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FIRST among the explorers to visit Quirigua was Frederick Catherwood, the companion of John L. Stephens. Catherwood went to the place early in the year 1840, and the first notice concerning the ruins and his visit appeared on May 7 of that year in *El Tiempo*, a newspaper published in the City of Guatemala. Another account was printed in the *Moniteur Parisien* of Paris, and doubtless other notices regarding Catherwood's discovery of Quirigua might be found in various journals of the period. The first extended account is contained in Stephens' work, published in 1841. Following is a chronological list of the more important

publications containing notices or descriptions and views of Quirigua, but it does not pretend to include all the writings devoted merely to the study or mention of the hieroglyphic inscriptions, nor those not containing original or source material.

1841

STEPHENS, JOHN LLOYD. Incidents of travel in Central America, Chiapas, and Yucatan. New York.

For Quirigua see vol. II, pp. 118-124, 2 pl.

1844

AMÉRIQUE CENTRALE. Colonisation du district de Santo-Thomas, de Guatemala par la communauté de l'union fondée par la Compagnie Belge de Colonisation. Collection de renseignements publiés ou recueillis par la Compagnie. Paris.

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1854

STEPHENS, JOHN LLOYD, and CATHERWOOD, FREDERICK. Incidents of travel in Central America, Chiapas, and Yucatan. Revised from the

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latest American edition with additions by Frederick Catherwood. London.

The original edition of two volumes has been brought into the compass of a single volume. The account of Quirigua is on pp. 291-297, the two plates being pp. 292 and 294. There is only a single change in the reading in the two editions. Stephens, in closing his account, says, in regard to negotiations he entered into for the purchase of the monuments for removal to the United States, that he "left an offer with Mr Savage, the result of which is uncertain; but I trust that when these pages reach the hands of the reader, two of the largest monuments will be on their way to this city" (New York). In the London edition of 1854 this paragraph reads, "I left an offer with Mr Savage, which was not accepted, and the monuments remain where first discovered."

1855

SCHERZER, KARL. Ein Besuch bei den Ruinen von Quiriguá im Staate Guatemala in Central - Amerika. *Kais. Akademie der Wissenschaften*, Wien, Bd. xvi, pp. 228-240. Also reprint, 15 pp.

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Habel gives a brief description (pp. 14-16) of some of the sculptures; he was there early in the sixties, as he spent seven years in Central America and South America, from 1862 to 1869.

1882

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MAUDSLAY, ALFRED P. Explorations in Guatemala, and examination of the newly-discovered Indian ruins of Quirigua, etc. *Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society*, London, new monthly series, vol. v, no. 4, pp. 185-190; map of Guatemala and plan of the ruins.

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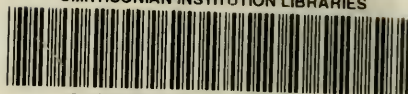




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