Guide to the Thomas Heazle Parke Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Parke, Thomas Heazle, 1857-1893

TITLE: Thomas Heazle Parke papers

DATES: 1881–1914

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of letters written by Thomas H. Parke to his sister, Isabel Beatty, about his travels with Henry M. Stanley in Africa. Also included are telegrams and newspapers clippings.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Heazle Parke was born in Ireland on November 27, 1857 and entered the British Army Medical Service in 1881 as a surgeon. He saw service in Egypt between 1882 and 1885, and accompanied Henry M. Stanley’s expedition in 1887 as an unpaid volunteer. Throughout the expedition Parke commanded a company in addition to acting as the medical and sanitation officer. He returned to England in 1890 and was attached to the 2nd Lifeguards in London, and was subsequently employed at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Parke died suddenly on September 10, 1893. He was the author of articles on his travels and on professional subjects.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of letters written by Thomas H. Parke to his sister, Isabel Beatty, about his travels with Henry M. Stanley in Africa. Also included are telegrams and newspapers clippings.
## Collection Contents

### Inventory

The Thomas H. Parke Papers consist primarily of letters from Thomas Heazle Parke to his sister, Isabel Beatty, regarding his travels with Henry M. Stanley.

Correspondence to and from others and printed material complete the collection which was purchased in 1993.

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Explorers -- Africa, Sub-Saharan
Explorers -- Great Britain

Geographic Names
Africa

Names
Parke, Thomas Heazle, 1857-1893
Stanley, Henry M. (Henry Morton), 1841-1904