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Following is a list of books related to the settlement of Westphalia, Missouri by German immigrants, their role in the Civil War and the Civil War in Osage County. Some are directly related to Westphalia; others are not directly related, but shed some light on some aspect of the settlement of Westphalia or the Civil War. I have tried to give enough of a description of each book to allow a potential reader to get an idea of its content. I have not yet included the other documents, such as letters, census reports, military records and others that I have, but I intend to include them in this list as I take the time. I will give the date of each update as I progress.

Martin Lloyd Plassmeyer

Allendorf, Donald, *Long Road to Liberty*. Kent, Ohio: the Kent University Press, 2006.

Civil War Story of the 15th Missouri Volunteer Infantry which was composed mostly of German immigrants.

Anderson, Timothy G., *Immigrants in the World-System: Domestic Industry and Industrialization in Northwest Germany and the Immigration to Osage County, Missouri, 1835-1900*. Ph.D. Dissertation submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies of Texas A&M University, 1994.

This is a scholarly work that includes study of the migration from the two areas of Moese and Mastholte in Germany to Washington and Jackson townships in Osage County.

Ballou, Brian G., teacher and editor, *Osage County Memory Book, A Bicentennial Project*. Compiled and Written by the Linn High School Class. Jefferson City, Missouri: Jeff-City Printing, Incorporated, 1976.

Contains some interesting pictures and some text concerning Westphalia, but the focus of the book is on all of Osage County.

Bearss, Edwin C., The Campaign for Vicksburg, 3 vols., Morningside House, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, 1985.

This is the standard work on the Vicksburg Campaign. It gives details on the role of the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry in the campaign and the role of the brigade of which it was a part. The brigade is often referred to as Boomer's brigade because Colonel George B. Boomer who had organized the 26th Missouri and was its first commander, commanded the brigade through the Vicksburg campaign until he was killed during the assault on Vicksburg on May 22, 1863.

Bek, William, *Nicholas Hesse, German Visitor to Missouri, 1835-1837*. (Translation of Nicholas Hesse's book, *Das Westliche Nord Amerika* published in Paderborn, Germany in 1838 after Nicholas Hesse returned to Germany). Bek's translation was published in seven parts in the Missouri Historical Review.

Nicholas Hesse was probably the first German settler in what became Westphalia Missouri. . He stayed only about three years, then returned to Germany. The book is mostly advice to would-be emigrants to Missouri. His experience in Westphalia and a chance meeting with Dr. Bernard Bruns caused the Bruns family to settle in Westphalia.

Bek, William, *The Followers of Duden*. (Translation of letters written by German immigrants who came to the United States after Duden). Beks's translations were published in 17 parts in the Missouri Historical Review between 1919 and 1925.

Some of the letters give detailed descriptions of immigrant travel to the American ports and across the country to Missouri, the difficulties they encountered in developing farms, and their relationship, generally good, with their new American neighbors.

Bertling, Bert, *Mastholte Die Geschichte zweier Gemeinden: Moese und Mastholte*. Rehling, Graphischer Betrieb GmbH & Verlag, Rietberg, 1997.

This is Bert Bertling's history of the two areas of northern Germany, Moese and Mastholte, from which many of the Germans who settled near Westphalia, Missouri originated. It is written in German. Norbert Plassmeyer has a copy.

Burlend, Rebecca and Edward, *A True Picture of Emigration*. Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, First Bison book printing, 1987. This edition reprints the Lakeside Classics published by R. R. Donnelly & Sons CO., Chicago in 1936 and published in New York by Citadel Press in 1968. Published anonymously in London in 1848.

This book is the story of an English family that settled in Illinois in the 1830s. It gives some detailed descriptions of beginning a farm on the frontier from acquiring ownership of land to planting and cultivating corn with only hand-held hoes.

Burnett, Robyn and Ken Luebbering, *German Settlement in Missouri*. Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press, 1996.

A summary of German settlement in Missouri.

Cozzens, Peter, *The Darkest Days of the War The battles of Iuka and Corinth*. Chapel and London: The University of North Carolina Press, 1997.

