

# **Linton Satterthwaite Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator</b>	Satterthwaite, Linton, 1897-1978
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## Biography/History

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Satterthwaite became Curator of the American Section of the Penn Museum and a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1955. As Curator, Satterthwaite accomplished a systematic locational guide and inventory of the collections from the new world. Satterthwaite published his findings from 1930 to 1962 in the Museum Bulletin as well as American Anthropologist, Science, American Antiquity, Scientific American, and Archaeology. In 1947, his work titled, "Concepts and Structures of Maya Calendrical Arithmetics" was published by the Museum and the Philadelphia Anthropological Society. Dr. Satterthwaite presented papers at scholarly meetings including, "Moon Ages and the Maya Inscriptions: the Problem of their Seven-day Range of Deviation from Calculated Mean Ages" at the Proceedings of the 29th International Congress of Americanists in 1951. Satterthwaite retired from the Museum as Curator and Professor Emeritus in 1969. He died on March 11, 1978 having made significant contributions to the intricate study of Maya hieroglyphics and chronology. His volume on the Caracol expedition, co-authored by Carl Beetz, was published after his death.

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The administrative files series includes items such as financial records, department and museum memoranda, lecture notes, exhibit labels, staff meeting summaries and offers of gifts.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Belize
- Caracol site (Belize)
- Tikal Site (Guatemala)

### PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Beyer, Hermann, b. 1880-d. 1942
- Butler, Mary, 1903-1970
- Coe, William R. , 1926-2009
- Jones, Christopher, b. 1937
- Kelly, D.H., b.1923
- Mason, John Alden, 1885-1967
- Proskouriakoff, Tatiana, 1909-1985
- Satterthwaite, Linton, 1897-1978
- Thompson, J. Eric S., Sir, b.1898-d.1975

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Anthropology
- Maya language
- Tzeltal language

## Collection Inventory

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- Maya language

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