

# A Guide to the Ambrose Bierce Collection

Ambrose Bierce Collection 1898

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## Descriptive Summary

**Collection Number**

5992-p

**Language**

English

**Extent**

1 item

**Repository**

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
USA

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open to research.

**Use Restrictions**

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**Aquisition Information**

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## Item List

### Letter

**Ambrose Bierce, Wright's, California, to Belle Hershberg, Oakland, California**

**Unit Date** 1898 Aug 30

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p. on 1 l., with  
envelope

**Scope and Content**

[Bierce declines a guided tour of Silver Lakedue to his poor health and continues by teasing Belle about her younger sister, "I'm thinking seriously of transferring my love from Hattie to you. You don't move away without notice, and -well, your mother's right in worrying about Hattie. That girl needs a convent worse than Selma -a convent with more austere 'sisters' and higher walls, topped with broken glass. A sentinel with a repeating rifle might be added."]