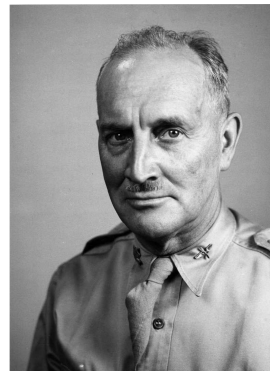


## **Press Release**

### **The Real "Around the World in 80 Days."**

June, 2004-- Harry A. Franck, a real-life Phileas Fogg, began his own travels around-the-world one hundred years this month. His best-selling book "Vagabond Journey Around the World," published in 1910, is full of photographs taken by the author during those travels.

Tucson residents and Harry A. Franck descendents Steven and Brenda Huettner hold the largest known private collection of Harry A. Franck books and memorabilia.

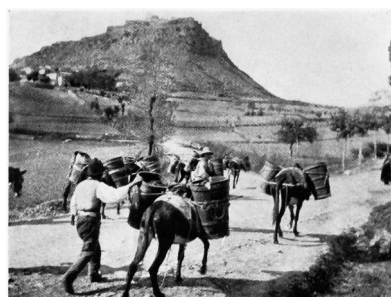


Unlike Phileas, Harry was neither an inventor nor rich. He wrote, *"I believe a man with a bit of energy and good health could start without money and make a journey around the globe."*

So he walked for most of the journey, taking photos along the way. Harry Franck took 18 months to circumnavigate the globe, working his way around the world by sweeping up after elephants in India or pulling weeds in Mecca. He shoveled coal, tended cattle and worked for a circus.



A factory of red roof-tiles near Naples. The girl works from daylight to dark for sixteen cents



Italian peasants returning from the vineyards to the village



On the road between Haifa and Nazareth I meet a road-repair gang, all women but the boss

Harry Franck went on to become a popular travel author in the 1920s and 1930s, with over 30 books to his credit. He also wrote many articles for Century Magazine, Travel Magazine, Reader's Digest, and more. His last manuscript, "Winter Journey through the Ninth," about the Ninth Air Force in WWII, was completed in 1945 and published by the Huettners under their Tucson-based imprint, Prince of the Road Press, in 2001.

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