

# Guide to the George Burbank Shattuck Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1722

**CREATOR:** Shattuck, George Burbank, 1869-1934

**TITLE:** George Burbank Shattuck papers

**DATES:** 1919-1927

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers are comprised of diaries, clippings, photographs, and research materials. The bulk of the papers document Shattuck's involvement in a 1919-1920 anthropological expedition to East Africa, led by Leonard John Vanden Bergh. During this expedition, Shattuck kept a detailed travel diary and took many photographs which document native clothing, rituals, and culture. The collection also includes a less detailed diary of an expedition to Honduras in 1922.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the African Collection Curator, 1997.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Burbank Shattuck was born in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1869. He taught geology at John Hopkins University from 1897 to 1905 and at Vassar College from 1906 until his death in 1934. Shattuck also traveled extensively as a photographer for anthropological expeditions to locations including Africa, Central America, and the American West.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Ethnology -- Africa, East

### **Geographic Names**

Africa, East -- Description and travel

Africa, East -- Social life and customs

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs -- Africa, East

### **Names**

Shattuck, George Burbank, 1869-1934

Vanden Bergh, Leonard John