Detailed descriptions of the Battles of Iuka and Corinth in northern Mississippi down to regiment level. Some descriptions of the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry actions. Many of the Westphalia, Missouri boys, including Joseph and Anton Plassmeyer, joined the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry at the start of the Civil War.

Dean, Benjamin D., *Recollections of the 26th Missouri Infantry*. Lamar, Missouri, Printed at the Southwest Missourian Office, 1892.

Colonel Dean succeeded Colonel George Boomer as commander of the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry. His recollections contain some descriptions of the combat actions of the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry including the Battle of Iuka.

Duden, Gottfried, *Report of a Journey to the Western States of North America and a Stay of Several Years Along the Missouri River*. Translated by James W. Goodrich, General Editor, and George H. Kellner, Elsa Nagel, Adolf E. Schroeder, and W.M. Senner, Editors and Translators. Columbia and London: The State Historical Society of Missouri and University of Missouri Press, 1980.

Duden's book was highly influential in promoting the emigration of Germans to Missouri. He bought a farm in what is now Warren County and stayed in Missouri for several years. He was sometimes criticized for his overly optimistic portrayal of life on a Missouri frontier farm. For example, he was able to hire people to most of the work on his farm.

Eagleburger, Len, *The Fighting 10th*. Bloomington, IN: 2004. (Privately printed?)

Eagleberger confirms that John Plassmeyer served in the 10th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil War and provides detailed rosters of the companies of the regiment and its predecessor organizations. For example, John Plassmeyer joined the 28th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, but the 28th Missouri Infantry and other organizations were combined to form the 10th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. John Plassmeyer died in Jefferson City in 1864 at age 22 while on sick furlough and is believed to be buried in Westphalia.

It is not a well written book, but does contain some interesting facts. For example, Frederick W. Benteen served in the 10th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry and actually commanded the regiment for a time. After the Civil War he served in the 7th Cavalry as a captain. He led one of the columns that Custer split off from his main column before the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Edwards, John N., *Shelby and His Men or The War in the West*. Cincinnati: Miami Printing and Publishing CO., 1867.

Gerstacker, Friedrich, *Nach Amerika, ein Volksbuch*. Hamburg: Ring=Verlag, Adolf Spierling, 1854.

A German novel based on a immigrant sea voyage from Germany to the United States. It was published in 1854 in old German script which makes it difficult to read and translate.

Gustorf, Fred, ed., *The Uncorrupted Heart Journal and Letters of Frederick Julius Gustorf 1800-1845*. Translated by Frederick and Gisela Gustorf. Columbia: University of Missouri press, 1969.

Letters written by a German immigrant that include descriptions of travel from the east coast to Illinois and life in the small settlements and small farms of Illinois.

Hoer, Cletus, *From Koeltztown to the Rockies The Life Story of Dorothy Wieberg Hoer and her German Ancestors*. Bountiful, Utah: Family History Publishers, 1989.

This is a transcription of interviews with Dorothy Wieberg Hoer. She was born in Koeltztown in 1910, the daughter of William and Mary Wieberg. The book also provides some insight into the German background of the Wieberg family. They are from the same area in northern Germany from which so many of the settlers of the Westphalia area originated.

Kamphoefner, Walter D., Wolfgang Helbich and Ulrike Sommer, eds., *News from the Land of Freedom German Immigrants Write Home*. Translated by Susan Carter Vogel. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 1991.

This is a collection of letters written by German immigrants to their families and friends in Germany. None of them directly concern Westphalia, Missouri, but they are typical of the millions of letters the German immigrants wrote to family and friends in Germany. For letters directly describing life in Westphalia written by Henrietta Bruns, the wife of Dr. Bernard Bruns, see the book by Adolph Schroeder listed below.

Kamphoefner, Walter D., *The WESTPHALIANS From Germany to Missouri*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1987.

A scholarly work tracing immigration from Germany to St. Charles and Warren Counties. It is similar to the work by Timothy Anderson mentioned above.

Kamphoefner, Walter D. and Wolfgang Helbich, eds., *Germans in the Civil War The Letters They Wrote Home*. Translated by Susan Carter Vogel. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2006.

