



Charles Houston Shattuck

1909-1917

Charles Houston Shattuck, first head of the Department of Forestry and first dean of the College of Letters and Science, was born in Vandalia, Missouri, November 21, 1867. He attended Watson Seminary in Ashley, Kansas, Zanerian Art College in Columbus, Missouri, and Campbell College, Holton, Kansas, from which he received a B.S. (1894) and an M.S. (1898).

His association with Campbell College (which no longer exists) lasted some 13 years. Besides being a student there, he was an instructor in physics and chemistry (1895-1898) and later professor of biology and geology and simultaneously vice president and registrar (1898-1903).

While on the faculty of Campbell College, Shattuck worked on a baccalaureate degree from the University of Chicago. He earned a B.A. degree in 1903, and that year left Campbell College to become professor of natural history at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. He also continued to pursue studies at the University of Chicago, earning an M.S. (forestry) in 1905 and a Ph.D. (botany and forestry) in 1908.

During the summer of 1908, he was instructor in botany at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. That fall he went to Clemson University as professor of botany and forestry. The following summer he pursued post-doctoral studies with Dr. C.A. Schenck of the Biltmore School of Forestry.

Shattuck came to the University of Idaho in 1909, where he was professor of forestry and first head of the Department of Forestry. In 1914, he was appointed dean of the College of Letters and Science; he retained his forestry responsibilities. Shattuck left the University of Idaho in 1917 for the University of California, Berkeley, where he was professor of forestry in charge of grazing.

In 1919, Shattuck returned to Idaho to assume the position of secretary and manager of the Mountain States Building and Loan Association of Idaho Falls.

Charles Houston Shattuck died in Idaho Falls, on August 31, 1931.