

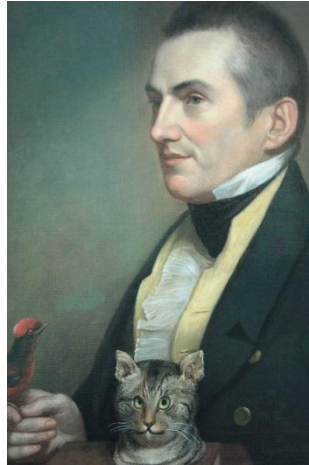
UTS1: Charles Waterton Papers, 1830-1837

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Finding Aid for

## **Charles Waterton Papers, 1830-1837**



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### **Summary Information**

Creator: Charles Waterton, 1782-1865  
 Title: Charles Waterton Papers  
 Inclusive dates: 1830 – 1837  
 Bulk dates: 1830 – 1837  
 Abstract: Two manuscript letters written by Charles Waterton, famed English naturalist, conservationist, explorer and nobleman.  
 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  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The Charles Waterton Papers are part of the Union Theological Seminary Archives, which comprises institutional and administrative records of the Seminary, combined with the papers of many organizations, scholars, pastors, laypersons, and others connected with the school. These papers were partially processed in 2014, and completed as part of a large group of unprocessed material that was organized in 2018 during an archival processing grant funded by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
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- 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, UTS: Charles Waterton Papers, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

Charles Waterton was born on June 3, 1782 in Wakefield, England, to a prominent noble family. In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Waterton traveled throughout South America and the United States, visiting and overseeing his family's plantations there; Waterton's travels throughout the two continents would later influence his work as a naturalist. Upon returning to Europe in 1830, Waterton traveled throughout the continent, surveying flora and fauna throughout England, Belgium, France, and Italy.

During these travels, Waterton published a series of influential essays on natural history, mixing both biological and ecological observations with personal autobiography. These travels also coincided with Waterton's entrance into theological debates, in which he vigorously defended Catholicism against attacks or critiques by Anglican writers (the pamphlet draft held in this collection is an example of such writing).

In the mid-1840s, Waterton returned to his familial home, Walton Hall, where he began a series of environmental reforms: preserving local woodlands, improving drainage systems, and advocating against pollution from nearby factories and industrial areas; much of his work at Walton became a model for later 19<sup>th</sup> century British environmentalists. Charles Waterton passed away May 27, 1865, and was buried near Walton Hall.

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### Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection contains two manuscript letters by Charles Waterton. The first is a letter to his typographer, Richard Nichols, about possible corrections to an unnamed manuscript in progress. The second is an unaddressed "Letter on the Church of England", a manuscript draft of a Catholic pamphlet published later that year by Waterton and Nichols.

The collection is organized in one series:

- **Series 1: Correspondence, 1830-1837 (1 boxes, 0.25 lin. ft.)**

This series contains two letters written by Waterton, an 1830 letter to Richard Nichols, and an 1837 "Letter on the Church of England", an unaddressed pamphlet draft.

### Processing

All folded items have been flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

### Further Sources

Further Waterton papers are held in the American Philosophical Society Library. See <https://search.amphilsoc.org/collections/view?docId=ead/Mss.Film.1298-ead.xml>

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**Contents list****Series 1: Correspondence, 1830-1837 (1 boxes, 0.25 lin. ft.)**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	1830 letter to Richard Nichols
1	1	2	"Letter on the Church of England"
1	1	3	"Delenda est Carthago" [Letter on the Church of England (...) Parson Gregg's unprovoked attack on the Catholic Religion, February 14, 1837]