Letters from German immigrant soldiers to their families, none from Westphalia, Missouri area soldiers.

Klebba, Mary Ann (Crede), ed., *St. Joseph Sesquicentennial 1835 - 1985 Westphalia, MO*. Linn, Missouri, Unterrieffied Democrat Printing Office, approx. 1985.

This book is a collection of short articles written by the families of St. Joseph's Parish, but also contains detailed information about the settlement of Westphalia and many of the early settlers and their families.

Kohl, Wilhelm von, *Kleine Westfälische Geschichte*. Patmos Verlag Dusseldorf, 1994.

This is a history of Westphalia, Germany in German.

Lass, William E., *Navigating the Missouri*. The Arthur Clark Company, Norman, OK, 2008.

Some references to navigating on the Osage and Gasconade Rivers and steamboat construction by George B. Boomer.

Lause, Mark A., *Price's Lost Campaign The 1864 Invasion of Missouri*. Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press, 2011.

Gives some details of Price's movements through Osage and Cole Counties including movements through or near Linn, Westphalia, Koeltztown and Taos and the Union defense of Jefferson City.

Mallinkrodt, Anita M., *From Knights to Pioneers, One German Family in Westphalia and Missouri*. Carbondale and Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 1994.

Anita Mallinkrodt spent much time in Germany as an employee of, I believe, the United States Information Service. She writes a detailed account of the Malinkrodt family starting with the 13th Duden had his farm. The book has some interesting descriptions of everyday life, such as descriptions of clearing the land.

Rea, Ralph R., *Sterling Price The Lee of the West*. Little Rock: Pioneer Press, 1959.

Rosenkötter, Michael, *From Westphalia Into The World*, 2nd Ed. Beckum, Germany: Books on Demand GmbH, Norderstedt, October 2003.

Written by a member of the Rosenkötter family in Germany, in German and English. Short descriptions of customs, laws and life in Germany back to the middle ages, reasons for the Rosenkötter families' decisions to leave Germany, life on an immigrant passenger ship and settlement in the United States near St Louis and other places in the American Midwest.

Rugge, Nicolas, *Hardissen, History of a Village in Lippe*, 2nd Ed. Translated by Carol A. Devore,

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I discovered this on the internet during one of my searches for “Westphalia.” It is a history of the town of Hardissen, some 30 miles northeast of Mastholte. It gives considerable detail on the development of northern German customs including a discussion of the law requiring a person to take the name of the land to which he moved. A new owner of land had to take the name of the land in order for his children to inherit the land. The web site is <http://www.rileycreek.com/tradition.htm>.

Schroeder, Adolf E. and Schulz-Geisberg, Carla, eds., *Hold Dear, As Always, Jette, a German Immigrant Life in Letters*. Translated from German by Adolf E. Schroeder. Columbia; University of Missouri Press, 1988.

This is a collection of the letters written by Henrietta Geisberg Bruns, the wife of Dr. Bernard Bruns. They arrived in Westphalia in 1836 and lived in there until they moved to Jefferson City in about 1853. The letters are very personal and give detailed descriptions of family life and life in Westphalia.

Smith, Timothy B., *Champion Hill Decisive Battle for Vicksburg*. New York: Savas Beatie, LLC, 2006.

A detailed description and analysis of the Battle of Champion Hill of May 16, 1863. Champion Hill is east of Vicksburg. Grant had to take Champion Hill in order to get to Vicksburg. The book includes details of the crucial role of the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry in the battle.

Van Ravenswaay, Charles, *The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri, A Survey of a Vanishing Culture*. Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press, 1977.

This book is exactly as described in the title. It has a good summary of the German settlement in Missouri with a few pictures and descriptions of Westphalia.

Welschmeyer, Joe, ed., *Freeburg, MO Holy Family Parish Centennial History 1904 - 2004*. (Privately published? In about 2004).

This is a collections of short articles written by the families of Holy Family Parish and articles by Fr. Welschmeyer. It contains some excellent insights into the life of the early German immigrants. The article by Fr. Welschmeyer on William A. (Tony) Willibrand gives a brief description of Corporal Tony Willibrand’s visit to Mastholte after the armistice of WWI.

