



STAND WATIE DEGATAGA OO-WATEE

STAND WATIE WAS ONLY AMERICAN INDIAN TO ATTAIN RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DURING CIVIL WAR AND WAS LAST CONFEDERATE GENERAL TO SURRENDER. BORN IN GEORGIA DECEMBER 12, 1806 HE SPOKE ONLY THE CHEROKEE LANGUAGE UNTIL HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OF AGE.

WHEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEGAN URGING CHEROKEES TO MOVE FROM GEORGIA, TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA TO A HOME WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, STAND WATIE WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO BELIEVED IT BEST FOR CHEROKEES TO MAKE SUCH MOVE. AS SIGNER OF THE TREATY OF NEW ECHO TA IN 1836, WHICH PROVIDED FOR REMOVAL OF CHEROKEES TO THE WEST, STAND WATIE GAINED ENMITY OF THOSE OPPOSED TO SUCH TREATY PROVISION.

AFTER REMOVAL TO THE WEST, WATIE MARRIED SARAH C. BELL TO WHOM THREE SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS WERE BORN.

AT OUTBREAK OF CIVIL WAR, STAND WATIE ESPOUSED THE SOUTHERN CAUSE AND SOON RECEIVED COMMISSION AS COLONEL IN CONFEDERATE ARMY. AMONG BATTLES IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED WERE WILSON CREEK, BIRD CREEK, PEA RIDGE, HONEY SPRINGS AND CABIN CREEK. HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL ON MAY 10, 1864.

HE WAS JOINT COMMANDER WITH GENERAL W. M. GARD AT BATTLE OF CABIN CREEK, Fought SEPTEMBER 18, 1864. IN THIS BATTLE, CONFEDERATES ROUTED FEDERALS AND CAPTURED ABOUT 300 WAGONS LOADED WITH SUPPLIES, THUS, FOR A TIME, ENABLING THE DESTITUTE INDIAN CONFEDERATES TO CONTINUE IN THE WAR.

GENERAL STAND WATIE SURRENDERED HIS COMMAND AT DOAKSVILLE, NEAR FORT TOWSON, ON JUNE 23, 1865.

HE DIED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1871, A MAN OF COURAGE, LEADERSHIP, AND LOYALTY.

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Delaware County, OK
Stand Watie memorial
at entrance to Cemetery.

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IN HONOR OF
GEN. STAND WATTE
WHO WILL ENJOY HONOR AND RESPECT
IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.
THIS BRAVE CHIEFTAIN
RENDERED HEROIC SERVICE
TO THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE
IN THE YEAR
BORN IN GA. FEB. 12, 1806
DIED IN MISS. MAY SEPT. 5, 1867
A TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY
BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE
CONFEDERACY
MAY 1892

STAND WATTE
BORN
FEBRUARY 12 1806
DIED
MAY 5 1867


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Loc. Delaware County, OK
Stone over grave
of stand with view
to the east

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JOHN RIDGE

CHEROKEE LEADER
BORN ROME, GA. 1802
ASSASSINATED HERE
JUNE 22, 1839

MAJOR RIDGE

(KA-NUN-TLA-CLA-GEH)
CHEROKEE CHIEF
BORN HIWASSEE, TENN. 1771
ASSASSINATED SUGAR HILL, ARK.
JUNE 22, 1839

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Loc.

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Stone Markers on
graves of John Ridge
and Major Ridge