



c/o First Farmers Bank
1536 W. McEwen Drive
Franklin, TN 37067

Dear Friends:

The McGavock Confederate Cemetery is a private, non-profit, 501(c) 13 corporation dedicated to maintaining and preserving the graves of over 1,400 Confederate soldiers buried in Franklin. The corporation holds the deed that was presented to them in 1911 by Mrs. Winder McGavock and W. D. Shelton. The original chartered organization was comprised of veterans of the war, but as the veterans passed away the care of the cemetery devolved upon their wives who were members of the Franklin Chapter #14 United Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1926 the trustees voted to allow persons elected by Franklin Chapter #14 to serve as trustees. Today, trustees serve as they did when the original organization was formed.

Through the years, the organization has received donations to help in maintaining this important landmark. The Tennessee Historical Commission contributes a small annual grant and, in 1989, the Battle of Franklin Re-enactment, the Franklin Memorial Association, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and local businesses donated funds to restore the gravestones, monuments, and iron fence. Now almost 25 years later, the trustees recognize the need for cleaning, repairing, remarking, and sealing the stones and monuments. A proposal from A&S Restoration, who recently completed work in the Nashville City Cemetery, estimates the expense of this project at over \$30,000. A goal of \$50,000 will ensure future funding for ongoing expenses of insurance, flags, flagpoles, and repair to the fence. The trustees have called on us to head this fund-raising project. We are pleased to participate. All donations are tax deductible and may be sent to First Farmers Bank, 1536 W. McEwen Drive, Franklin, TN 37067. Checks should be made payable to: McGavock Confederate Cemetery.

In this year of the sesquicentennial, we hope that you will consider a gift and remember the fallen soldiers who gave their lives for the cause, and who honor our city to this day with their silent presence among us, so far away from their own homes.

Sincerely,

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