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# Guide to the Horace Waller Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 72

**CREATOR:** Waller, Horace, 1833-1896

**TITLE:** Horace Waller Papers

**DATES:** 1858-1896

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers supplement and provide supporting detail for the [major collection of Waller papers](#) located at Rhodes House Library in Oxford, England. These papers document the Zambezi expedition of David Livingstone (1813-1873) and the early history of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. Waller's friendship with Livingstone is apparent in their correspondence. Waller's deep interest in Africa and the problem of slavery continued throughout his life and is reflected in the diaries dated 1875-1876 during his rectorate at Twywell. Horace Waller was born in London in 1833. He went to Africa in 1861 as Lay Superintendent of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. He resigned from the Mission in 1863 following a disagreement related to liberated slaves under the care of the Mission. In 1864, Waller returned to England. He became a member of the committee of the Anti-Slavery Society. He edited David Livingstone's journals for publication. He served as rector of Twywell, Thrapston, Northamptonshire from 1874 to 1895. Horace Waller died at East Liss, Hampshire in 1896.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.072>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

These items were purchased by the Library in 1983; they had been in the possession of Mrs. A.L. Baldwin, adopted daughter of Horace Waller's son. They supplement and provide supporting detail for the major collection of Waller papers located at Rhodes House Library in Oxford, England.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Horace Waller Papers (RG 72), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

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### Related Materials

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1833	○ Born in London. Following his education, joined his father in business on the Stock Exchange
1861	○ Went to Africa as Lay Superintendent of Universities' Mission to Central Africa under leadership of Bishop Charles F. Mackenzie
1863	○ Resigned position with the Universities' Mission following disagreement with Bishop T.G. Tozer, Mackenzie's successor, regarding liberated slaves who had been under care of the Mission
1864	○ Returned to England
1867	○ Licensed to curacy of St. John's Chatham
1870	○ Became member of the committee of the Anti-Slavery Society ○ Appointed vicar of Leytonstone, Essex
1874	○ Edited journals of David Livingstone for publication
1874-1895	○ Rector of Twywell, Thrapston, Northamptonshire
1896	○ Died at East Liss, Hampshire

#### Publications

- 1888 *On Some African Entanglements of Great Britain*
- 1890 *Nyassaland: Great Britain's Case Against Portugal*
- 1891 *Ivory, Apes, and Peacocks: an African Contemplation*
- 1893 *Health Hints for Central Africa*
- 1894 *Slaving and Slavery in our British Protectorates, Nyassaland and Zanzibar*

1896 *The Case of Our Zanzibar Slaves: Why Not Liberate Them?*

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of Horace Waller are a prime source of information regarding the Zambezi expedition of David Livingstone and the early history of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. Livingstone and Waller corresponded frequently and had much confidence in each other. Waller wrote to his mother in 1863 regarding Livingstone: "I daresay you will see something of him if he goes home. He and I are and always have been so intimate I feel sure he would feel a great pleasure in telling you all about this poor tortured land." (Letter of 1863 July 16, Box 1 Folder 8) This manuscript group includes five letters from Waller to Livingstone and one letter and one note written by Livingstone to Waller. Letters written by Waller to his family during the period 1861 to 1864 describe in detail his experiences in Africa and the controversies surrounding the location and policies of the Universities' Mission. Waller's deep interest in Africa and the problem of slavery continued throughout his life and is reflected in the diaries for 1875 and 1876 which are contained in this manuscript group.

The correspondence of Series I includes twenty-one letters or fragments of letters written by Waller to his family and ten letters to or from others. The letter and note from David Livingstone are of particular interest because they are not among those listed in *David Livingstone: a Catalogue of Documents*, compiled by G.W. Clendennen and I.C. Cunningham. Summaries of the contents of the letters in this manuscript group are contained in a description of the collection provided by the dealer from whom they were purchased. (See Box 2, following folder 25.)

