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Comm. Off: Wharton, John A., Capt.,
Organ: Co. B, Terry's Texas Rangers, 8th
Cav., CSA.
Enlist: Sept.-61 in Matagorda Cty.
Disch: Res. Matagorda Cty., Texas.
Descrip:

Remarks: R&F 169; Killed at Woodbury, Tenn. Sept.
1862; 2nd Note: Died at Unionville, Tenn.; Informa-
tion on this card from roll compiled by John M.
Claiborne for the Reunion in Galveston, Feb. 20-
82.

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Comm. Off: Rugeley, Edward S., Capt.
Organ: Caney Rifles, Mtd. Co., Matagorda Co.,
22nd Brig., TM
Enlist: Je. '61
Disch:
Descrip:

Remarks: R&F 64; elec. certif. with roll; Co. comm.
Au. 21-61; Hdqrs. at Hardeman, Matagorda
Co.; 2 MR dtd. Je. '61 & July 28-61.

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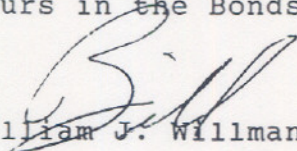
Dear Mr. Jennings:

Thank you for calling me last night concerning the grave of Ranger Ruggley of the 8th Texas Cavalry that you believe to be on your property near Murfreesboro in Cannon County, Tennessee. As discussed last night I called our South Texas Brigade Commander, Kerry Hellums, who is our resident expert on Terry's Texas Rangers (8th Texas Cavalry). Kerry is also a re-enactor in Terry's Texas Rangers and recently participated in the re-enactment at Murfreesboro. It is a shame you missed connecting up with him then.

We appreciate what you are doing and feel that if that is indeed his grave, an appropriate marker such as the VA type should be installed.

Kerry will be making the necessary coordination with you, but if you need further assistance from me, please call.

Yours in the Bonds of the South,


William J. Willmann

copy Kerry Hellums, South Texas Bde. Cmdr.
Gary Wilkerson, Division Historian

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Dear Mr. Jennings

Please forgive me as to the delay on this letter. I want to thank you for calling a couple of weeks ago. From the information I have of Pvt. J.D. Rugeley in this J.D. Rugeley Co. B KINNEO WOODBURY TENN. SEPT. 1862 ROBT. RUGELEY Co. B. PRESENT. (Possibly a brother or Cousin)

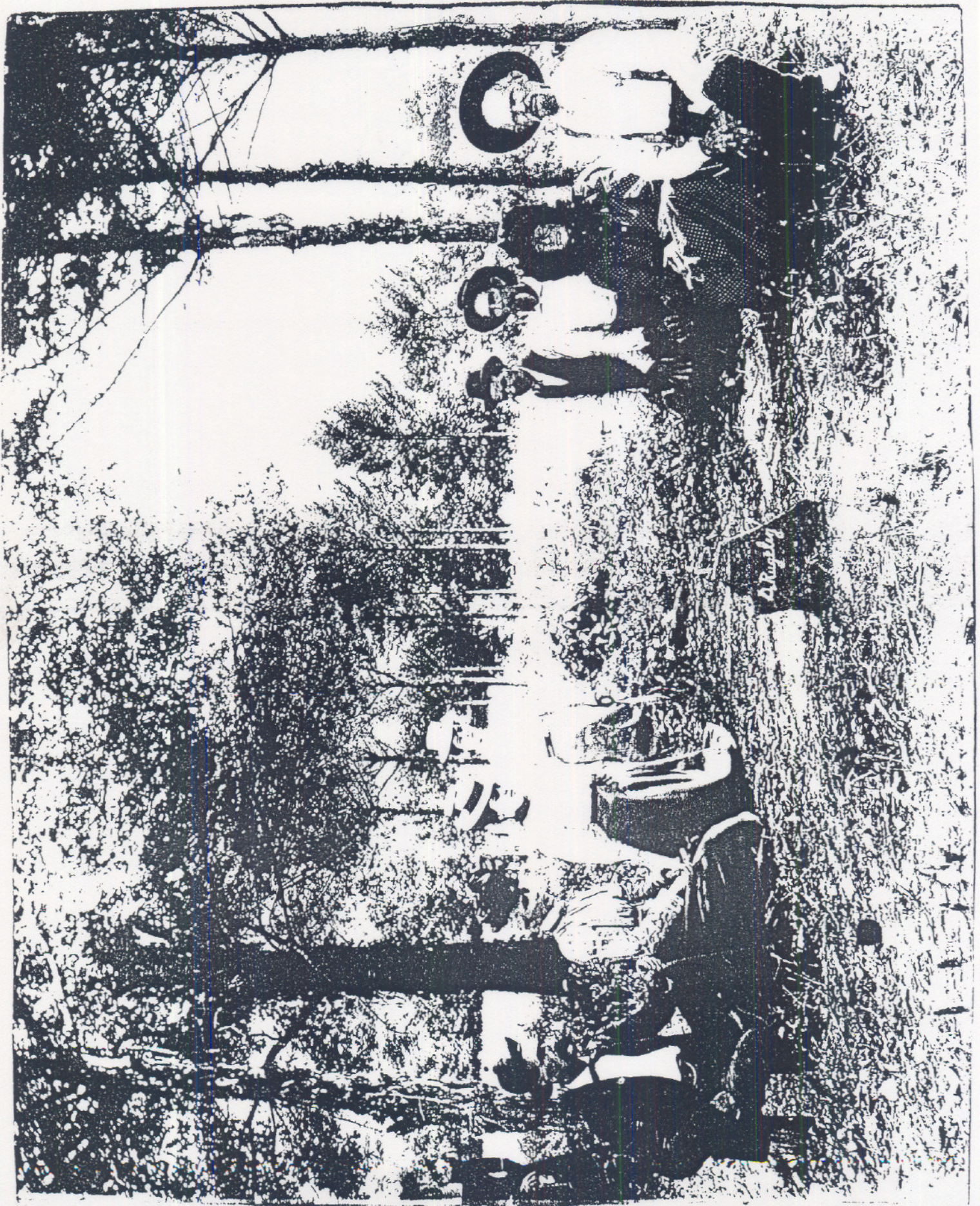
This is from a muster roll taken of Terry's Rangers in the 1830's, at a reunion. These papers list roughly 1500 individuals of the Rangers.

