

OFFICER'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

Jeremiah, Putnam Co., TN
Located in the 15th District of Putnam Co., TN,
adjacent to Officer's Chapel Church.

This is a Black Cemetery.

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A. H. Bohannon

b. 1866 – d. 1963.

Andrew Bohannon

b. 1902 – d. 1982.

Lula (Phifer) Bohannon

b. 5 November 1882 – d. 14 May 1951.
(photo on tombstone).



Lula (Phifer) Bohannon

John A. Crocket

b. 12 December 1901 – d. 20 July 1959, (TN Tec/4 Co A 365 Engr GS Regt WWII).

Celeste Evans

b. 6 May 1902 – d. 3 April 1948.

Andrew Garrett

b. 1879 – d. 1966, md **Maude (unknown) Garrett**, b. 1881 – d. 1968.

Scharlott Halford

b. 1 May 1806 – d. 25 March 1896.

William H. Hinds

b. 1858 – d. October 1889.

Charlie Marchbanks

b. 30 November 1879, TN – d. 28 February 1957, md **Nannie (Murphy) Marchbanks**,
b. 26 April 1886 – d. 11 January 1970, Pulaski, VA. Charlie Marchbanks, s/o **James
Matthew “Mat” Marchbanks Sr.** (1825-1910) & **Ann Hunter** (1851-1923).

*See James Matthew “Mat” Marchbanks Sr. buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

Nannie (Murphy) Marchbanks Obt.

Funeral services for Mrs Nannie Marchbanks, widow of Charlie Marchbanks, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Officer's Chapel Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Mrs Marchbanks died Sunday in Pulaski, Va where she made her home with her son, Rev Paul Marchbanks.

The body will be at the Algood chapel of Hooper & Huddleston.

Mrs Marchbanks formerly made her home in the Officer's Chapel community.

Survivors, in addition to Rev Marchbanks, are a son, Charles Marchbanks, St Louis, Mo; and a daughter, Mrs. Alamay Wongus, Cambridge, MD.

Cookeville Herald, TN: January 13, 1970

Census Place: 1880 District 15, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 130C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Mat MARCHBANKS	Self	M	M	MU	58	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: ---	Mo: VA			
Ann MARCHBANKS	Wife	F	M	MU	29	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: ---	Mo: TN			
Sarah MARCHBANKS	Dau	F	S	MU	26	TN
	Occ: Teaching School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	24	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Fayett MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	19	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Vance MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Maggie MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mat MARCHBANK JR	Son	M	S	MU	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Charley MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6 months	

(1920 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 104 - **Charlie Marchbanks** is head of household, 36 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto, md to **Nannie**, 32 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto. Child: Charles E. Marshbanks, 2 10/12 yrs. old, TN).

Charlie C. Marchbanks

b. 26 January 1883, TN – d. 18 September 1935, s/o **Joe P. & Martha Marchbanks**.

*See Joe P. Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

(1900 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 – **Joe Marchbanks** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, b. October 1855, TN, (father born in TN, mother VA), Black, md 20 yrs. to **Martha**, 44 yrs. old, b. October 1855, TN, (parents both born in SC), Black. Children: Maude, 19 yrs. old, b. February 1881; **Charlie**, 18 yrs. old, b. January 1882; Quitman, 15 yrs. old, b. July 1884; Lizzie, 13 yrs. old, b. February 1887; Melia, 9 yrs. old, b. October 1890 & Henry Marchbanks, 5 yrs. old, b. September 1894. All born in TN).

Dock McClain Marchbanks

b. 24 September 1886, TN – d. 20 January 1965, s/o **James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Sr.** (1825-1910) & **Ann Hunter** (1851-1923).

*See James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Sr. buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

(1900 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 82 - **Mat Marchbanks** is head of household, 73 yrs. old, b. October 1826, md 28 yrs. to **Annie**, 48 yrs. old, b. June 1851, TN, black. Children: Maggie S., 24 yrs. old, b. February 1876, widowed, black; Charles, 20 yrs. old, b. November 1879; William, 17 yrs. old, November 1882; **McClain**, 13 yrs. old, b. September 1886 & George Marchbanks, 8 yrs. old, b. April

1892. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Carter Nelson, grandson, 6 yrs. old, b. October 1893, TN).

