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**HARLAND RICHARDSON  
LETTER, 24 APRIL 1864**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harland Richardson (1833-1925) was born and spent most of his life in Perry Township, Marion County, Indiana, except for a short period of time in Kansas in the late 1850s. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company F of the 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment, a part of the Iron Brigade. Richardson rose through the ranks from sergeant, to 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant and eventually 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant. He was captured at the Battle of Gettysburg, July, 1863, and sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. He was later transferred to prisons in Macon, Georgia, and Charlestown and Columbia, South Carolina, before being paroled in December, 1864. Richardson returned to farming in Marion County after the war, and in October, 1866, he married Mary E. Garside (1850-1923).

### Sources:

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This letter was written by 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant Harland Richardson to a Mr. Riley (possibly Joseph Riley, a merchant in Indianapolis at this time) while confined in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, 24 April 1864. In it he *again* requests being sent more food and clothing in large quantities. From this letter it appears that the Confederates were allowing officers to request supplies for the other prisoners.

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