

John D Rugely, Private

## Article and Biographical Information

Biographical Form and Information

Name and Rank: Rugely, J.D., Pvt.,

Comm. Off: Wharton, John A., Capt.,

Organ: Co. B, Terry's Texas Rangers, 8th Cav., CSA.

Enlist: Sept. -61 in Matagorda Cty. [sic]

Disch [sic]: Res. Matagorda Cty. [sic], Texas.

Descrip [sic]: [blank]

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

Name and Rank: Rugeley, J.D., 1st Corp.

Comm. Off: Rugeley, Edward S., Capt.

Organ: Caney Rifles, Mtd. [sic] Co., Matagorda Co., 22nd Brig., TM

Enlist: Je. '61

Disch: [sic] [blank]

Descrip: [sic] [blank]

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

[image: photo of men and women in period dress seated around stone that says D. Rugeley]

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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 McMinville. 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 cannonball. The surgeon dressed his wound, as quickly as possible, and then left him. One by one, his companions rode up to the door and bade him farewell, saying: 'Good-by, D.' His name was John D. Rugley He died in a few hours, and was buried in one of the grand old hills of Cannon County. He was never conscious of anything after being shot.

That brave Ranger's grave is marked by a tall rock that I put over him, and bears the inscription: 'John D. Rugley, a Texas Ranger.' I was only fifteen years old at this time."