existing COF Historic Park audio tours for accuracy, consistent messaging, appropriate timing, and any additional interpretive needs. The Subcommittee is working to update the tours and add additional tour stops throughout the City. The update will include hosting the tour on a new platform that will allow the display of historic documents, current and historic

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photos, and will save the existing audio tours on the site. Future plans include working with City staff to develop updated print brochures and updating the existing signage for the tour locations.

**PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE**

The Commission has consistently provided input with the Preservation Plan update throughout the process. Several special-called meetings have been held to gather specific feedback on Franklin’s Battlefields, thereby ensuring that Civil War-era sites and narratives are prioritized in long-term planning.

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**OUTLOOK**

The Commission will continue its active advocacy efforts to restore and protect the City’s historic cemeteries, recognizing their importance in honoring the past. An integral portion of Commission meetings is sharing events, updates, and other important items that some commission members are affiliated with. Through these initiatives, the Commission aims to strengthen community engagement and foster a deeper appreciation for Franklin’s Civil War heritage.

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**RESOURCES**

The Commission will work collaboratively with the City staff to advance current initiatives.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

None at this time

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