

### **Paul Crede describes the passage of Gen. Sterling Price**

The Southerners camped where Pater Schmitz/Bocklage house was (on that ridge), (I) don't know the total no. of troops, actually the dispatches said that Westphalia was pro South. They came from Arkansas, past Linn. the street from the Pater Schmitz house is Castle Rock Dr. or Street. This road went by Oliver's house etc. Somewhere along here the army from Westphalia met up with Col. Shanks who took some troops and went to "capture" the railroad bridge at Osage City. At that time very few Union troops were guarding the bridge.

Back to the South, Shelby had a battle at that time called at "Prince's Ford" (after the present owners) could walk across Osage. Ruth Veit found a cannonball where they had built a shed. High on a bluff, supposedly they found a huge pile of cannonballs on the Cole County side. (You) can see where there is a cutout to the Osage and a road leading down the hill. Bode's Ferry is there. The main battle would be at Castle Rock.

A freighter who was hauling freight from the Westphalia Landing (Past Norman Buthod's house) was captured wearing a Union Coat. A local priest intervened and saved his live. The southerner army would have to abandon their quest to capture Jefferson City. The Union Troops were funneling troops from St. Louis. Ulysses Grant was one of them.

Also, I am sure you already have this/know this, but back in 1935 or so, Professor Willibrand wrote an article about the Westphalia guys in the Civil War and what battle some of them died in, regiments they were in, etc.

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