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**Samuel Phillips Verner Papers**

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**Samuel Phillips Verner Papers, 1880-1943 and 1985**  
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Author: Verner, Samuel Phillips (1873-1943)

**Extent: 5.0 linear ft.**

**Collection Location: 5-J-4-1**

**Accession Numbers: 386, 388, 5481, 5673 & 7850 & 10298**

**Background**

First honor graduate of the S. C. College, 1892, missionary, author, explorer, newspaper editor and educator. Resident of Africa, Panama, and elsewhere; native of South Carolina.

**Scope and Content**

Papers providing information on all phases of his life including certain business ventures in the African Congo and conditions in Panama during construction of the Canal and World War I. Reports, essays, diplomas and articles written for *The Carolinian* cover his college years.

Family correspondence, business papers, attempts to sell insurance and promote real estate developments, letters from various publishing houses and lecture bureaus during the next two years indicate financial difficulties and efforts to get articles and books published, including letters of Walter H. and William Page, William Jennings Bryan and Willa S. Cather. Correspondence with the U. S. Department of Agriculture reveals Verner's efforts to introduce into America an African rubber plant discovered by him.

Newspaper clippings, published articles and pamphlets, photographs made in Africa and Panama, manuscripts of articles, stories, and novels complete the collection.

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Folder 145: 22 MPs, 21 Octr. 1943 & n.d. (newspaper clippings)

Folder 146: 3 vols. bd., Mar. June 1892

#### Autobiography

Folders 148-49: MS(T), n.d.

#### Poetry

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#### Short Fiction

Folder 155: "Banker Norton"

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Folders 284-90: 26 June 1889 – 17 Oct. 1943 & n.d.  
Folder 291: 3 vols. bd., n.d.

Writings  
Folders 292-96: Africa – *The Travels of Ntoka*  
Folders 297-307: Africa – *How We Tamed the Baschiele*

MS vol. bd., n.d. *Old Wine – A Tale of Two Continents*

6 vols. bd., 1800-1903 & n.d.  
*Le Congo* (1883)  
*Tropical Africa* (1889)  
*The Congo Conference: Report of the Secretary of State...* (1886)  
*Cape Colony for the Settler* (1903)  
*Travels in the interior Districts of Africa...* (1800)  
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