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**JAMES W. RAINES  
LETTER, 29 APRIL 1863**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James W. Raines (also spelled Rains, 1843–1906) was born and spent his entire life in Putnam County where he farmed. In October 1861, he enlisted in Company H. of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Regiment with the rank of corporal. In April 1864, Raines and the rest of the 43<sup>rd</sup> were taken prisoner near the Saline River in Arkansas. The regiment was exchanged on 25 February 1865 and was mustered out in September of that year.

Reuben E. Overton (1840–1864) lived in Putnam County, Indiana. In August 1861, he married Nancy Swift; they eventually had two children. Overton joined Company E of the 124<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment in December 1863. He was killed at the Battle of Chattanooga in September 1864.

### Sources:

*Ancestry*, Library Edition, accessed 17 January 2019

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Raines writes to Rehuben E. Overtont (Reuben E. Overton) from Helena, Arkansas, on 29 April 1863 while serving with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Indiana. In it he writes about news from home, their friendship, and that he is once again suffering from the chills.

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