Fred Douglas Marchbanks

b. 15 September 1907, Putnam Co., TN — d. 27 September 1980, Detroit, MI, (ST2 US Navy WWII), md **Dorothy (Verble) Marchbanks**, b. 26 October 1919, Algood, Putnam Co., TN – d. 16 May 2012, Detroit, MI, d/o **Ridley Verble** (1890-1987) & **Malissie Gardenhire** (1892-1960). Fred Douglas Marchbanks, s/o **William Crawley Marchbanks & Lula Verble**.

*See Lula Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.



Fred Douglas Marchbanks



Dorothy (Verble) Marchbanks

Fred Douglas Marchbank Obt.

ALGOOD – Funeral services for Fred Douglas Marchbanks of Detroit, MI, formerly of Algood, will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Burton's Chapel United Methodist Church in Algood. Burial will be in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Marchbanks died September 27 in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Verble Marchbanks of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Mary Lou McClellan, of Cookeville; his father-in-law, Rid Verble, of MI; six brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hooker Funeral Home (Samuel E. Hooker, Director) of Algood is in charge of arrangements.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 5 October 1980.

Dorothy (Verble) Marchbanks Obt.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy Verble Marchbanks, 92 of Detroit, Michigan, and formerly of Cookeville will be held Saturday May 26, at Burton's Chapel United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Lyles Cemetery. Rev. Earl Dirckson, Rev. Robert Utley, and Rev. Jerry Myeres will officiate. Mrs. Marchbanks died Wednesday May 16, 2012 in Detroit, MI.

She was born in Algood, Tennessee on October 26, 1919, to Ridley and Melissa Verble. She was the third oldest of eight children. Five of her siblings, Abe Verble, Mary Frances Myers, Gladys Barton, Lawrence Verble and Charles Verble, preceded her in death.

Dorothy moved to Detroit in 1942, to obtain work and was hired by Chrysler where she worked for many

years. It was in Detroit where she met and wed Fred Marchbanks. They were married for 21 years until his death in 1980.

Much like the hymn, Dorothy lived her life as an example of "If I can help somebody." She cared deeply about her family and was always willing to lend a hand to those who needed one. She loved people and was generous to all. Dorothy never met a stranger and always had a funny story, a kind word or a pearl of wisdom to share.

Dorothy had a spirit of adventure and loved to travel. She organized several trips through her own travel club and visited places such as Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Europe as well as taking several cruises. She loved playing cards, entertaining, cooking, and baking. She was an active member of Berea Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Highland Park and later in life became a member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church near her home in Detroit. She was a member of various clubs such as the United Methodist Women and the Chrysler Retirees.

She leaves to cherish her memory as sister, Gustie McCormick of Detroit and brother, Herbert Hoover (Norma Jean) of Las Vegas. Although she had no children of her own, she served as a mother, grandmother and friend to many nephews, nieces, extended family members and good friends who will never forget her and will miss her dearly.

Active Pallbearers will be Charles Verble JR, Greg Verble, Robert Verble, Will Hewlett, Barry McMurry, Brandon Barton III, Therome Barton, and Kelvin Verble. Honorary Pallbearers will be Eugene Henson, John Goolsby, Benny Myers, Brandon Barton II, Joseph Barrociere, and William Carter III. Flower Bearers will be great nieces.

Mrs. Marchbanks family will receive friends Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

George Marchbanks

b. 5 April 1892, Algood, Putnam Co., TN – d. 7 August 1967, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Frankie (Langford) Marchbanks**, b. 1896 – d. 2 December 1930. George Marchbanks, s/o **James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Sr.** (1825-1910) & **Ann Hunter** (1851-1923).

*See James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Sr. buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

*See James Russell Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

(1900 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 82 - **Mat Marchbanks** is head of household, 73 yrs. old, b. October 1826, md 28 yrs. to **Annie**, 48 yrs. old, b. June 1851, TN, black. Children: Maggie S., 24 yrs. old, b. February 1876, widowed, black; Charles, 20 yrs. old, b. November 1879; William, 17 yrs. old, November 1882; McClain, 13 yrs. old, b. September 1886 & **George Marchbanks**, 8 yrs. old, b. April 1892. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Carter Nelson, grandson, 6 yrs. old, b. October 1893, TN).