Also of help to you. Company B was nick named the "Mounted Rangers". They were recruited in Brazoria & Matagorda counties under Captain (later Maj Gen.) John A. Wharton.

I hope this will help you in your search. If I can be of further service please do not hesitate to call, or write.

Take Care Sincerely

Kerry Helsums



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... of brave, one-armed (he lost an arm at
Deep Bottom, Va., in 1864) Ensign Bagby as he
worked his way to the platform and received the greet-
ing of "our daughter" when she placed his flag beside
the old Mexican war colors of her father's regiment.

Sandy Elkins, Woodbury, Tenn.: "In the year 1864
I was living with my aged father within four miles of
Woodbury on the old stage road between there and
McMinnville. One day Forrest's Cavalry came up the
road, and were surrounded by Federals on all sides. A
short but desperate battle was fought, and Forrest's
men were at last obliged to retreat. A Texas Ranger
was brought into our house with his leg shot off by a
cannon-ball. The surgeon dressed his wound as quick-
ly as possible, and then left him. One by one, his com-
rades rode up to the door and bade him farewell, say-
ing: 'Good-by, D.' His name was John D. Ruglev.
He died in a few hours, and was buried in one of the
grand old hills of Cannon County. He was never con-
scious of anything after being shot. That brave Ran-
ger's grave is marked by a tall rock that I put over him,
and bears the inscription: 'John D. Ruglev, a Texas
Ranger.' I was only fifteen years old at this time."



COL. E. I. ANDERSON.

Col. E. I. Anderson died at his home in Bowling
Green, Va., January 1, 1898. He was a gallant Con-
federate, and rose, step by step, from lieutenant to col-
nel. The following letter was written by him to Col.
John C. Shields, in 1863: "I have the honor to report
that with a small force Lieut. Graves and I succeeded
in capturing, near Raccoon Ford, on last Wednesday,
thirty-one of the enemy's cavalry, with horses and
equipments, killing four and wounding one. They be-
longed to the United States regular army, with the ex-

... because of the remarkable achievements of Comrade
W. N. Tate, request was made for reminiscences, and in
April, 1897, he wrote briefly what is now properly an
obituary. Entering the Seventh Tennessee Infantry in
May, 1861, his regiment was organized at Camp Trou-
sdale, where it remained until July 15, when it was or-
dered to Knoxville and thence to Virginia. He was



CAPT. W. N. TATE.

detailed to care for the sick of his company (H), and re-
joined his regiment the day before it was ordered to
Cheat Mountain, Va. He was wounded at Seven
Pines and again in the battle of the Wilderness. In a
battle at Harper's Ferry, in which his brigade fought,
there were present of his company but two others be-
sides himself. Then at Shepherdstown there was but
one other besides himself. After this Gen. Lee sent for
the names of soldiers who had acted with special gal-
lantry, and Comrade Tate's name was sent by Col.
Thomas, of Gen. Archer's staff, and on August 30,
1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant. Soon
after that Capt. W. H. Williamson was promoted to
major of the regiment and Comrade Tate to first lieut-
enant. In September, 1862, he was promoted to cap-
tain, and commanded the company until the close of
the war without being absent a single day.

At Gettysburg Capt. Tate was so stunned by the first
cannon-shot from the enemy that his comrades left him
for dead, but he rallied and rejoined his command later
that day. On the retreat from Gettysburg his regiment
was charged by a company of Federal cavalry, and

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