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Manuscript Collections

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Shattuck, David Olcott, Papers, 1856

**LOCATION:**

Misc. mss. boxes "S"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

1 folder (58 items)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

For biography of Shattuck, see Lemuel Shattuck, *Shattuck Memorials* (Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, 1855), p. 288-289.

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Unknown

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

David Olcott Shattuck (1800- ) was born in Colchester, Conn., traveled extensively through the South, became a Methodist preacher and judge in Mississippi, and a professor of law at Centenary College in Jackson, La. In 1849, Shattuck and his family moved to San Francisco, Calif., where he was elected a judge of the Superior Court in 1850.

This collection consists of a certified copy of Judge Shattuck's notes written while presiding over a lawsuit in San Francisco in 1856 (i.e., the suit of the Penny Post Company vs. Charles L. Weller ( - ), city postmaster, who was charged with obstructing the flow of mail to the Company, thereby causing loss of business). The extensive notes include all witnesses' testimony, cross-examinations, objections, and a list of the letters in question that were addressed to the Penny Post Company.