Series II contains a variety of manuscript and printed writings: a list written by Waller during his school days, a pencilled journal possibly written by Waller's brother which describes travels through South Africa, Waller's diaries for the years 1875 and 1876, a small book published by Waller in 1891, and an article written about Waller following his death in 1896.

Series III contains four photographs. Dates and identification have been noted as available. The identification of the individual standing by a coffin in one of these photographs has been supplied on the basis of a similar photograph found in Donald Simpson's work *Dark Companions*.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1861-1873
- II. Diaries, writings, 1858 -1896
- III. Photographs, 1864, 1874, undated

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1861-1873

Digital copies of correspondence with David Livingstone are available. See folder records for links, or email [divinity.library@yale.edu](mailto:divinity.library@yale.edu).

#### Correspondence to Family

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to father	1861 May 1
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to father	1861 May 8
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to parents	1861 October 20, November 12
b. 1, f. 3	AL to mother	1862 November 7
b. 1, f. 3	AL to father	1862 November 22
b. 1, f. 4	AL to parents	1863 January 25
b. 1, f. 4	AL to father	1863 February 21
b. 1, f. 5	AL to mother	1863 February 23
b. 1, f. 5	AL to mother	1863 March 22
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to brother Gerald	1863 March 29
b. 1, f. 6	Addition to letter to mother	1863 April 11
b. 1, f. 7	AL to father	1863 June 29
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to brother and sister	1863 July 13
b. 1, f. 8	AL to mother	1863 July 16
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to father	1863 September 11
b. 1, f. 9	AL to mother	1863 October 10
b. 1, f. 9	AL to parents	1863 November 16
b. 1, f. 10	AL to father	1863 December 9
b. 1, f. 10	AL to parents	1864 January 9
b. 1, f. 10	AL to Alice (wife)	1882 or 1883?
	AL postscript	undated

#### Correspondence with Others

## Correspondence with Others (continued)

b. 1, f. 12	AL to J.G.R. Strong	1861 December 14
b. 1, f. 12	AL to Dr. Mellor (Charles James Mellor) with dried plants enclosed	1862 January 3
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to Mr. Joseph	1862 September 6
b. 1, f. 13	ANS from David Livingstone <a href="#">ANS from David Livingstone, 1863</a>	1863 June 12
b. 1, f. 14	ALS from David Livingstone <a href="#">ALS from David Livingstone, 1864</a>	1864? April 2
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to David Livingstone <a href="#">ALS to David Livingstone, 1866</a>	1866 November 20
b. 1, f. 15	AL to David Livingstone	1869 December 23
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to David Livingstone <a href="#">ALS to David Livingstone, 1870</a>	1870 February 17
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to David Livingstone <a href="#">ALS to David Livingstone, 1872</a>	1872 February 5
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to David Livingstone	1873 August 27

**Series II: Diaries, Writings, 1858 -1896**

b. 2, f. 17	AMs list of items collected at Braingorton	1858 August 29
b. 2, f. 18	Journal	1864 June 2-29
b. 2, f. 19	Diary	1875
b. 2, f. 20	Diary	1876
b. 2, f. 21	Book: <i>Ivory, Apes and Peacocks</i> by H. Waller	1891
b. 2, f. 22	Issue of <i>Central Africa</i> , monthly record of the work of the Universities' Mission, including article "In Memoriam Horace Waller"	1896 April



**Series III: Photographs, 1864, 1874, undated**

b. 2, f. 23	Waller with six liberated slaves	1864
b. 2, f. 24	Jacob Wainwright with Livingstone's coffin (?)	1874?
b. 2, f. 25	Chuma and Susi	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Waller in later years	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Description of collection provided by dealer	

## **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**

Missionaries  
Missions  
Missions -- Africa  
Slavery

### **Geographic Names**

Africa -- History

### **Names**

Livingstone, David, 1813-1873  
Waller, Horace, 1833-1896

### **Corporate Body**

Universities' Mission to Central Africa