

John Logan House, Lt. Colonel, F&S, 1st TN Infantry, CSA

- 1828 John Logan House was born in TN to parents Mansfield and Sarah House.
- 1850 Aug 26: The US Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN listed John House as a twenty two year old clerk that lived with his older brother Samuel.
- 1851 Aug 6: Married Matilda Bowden in Williamson County, TN.
- 1860 Feb 29: House's Wife Matilda passed away at twenty six years old.
- June 8: The US Federal Census enumerated in Williamson County, TN showed thirty two year old John House employed as a merchant. He lived with his two small children and a brother. House owned fourteen slaves.
- 1861 May 9: Enlisted in Co. D, 1st TN Infantry as a 1st Lieutenant.
- June 8: TN votes to secede from the United States of America.
- 1862 Jan 1: Promoted to Captain after consolidation of 1st TN and 27th TN Infantry.
- April 30: Promoted to Major of 1st TN Infantry
- July & Aug: Absent from ranks, remarks: "sick in Chattanooga"
- 1863 Promoted to Lt. Colonel of 1st TN Infantry
- 1864 Nov 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin under Brig. Gen. John Carter. They were in John C. Brown's Division and made the attack up the west side of Columbia pike. They fought for the earthworks slightly out to the west of the Carter House and John Carter was killed leading his men in the attack. Lt. Col. John House commanded the 1st TN regiment and was wounded in action.
- 1865 April: House was present as the 1st TN stacked its arms, surrendered, and went home.
- 1867 July 6: House was directly involved in the Franklin Race Riot that occurred near

his store on the Franklin Public Square. He assaulted a man named J.C. Bliss, who was a supporter of the Colored League. Later that day, more violence erupted and left one man dead and twenty seven of the Colored League members wounded in the back running from gunshots.

and restore order, does not appear.
 4. *The Immediate Cause of the Riot*—This is traced directly to the personal difficulty between Mr. Bliss and Col. House. Joe Williams was speaking. Good feeling prevailed, but when Joe began to bear down pretty hard the radicals became restless—some used insulting language and threats, and others went away. Mr. Bliss, fearing a difficulty¹

1868 The local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan was sworn in at Col. John House's store on the town square in Franklin, TN. The original members were Col. John House, Lieut. George Smithson, Capt. William Cunningham, J.M. Nichols, Daniel McAlpin, George S. Nichols. George Nichols recorded the meeting for his wife years later. He said all the members were Confederate soldiers with the exception of McAlpin.

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<p><i>The chartered members of the Tuckaloo Klan of Williamson county, was sworn in by Col Geo S of Memphis Tenn, in Col John L House drug store at night in Franklin Tenn, in the year 1868. The names of the members</i></p> <p><i>Col John L House</i> <i>Lieut George Smithson</i> <i>Capt William Cunningham</i> <i>J. M. Nichols</i> <i>Daniel McAlpin</i> <i>Geo S Nichols</i></p> <p><i>all were soldiers, but McAlpin, all dead at the present time but Geo S Nichols</i> <i>This March 11th 1915</i></p>				
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¹ *The Brooklyn Union*, Brooklyn, New York, Thursday, July 25, 1867, pg. 4.

² Mary Nichol Britt Collection, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, TN

The following event was representative of many such events taking place in Middle and West Tennessee following the war. The organizers, judges and grand marshalls of the events were men with distinct ties to the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and current members of the KKK exhibited in “grandeur their robes” after the events. These events were most likely recruiting events.

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY FAIR.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT RING, NOT LESS
than thirty entries, entrance fee \$10.

First Premium a Diamond Ring, worth...	\$200 00
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Third Premium.....	20 00

To be ridden for with visors or masked, in costume appropriate to characters represented.
With regard to entry and character selected address communications to
COL. JOHN L. HOUSE,
Franklin, Tenn.

N. B.—All entries must be made by the 10th of October, 1868. 866 1f

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1875 John House’s former Division Commander in the Army of TN was John Calvin Brown. He was elected Governor of TN from 1871-1875. John House served under his administration but found himself embroiled in a corruption case in 1875. He made a deal with the leading candidate for comptroller to bow out of the race in exchange for a position as clerk under him, which would have paid a salary about half the comptroller.

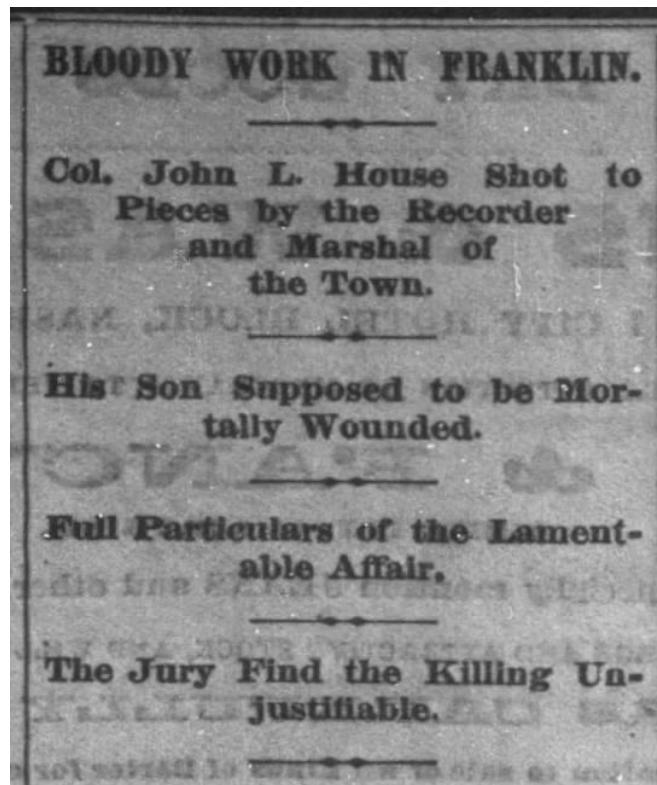
Following material facts have been elicited:
On the 29th of January, 1873, during the pendency of the election of Comptroller, by the last General Assembly, W. W. Hobbs, one of the candidates for that office, made an agreement with John L. House, one of his opponents, that whoever of the two received the fewest votes on the second ballot next day should withdraw in favor of the other, and it is highly probable, but not positively proved, that the agreement further was that the successful one was to pay the other's expenses. In pursuance of this agreement, after the first ballot on the next day, Jan. 21, House withdrew in favor of Hobbs, and after several more ballots Hobbs was elected Comptroller. On the same

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³ Republican Banner, Nashville, TN, Sunday, 13 Sep 1868, pg. 5 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁴ Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, Clarksville, Tennessee, Saturday, January 30, 1875, pg. 2.

Oct 21: John House was involved in an altercation in downtown Franklin. He was detained and in a scuffle, he was shot multiple times by the town marshal. The wounds were mortal and John House died about ten minutes after being shot. His son Mansfield, or Maney, House was also shot in the thigh but survived.



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John Logan House was buried in Rest Haven Cemetery in Franklin, TN.



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⁵ *The Nashville Daily American*, Nashville, Tennessee, Friday, October 22, 1875, pg. 4.

⁶ Findagrave.com user/KathyMargrave