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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Albert Pike papers [photocopies]
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1879-1890
<b>Extent</b>	0.05 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Microform [Reel]</b>	MG00207

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Albert Pike was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 29, 1809. He had many different professions through the years, including lawyer, newspaper editor, writer, and teacher. In 1831, he traveled to Santa Fe in Mexico Territory, where he took part in some exploratory expeditions. In 1834, Pike married Mary Ann Hamilton and settled in Little Rock, Arkansas. During the Mexican War, he helped raise the Little Rock Guards and served as their captain. At the start of the Civil War, Pike was given the task of forming treaties with the Indians. Appointed brigadier general in Indian Territory, he received constant complaints and criticism from other Confederate leaders concerning the conduct of his Indian troops. In response to the mounting hostility, Pike resigned in 1862. He moved to Washington, District of Columbia, in 1870, where he became increasingly involved with the Masonic Lodge, an organization of which he had been a member since 1850. Pike died in Washington, District of Columbia, April 2, 1891.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains copies of correspondence and an autobiography of Albert Pike.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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Correspondence: 1879-1890

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## Collection Inventory

### Correspondence: 1879-1890

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to ? 1879 March 10

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to ? 1879 July 20

Albert Pike, [Washington, D.C.], to "Friend" 1880 October 24

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "Mrs. T" 1882 December 21

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to [Mar.] 1883 February 25

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "Dear Friend" 1885 October 20

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "Dear Friend" 1886 December 27

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "Dear Friend" 1886 December 27

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to ? 1887 February 5

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "S" 1888 October 7

Albert Pike, Washington, D.C., to "Dear Friend" 1890 April 15

**Autobiographical sketch and narrative**

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Autobiographical sketch: Albert Pike undated

Narrative: Explanation of Albert Pike correspondence undated