

TERRY'S TEXAS RANGERS MONUMENT

STATE CAPITAL - AUSTIN, TEXAS



IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE VALOR
OF THE
EIGHTH TEXAS CALVARY
BETTER KNOWN AS
"TERRY'S TEXAS RANGERS"
PROVISIONAL ARMY
OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES
1861-1865
ERECTED 1907
BY SURVIVING COMRADES



Marilyn Ralls Johnson, a direct descendant of two Rangers, stands in front of the monument and the plaque which says:

"THERE IS NO DANGER OF A SURPRISE WHEN THE RANGERS ARE BETWEEN US AND THE ENEMY." General Bragg and "THE TERRY RANGERS HAVE DONE ALL THAT COULD BE EXPECTED OR REQUIRED OF SOLDIERS." Jefferson Davis

MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE RANGERS:

Headquarters Cavalry Corps, Concord, N. C., April 28, 1865.

Gallant Comrades: You have fought your fight. During four years' struggle for liberty you have exhibited courage, fortitude, and devotion. You are victors of more than two hundred sternly contested fields; you have participated in more than a thousand conflicts of arms. You are heroes, veterans, patriots. The bones of your comrades mark the battlefields on the soil of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. You have done all that human exertion could accomplish. In bidding you adieu I desire to tender my thanks for your gallantry in battle, your fortitude under suffering, and your devotion at all times to the holy cause you have done so much to maintain. I desire also to express my gratitude for the kind feeling you have seen fit to extend toward myself, and invoke upon you the blessings of our Heavenly Father, to whom we must always look in the hour of distress.

Brethren in the cause of freedom, comrades in arms, I bid you farewell.