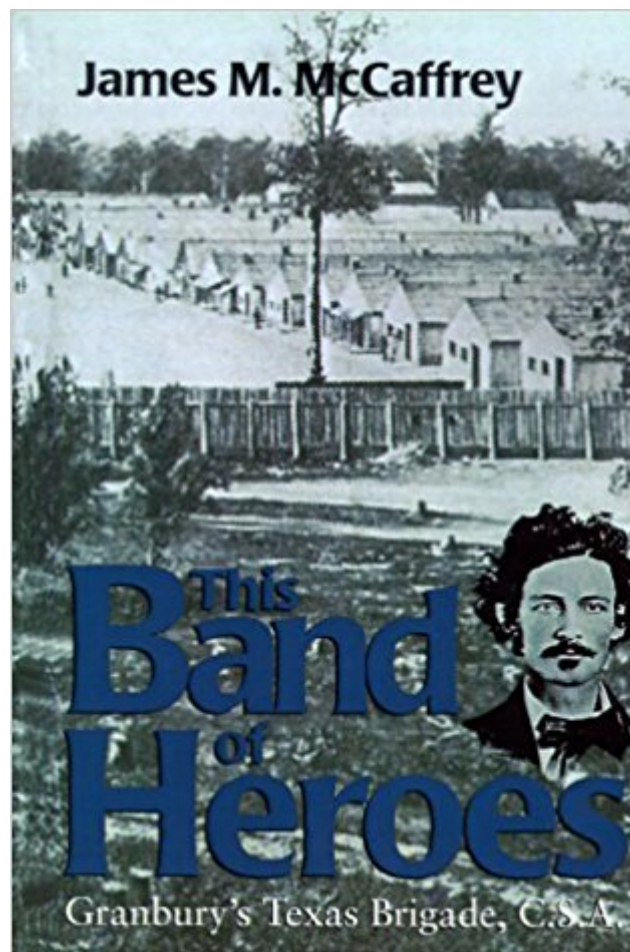




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They will never be remembered outside a small band of Civil War historians but Cranbury and his Texans made up an extraordinary part of American history. This is well worth reading.

I think this is one of the best books I ever read! To everyone read this book a must for the civil war person in your life.

Excellent book. James M. McCaffrey weaves the facts of Granbury's Texas Brigade from the beginning of the Civil War to after. Along with his facts that are documented very well, he puts in each chapter quotes from actual troops to better illustrate from those who were there, the points of the book. It starts from the mustering in Texas, to life in the Army of Trans-Mississippi, to prison life, to life in the Army of Tennessee, including all the campaigns and battles. The leadership of the struggling Southern Army is covered well. Not only is the history of the brigade covered, but it is an excellent reference book as well. McCaffrey's work in the appendices, which are chapters in themselves, cover; The flags of Granbury's Brigade (with line drawings), the weapons of Granbury's Brigade, and the regimental rosters of the men in Granbury's Brigade. This includes the names of the troops in the Sixth Texas Infantry Regiment, Seventh Texas Infantry Regiment, Tenth Texas Infantry Regiment, Fifteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, Seventeenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, Eighteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, Twenty-fourth Texas Cavalry Regiment, and the Twenty-fifth Texas Cavalry Regiment. There are also maps of the battles with troop movements and pictures of some members of Granbury's Brigade, including a page of weapons and another of the flag of the

17th and 18th Texas Cavalry. The best review I could give this book is that the kin of mine who fought in this unit would be proud of this work. If you are studying Civil War history, Texas troop's Civil War history, or had ancestry in this brigade, this is a very good book to add to your library. I salute the author, James M. McCaffrey, for bringing the history of Granbury's Brigade alive.

This book has been an indispensable guide to the recruitment, training, engagements and other events of my ancestor and his brother James N. and John S. Hamilton in Co. I of the Texas 18th Cavalry (dismounted). I highly recommend as an excellent account of not only Granbury's Brigade, but a great short introduction to battlefield circumstances and tactics for the "uninitiated", such as myself. A VERY readable book !

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