

just as brilliant as his father. So Robert E. Lee surrendered in April. E. Kirby Smith, who was in charge of the all the army over here, surrendered in May. Stand Watie kept fighting. As a matter of fact, the last brilliant thing of his career was: he heard about a big wagon train being shipped from Fort Scott down to Fort Gibson. It had over a hundred wagons in it--clothing, food, supplies and ammunition, valued at one million dollars. Stand Watie surrounded this wagon train and captured it and looted the whole wagon train. He gave his troops clothing that they did not have. He gave them shoes that they did not have. He sent other supplies back and he burned what he could not keep and he salvaged roughly around 75 wagons and spreaded out to the starving people down in the Choctaw country. This was the last big brilliant stroke of Stand Watie. Finally, he decided to surrender and he turned in his sword June of 1865--"Bent broken old man to stand firmly" is what his name meant in Cherokee and he had stood firm. He fought for what he believed in--not once had he ever turned tail and run. His men had fought for what they had believed in and they had lost too. There were no area in the United States so desolate as the Cherokee Nation because when the Union would come down, they burn all the Southern sympathizer's homes, burned their fields, killed their livestock; and Stand Watie would come back up and recapture the area. They would retreat. They do exactly the same thing, and one of the last great pleasures that Stand Watie had was he set the torch to Rose Cottage and burned to the ground--most magnificent edifice ever standing built in the Cherokee Nation. He had the pleasure of burning John Ross's home to the ground. And John Ross's troop had the pleasure of burning his house to the ground also. And so the War was over. All the Southern Confederate Cherokees were living in Choctaw Nation. They were afraid to come home because all the Cherokee Nation was occupied by the Union troops.

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Professor Turnbow will pick up reconstruction period, but in just in summary, the Cherokee were very loyal to Confederacy. They fought for what they believed in. They were valued troops. They