(1930 census 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 20 - **George Marchbanks** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, Negro, (28 yrs. old first marriage), md to **Frankie**, 34 yrs. old, TN, (24 yrs. old first marriage), Negro. Children: Robert Lee, 7 yrs. old, TN, Negro & James R. Marchbanks, 5 yrs. old, TN, Negro).

James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Jr.

b. 7 January 1878, TN – d. 12 June 1956, (Trp L 9th Regt Cav Spanish American War), s/o **James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks** (1825-1910) & **Ann Hunter** (1851-1923).

*See James Matthew "Mat" Marchbanks Sr. buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

Census Place: 1880 District 15, Putnam Co., TN

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Mat MARCHBANKS	Self	M	M	MU	58	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: ---	Mo: VA			
Ann MARCHBANKS	Wife	F	M	MU	29	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: ---	Mo: TN			
Sarah MARCHBANKS	Dau	F	S	MU	26	TN
	Occ: Teaching School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	24	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Fayett MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	19	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Vance MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Maggie MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mat MARCHBANK JR	Son	M	S	MU	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Charley MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6 months	

James Matthew “Mat” Marchbanks Sr.

b. 25 October 1825, TN – d. 4 July 1910, md **Ann “Annie” (Hunter) Marchbanks**, b. June 1851, TN – d. ?, only a footstone remains for her. J. Matthew “mat” Marchbanks, s/o **Edmund Marchbanks** (1800-1860) & **Mary**.

*See Charlie Marchbanks buried in Officer’s Chapel Cemetery.

*See Dock McClain Marchbanks buried in Officer’s Chapel Cemetery.

*See James Matthew “Mat” Marchbanks Jr. buried in Officer’s Chapel Cemetery.

*See George Marchbanks buried in Officer’s Chapel Cemetery.

Census Place: 1180 District 15, Putnam Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 130C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Mat MARCHBANKS	Self	M	M	MU	58	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: ---	Mo: VA			
Ann MARCHBANKS	Wife	F	M	MU	29	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: ---	Mo: TN			
Sarah MARCHBANKS	Dau	F	S	MU	26	TN
	Occ: Teaching School	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	24	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Fayett MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	19	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Vance MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Maggie MARCHBANK	Dau	F	S	MU	4	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mat MARCHBANK JR	Son	M	S	MU	2	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Charley MARCHBANK	Son	M	S	MU	6 months	

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September 1886 & George Marchbanks, 8 yrs. old, b. April 1892. All born in TN. Also living in the household: Carter Nelson, grandson, 6 yrs. old, b. October 1893, TN).

(1920 census 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: **Ann Marchbanks** is head of household, 67 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto, widowed. Children: James M., 42 yrs. old, TN & McClain Marchbanks, 33 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Margaret Parigen, daughter, 43 yrs. old, TN, married).

James Russell Marchbanks

b. 11 March 1925, TN – d. 5 February 1938, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **George Marchbanks** (1892-1967) & **Frankie Langford** (1896-1930).

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(1930 census 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 20 - **George Marchbanks** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, Negro, (28 yrs. old first marriage), md to **Frankie**, 34 yrs. old, TN, (24 yrs. old first marriage), Negro. Children: Robert Lee, 7 yrs. old, TN, Negro & **James R. Marchbanks**, 5 yrs. old, TN, Negro).

Joe P. Marchbanks

b. 20 October 1855, TN – d. 17 December 1913, md **Martha (unknown) Marchbanks**, b. 2 October 1855, TN – d. ?.

*See Charlie C. Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

*See Quitman Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

(1900 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 76 – **Joe Marchbanks** is head of household, 44 yrs. old, b. October 1855, TN, (father born in TN, mother VA), Black, md 20 yrs. to **Martha**, 44 yrs. old, b. October 1855, TN, (parents both born in SC), Black. Children: Maude, 19 yrs. old, b. February 1881; Charlie, 18 yrs. old, b. January 1882; Quitman, 15 yrs. old, b. July 1884; Lizzie, 13 yrs. old, b. February 1887; Melia, 9 yrs. old, b. October 1890 & Henry Marchbanks, 5 yrs. old, b. September 1894. All born in TN).

