



*The Carter House and Carnton Plantation*

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**Battle of Franklin Trust announces Sesquicentennial exhibits**

The Battle of Franklin Trust is proud to announce the opening of exhibitions at Carnton Plantation and The Carter House to commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Opening on February 25, 2012, each exhibit focuses on events in the Western Theater of the War in 1862.

“How the West was Won and Lost” will be on display at the Fleming Center at Carnton Plantation. “A Forced Union: The Occupation of Nashville, 1862-1865” will be featured in the visitor center at The Carter House. February 25, 2012, the day of the exhibits’ opening, marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federal Army occupying the city of Nashville.

Nashville was the first Confederate capital to surrender, thus allowing the Federal army to move troops and supplies into the state unhindered. Major engagements in Tennessee and Kentucky in 1862 include the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Perryville, and Stones River.

Using personal effects of soldiers, “How the West was Won and Lost” traces the major conflicts of 1862 with an emphasis on the local reaction. Accounts from both soldiers and civilians illustrate the confusion and fear of war in the homeland. This exhibit is the first in a series that will cover the Western Theater each year of the Sesquicentennial, culminating in the 1864 campaign that led to the Battles of Franklin and Nashville.

The effects of Federal occupation on the city of Nashville are studied in “A Forced Union,” accompanied by weapons, personal items, and accounts illustrating the struggles of both the occupying army and the civilian population.

Each display will run until February 2013. The exhibitions are included with the purchase of admission at each site which is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors over 65, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 6 or younger. A value ticket may be purchased for \$30, which grants admission to Carnton Plantation, The Carter House, and Lotz House.

Accompanying the exhibitions will be lectures by renowned historians. Lecture dates and details will be announced at a future date.

The Battle of Franklin Trust is a 501 (c) (3) management corporation acting on behalf of Franklin’s battlefield sites to contribute to a greater understanding and enrich the visitor experience of the November 30, 1864 battle. It’s organized for the charitable and educational purposes of preserving, restoring, maintaining and interpreting the properties, artifacts and documents related to the battle so as to preserve an important part of the nation’s history. Learn more at [www.battleoffranklintrust.org](http://www.battleoffranklintrust.org) or call 615-786-1864.

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