

JAMES RILEY

LETTER, 28 JUNE 1865

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USER INFORMATION

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

James Riley (fl. 1860s) was probably from Harrison County, Indiana, and served with the Union Army during the Civil War.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a single sixteen page letter written by Riley with the Union Army at Camp Stoneman, Washington, D. C. to Miss Belle Hancock in Palmyra, Harrison County, Indiana, 28 June 1865. In the letter Riley describes his unnamed regiment's recent journey to the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House to bury the remains after battles there in May, 1864. He mainly details the military engagements and other historical events that had taken place along the way including traveling down the Potomac River past Mount Vernon, Virginia, disembarking at Belle Plain, Virginia and marching through Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville (where they buried remains of the dead from the Wilderness), and ending at Spotsylvania Court House. Riley also describes the destruction that had taken place and bleakness of the land.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Riley, James, fl. 1865

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Spotsylvania Court House, Battle of, Va., 1864

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