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### **Lotz House Releases Historic Book**

After 10-years of research, the Lotz House is pleased to announce the first book ever written about the Lotz family and home, *The Lotz Family: Survivors of the Battle of Franklin*. The book, which was released in late December, is co-authored by Lotz House executive director, J.T. Thompson and Lotz House genealogist Robert Z. Carlisle II.

The forward, written by Civil War historian Thomas Y. Cartwright, describes the book as “The story of a family that experienced success, tragedy, heartbreak and war. The family not only endured these trials, but in fact, they thrived.”

The book was written in response to repeated visitor requests for more information regarding the family. Telling the story of Johann Albert Lotz’s family before, during and after the infamous Battle of Franklin, this non-fiction piece also contains historic photographs of the family individuals as well as the house in historic times. Also included are numerous photos from the Lotz ancestors who just this year donated a hand carved Lotz’ table to its original home in Franklin.

The book also highlights the house’s current antique collection, future plans for the museum and the restoration process of the Lotz House before it was reopened in 2008.

Thompson said, “The book depicts the story of an American family just like yours or mine. Forgetting their history would be a tragic loss, and I am enthralled to do whatever I can to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

The book is currently available for \$19.99 in the Lotz House gift shop, at Landmark Books in historic downtown Franklin and online at [www.lotzhouse.org](http://www.lotzhouse.org).

The house is open Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission charged (free for Antique Appraisal Fair participants). The Lotz House is located at 1111 Columbia Avenue. For more information, call 615-790-7190 or visit the website is [www.lotzhouse.com](http://www.lotzhouse.com).

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