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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Edward Palmer papers
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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Edward Palmer was a British botanist and archaeologist who toured the southeastern United States as an agent for the Smithsonian Institution the 1880s, locating and excavating Indian mounds. He examined the Toltec mounds, also known as the Knapp Mounds, in Lonoke County, mounds in Lincoln, Drew, White, Poinsett, Crittenden, and Saline Counties. Palmer spent a lot of time in Arkansas, and his exploration included old house sites and fortifications. In his notes, Palmer provides descriptions of some of the towns he passed through in Arkansas, as well as the people he met.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains the field notes of archeologist, ethnobotanist, and botanist, Edward Palmer, who visited Arkansas in the 1880s. These notes encompass locations of different mounds, lists of artifacts and skeletal remains found in the mounds and their descriptions, who owned the property at the time of excavation, and hypotheses on the usage of the mounds. Palmer describes the local communities that he comes in contact with throughout Arkansas, including the treatment and behavior of black Arkansans. Palmer briefly mentions the Chinese-Americans that were living in Arkansas in the 1880s. One photocopy sketch of Native mounds from the twelfth annual report to the Bureau of Ethnology.

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## **Administrative Information**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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1881

## Collection Inventory

1881

October 27: "Journey from Osceola"

November 10: Osceola, Mississippi County

November 12: Pecan Point, Mississippi County

November 29: Menard Mounds, eight miles southeast of Arkansas Post

December: Indian Bay, Monroe County

December 8: Saint Charles, Arkansas County

December: Lawrenceville, Monroe County

December 26: Holly Grove and vicinity

December 31: Clarendon, Monroe County

December: Arkansas Post

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January 2: Helena

January: "Marianna and other places in Ark."

February 2: "Journey to Washington D.C. from Arkansas"

July 4: Osceola, Mississippi County

October 13: "Journey to Little River, Ark"

November 1: Cherry Valley, Cross County

November 1: Crook Mounds, ten miles southeast of Forrest City

November 1: Old brick fort and Chairs' Mound near Forrest City

November 1: Mounds by Lake Anderson and house site near Forrest City

November 1: Forrest City and Little Rock

November 3: Madison and Arkansas City

December 6: DeSoto Mound, thirteen miles northwest of Arkansas City

December 6: Big Cypress Creek, Arkansas

November 22: Hollywood Plantation, Taylor Mounds, Drew County



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December 25: Knapp Mounds

December: Pine Bluff, Arkansas

December: Choctaw Mound

December: Houson Mound

December: Snugg's Mound

December: Wynn Mound

December: Franklin Mound

December: Clayton Mound

December: Mound at Arkansas City

Harrisburg and surrounding mounds

**1883**

January 3: Heckatoo, Lincoln County

January 3: Sarassa Mounds, Lincoln County

January 3: Smith's Mounds, Lincoln County

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January 3: Adams Mounds, Lincoln County

January 15: Mounds in Hot Spring and Pulaski counties

January 15: Benton, Saline County, and Hughes' Mound

February: Mississippi County

February: Akron, Independence County

February 2: Arkadelphia

February: Stephens' Mounds, six miles south of Newport, Arkansas

February: Anderson Estate Mounds, twelve miles northeast of Forrest City

February: House site on Anderson farm

February: Bradley's Landing, Crittenden County

February: Winchester Station, Drew County

February: Filler Mound

February: Old fortification, Arkansas River, Desha County

February: Waldestein Mounds

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February: Mounds near Arkadelphia

February: Ancient Indian canal, Pulaski County

February: Carpenters Mounds

February: Indian Bayou, Lonoke County

February: Dasaic, Arkansas

February: Tyronza Station, Poinsett County

February: Roman Mounds, Highland Lake, Crittenden County

February: Gilmore Station, Crittenden County

February: Pacific Place, Crittenden County

February: Scanlon's Landing, Crittenden County

September 16: Bryant Station, Saline County

October 2: "Malvern for Judsonia"

October 6: West Point, White County

Jamestown, Jefferson County

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Batesville, Jefferson County

1884 July 1: Knapp Mounds

Miscellaneous notes, sketch, and envelope