

Sergeant John Westover Newspaper Article

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The Vernon Banner publishes this incident:

John Westover, a member of our town, of company A, 22nd Indiana, in the recent battle of Stone [sic] river espied a horse in the rebel ranks which pleased his fancy. The horse was mounted by a rebel Colonel. John was bound to have the horse, and, as a “military necessity,” shot the Colonel dead on the spot, and took the horse within our lines. For this daring deed John was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.