(1920 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 101 – **Martha Marshbanks** is head of household, 67 yrs. old, TN, Black, Widowed, (parents both born in SC). Children: Amelia, daughter, 29 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto, TN, Henry Marshbanks, son, 24 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto, md to Myrtle, daughter-in-law, 24 yrs. old, TN, Mulatto).

Lula Marchbanks

b. November 1888 – d. August 1936.

Quitman Marchbanks

b. 10 July 1884, TN – d. 17 June 1931, s/o **Joe P. & Martha Marchbanks**.

*See Joe P. Marchbanks buried in Officer's Chapel Cemetery.

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Arthur Quitman Murphy

b. 21 July 1892, Livingston, Overton Co., TN – d. 4 December 1968, (TN Cook 4 Co 155 Depot Brig. WWI), md **Flora (Officer) Murphy**, b. 9 April 1889 – d. 3 April 1957. Arthur Quitman Murphy, s/o **Ed Murphy** (1852-1932) & **Safronia Young**.

(1900 census 6th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 156 – **Ed Murphy** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, b. December 1851, TN, black, (father born in TN, mother, VA), md 20 yrs. to **Safronia**, 51 yrs. old, b. August 1848, black, 10 children born, 6 children living. Children: Walker, 16 yrs. old, b. February 1884, TN, black; Nannie, 14 yrs. old, b. April 1886, TN, black; Dillard, 11 yrs. old, b. October 1888, TN, black; Pearl, 10 yrs. old, b. march 1890, TN, black & **Arthur Murphy**, 7 yrs. old, b. July 1892, TN, black).

Abraham “Abe” H. Officer

b. 7 January 1832, TN - d. 21 November 1925, md on the 28th of June 1867, Overton Co., TN to **Margaret Mary (Markbanks) Officer**, b. September 1838, TN – d. 11 September 1912. Children: Burr, Mary, Crocket, Lou, Amelia J., John, Winnie, Edy & Billie Officer.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Overton Co., TN, pg. 23, #34 & 35 – #34: We **Abraham Officer & Tincy Marchbanks** acknowledge ourselves indebted to the state of Tennessee in the penal sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars to be paid if there be no legal objections why **Abraham Officer** and **Margaret Marchbanks** should not be joined together as husband and wife in holy wedlock this 10th day of June 1867). (#35: State of Tennessee: Overton County: By virtue of the license I have this day solemnized the rite of matrimony between the parties named **Abraham Officer** and wife **Margaret Marchbanks** this 28th day of June 1867).

Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947 about Abr. H. Officer

Name: Abr. H. Officer
Birth Date: 7 Jan 1832
Birth Place: Overton Co , Tenn
Death Date: 21 Nov 1925
Death Place: Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Date: 25 Nov 1925
Cemetery Name: Algood Jener
Death Age: 93
Occupation: Retired Blacksmith
Race: Black
Marital Status: W
Gender: Male
Street Address: 544 E. 44 th
Mother Name: Charlotte Holford
Mother Birth Place:VA.
Spouse Name: Margaret Officer
FHL Film Number: 1877727

(1870 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 91 - **Abram Officer** is head of household, 34 yrs. old, TN, black (occupation: Blacksmith), md to **Margaret**, 28 yrs. old, TN, black. Children: Mary, 14 yrs. old; Burr, 12 yrs. old; Bracket, 9 yrs. old; Sarah, 6 yrs. old, Melia, 4 yrs. old, Frank, 3 yrs. old & John Officer, 1 yr. old. All children black and born in TN).

