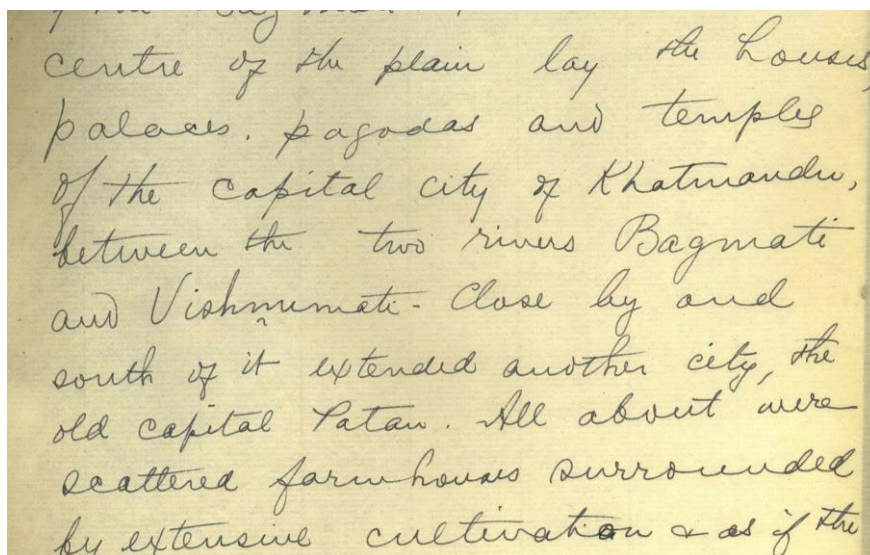


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 3

Finding Aid for

Henry Ballantine Papers, 1888



Henry Ballantine, "A Trip to the Himalayas," page 50. Credit to MRL3: Henry Ballantine Papers, box 1, folder 1, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Henry Ballantine, 1846 – 1914
Title: Henry Ballantine Papers
Date: 1888
Abstract: Mimeograph manuscript originally written by Ballantine, merchant to Bombay and son of an American missionary, describing a trip to the Himalayas and Nepal.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Presented to the Mission Research Library by Mabel Hay Barrows Mussey on May 13, 1931. Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to The Burke Library Archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 3: Henry Ballantine Papers, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Henry Ballantine was born on November 18, 1846 in Ahmednagar, India to missionary parents Elizabeth and Henry Ballantine. His father was an 1834 graduate of Andover Theological Seminary who travelled to India in 1835. Henry Sr. served the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) Marathi Mission for over thirty years, becoming a well-known leader in India before dying at sea on his way back to the United States in 1865.

Henry Ballantine graduated from Amherst College in 1868. The following year he married Charlotte Elizabeth, with whom he had four children. He worked as a merchant in Bombay from 1870 to 1872, and then in New York until 1891, when he returned to Bombay to serve as consul from 1891-1896. Henry later worked as a claims adjuster for an insurance company, and he maintained offices in Bombay, Calcutta, and other cities in India until his death in Seattle, WA on October 30, 1914. Ballantine was the author of two books about his travels in South Asia.

Publications:

- Ballantine, Henry. *Midnight Marches Through Persia*. Boston: Lee & Shepard Publishers, 1879.
- Ballantine, Henry. "Nepaul, the Land of the Goorkhas." *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* 78, (1889): pp. 467-483.
- Ballantine, Henry. *On India's Frontier; or Nepal, the Gurkhas' Mysterious Land*. New York: J. Selwin Tait & Sons, 1895.

Sources:

- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, "Rev. Henry Ballantine," *The Missionary Herald* 62, Cambridge: Riverside Press, 1866, pp. 37-41.

Montague, W. L., "Henry Ballantine, A.M.," *Biographical Record of the Alumni of Amherst College During Its First Half Century 1821-1871*, Amherst, MA: J. E. Williams Press, 1883.

Shavit, David, "Ballantine, Henry," *The United States in Asia: A Historical Dictionary*, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1990.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of one seventy-eight page mimeographed manuscript describing a trip to the Himalayas and Nepal. The manuscript is very detailed in its description of events. Ballantine details the terrain and weather of each location, as well as those accompanying him on the journey. He explains the definition and importance of select terms in the Indian language, information on the army, historical events, and clothing of indigenous people. Ballantine describes the gods worshipped by the Indians, along with ceremonies for visitors.

A version of this document was later published in *Harper's Magazine* as "Nepaul, the Land of the Goorkhas."

The manuscript was donated by Mabel Hay Barrows Mussey, who was the daughter of Isabel Chapin Burrows. Isabel's first husband was William Wilberforce Chapin, who was also in India as part of the ABCFM.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

Further Sources

The Burke Library offers other material in the Missionary Research Library section 3 relating to South Asia, including a specific collection for the Marathi Mission:

http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/mrl/ldpd_4492549.pdf.

Information on other MRL3 collections available at The Burke can be found online at:

<http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/burke/archives/mrl.html>, including the papers of William Wilberforce Chapin, ABCFM missionary to India.

The Burke Library owns a collection of American Board (ABCFM) records, more information on which can be found at:

http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/mrl/ldpd_4492650.pdf.

The main records of the ABCFM are held by the Houghton Library, Harvard College Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts and the following link is to the Finding Aid of that collection: <http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01467>. Microfilms of various sections of the Houghton Library collection, most commonly of the earliest pre-1919 correspondence, can be found in many academic libraries.

The Congregational Library also offers ABCFM records. Information on archives and access to finding guides can be found online: <http://www.congregationallibrary.org/resources/archives-and-finding-guides>.

Yale University also has an ABCFM collection which includes American Marathi Mission records, which can be viewed here: <http://www.library.yale.edu/div/fa/HR1004.htm>.

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	"A Trip to the Himalayas and the Land of Nepal and the Gurkas," extracts from a paper by Henry Ballantine of Bombay, India, April 1888