Census Place: 1880 District 15, Putnam Co., TN

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Relation Sex Marr Race Age Birthplace

Abraham OFFICER	Self	M	M	MU	51	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: VA	Mo: VA			
Margret OFFICER	Wife	F	M	MU	39	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Burr OFFICER	Son	M	S	MU	21	TN
	Occ: Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary OFFICER	Dau	F	S	MU	20	TN
	Occ: Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Crocket OFFICER	Son	M	S	MU	18	TN
	Occ: Not At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Lou OFFICER	Dau	F	S	MU	17	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Amelia J. OFFICER	Dau	F	S	MU	15	TN
	Occ: At Home	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John OFFICER	Son	M	S	MU	10	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Winnie OFFICER	Dau	F	S	MU	8	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Edy OFFICER	Dau	F	S	MU	6	TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Billie OFFICER	Son	M	S	MU	5	

(1900 census 15th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 103 – **Abe Officer** is head of household, 69 yrs. old, b. January 1831, TN, 35 yrs. md to **Margarette**, 62 yrs. old, b. March 1838, TN, . Living in the household: Charlie Verble, lodger, 36 yrs. old, b. May 1864, TN, widowed. Also living in the household; Ambros Kilby, lodger, 23 yrs. old, b. February 1877, TN; Martha Kilby, lodger, 19 yrs. old, b. March 1881, TN; Lula Verble, granddaughter, 13 yrs. old, b. June 1886, TN & Dune McNeal, lodger, 90 yrs. old, b. April 1810, TN).

(1910 census 15th Civil Dist., Hilham Rd., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 49 - **Abraham Officer** is head of household, 78 yrs. old, TN, (parents both born in TN), md 43 yrs. to **Margaret**, 70 yrs. old, TN, (parents both born in TN), 10 children born, 6 children living. Living in the household: Thelmer Marchbanks, granddaughter, 7 yrs. old, TN & Fred Marchbanks, grandson, 3 yrs. old, TN. Also living in the household: Henry Gibson, lodger, 72 yrs. old, TN, widow).

Alexander F. Officer

b. 10 June 1866 – d. 30 March 1875.

Edmon Officer

b. 3 October 1878 – d. 14 January 1888.

John Pointer Officer

b. 12 February 1868 – d. 30 January 1964, md on the 28th of August 1886 to **Almira D. (unknown) Officer**, b. 9 May 1870 – d. 11 January 1960.

Phillip Officer

b. 18 October 1837 – d. ?, md **Emaline (unknown) Officer**, b. 20 March 1849 – d. 23 November 1913.

Robert H. Officer

b. 29 March 1901 – d. 14 February 1958.

Daily Pharris

b. 1857 – d. 23 September 1917, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

Charlie Snodgrass

b. 24 September 1875 – d. ?, md to **Mary (unknown) Snodgrass**, b. 19 November 1874 – d. 17 June 1950. (Photo on stone).



Charlie & Mary Snodgrass.

b. 15 April 1900 – d. 25 April 1920.

Will Terry

b. 14 September 1877 – d. 31 March 1940. Shares a tombstone with his daughter Ernestine Terry.

Ernestine Terry

b. 31 May 1910- d. 25 February 1928, d/o **Will Terry**. Shares a tombstone with her father Will Terry.



**AFRICAN-AMERICAN
MAN HONORED BY
SONS OF
CONFEDERATE
VETERANS**

by Megan Trotter

Ken Tyler, member of the Captain Champ Ferguson chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, holds up a copy of a drawing of Abe H. Officer, who will be honored at a memorial

service this Saturday. Ty Kernea | Herald-Citizen

COOKEVILLE — In the 1800s, an African-American man named Abe H. Officer was threatened with hanging to reveal the hiding location of two men being hunted by Yankee soldiers, but refused to give them up. This Saturday the Sons of Confederate Veterans plan to honor not only the man's bravery in that moment, but also the greatness he showed throughout his whole life.

“There were 200 Yankees who came up to the farm and started shooting at some Texas rangers that were there,” said Ken Tyler, member of the Captain Champ Ferguson chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The soldiers were searching for two men named Johnny King and John Officer, but 32-year-old Abe Officer hid them away in the attic.

“It was made to be hidden really well,” Tyler said. “The wood blended really well — it just looked like there was nothing there. ... (The Yankee soldiers) took him out to a big oak tree and was going to hang him.

“They said, ‘Tell us now where John Officer is at’ ... and he said, ‘Don’t you believe to save my life that I’d tell you where they were at?’”

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. at the old church located on Officers Chapel Road, just behind and to the right of 111 Storage Units in Cookeville and is open to the public.

For more information about the event, call Tyler at 931-397-4635.

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