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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Ballantine, Henry, 1846-1914
Title:	Henry Ballantine papers
ID:	6277149
Date:	1888
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Mimeograph manuscript originally written by Henry Ballantine (1846-1914), merchant to Bombay and son of American missionary to India Henry Ballantine (1813-1865), describing a trip to the Himalayas and Nepal.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL3: Henry Ballantine papers, 1888, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Henry Ballantine was born on November 18, 1846 in Ahmednagar, India to missionary parents Elizabeth and Henry Ballantine. His father, Henry Ballantine (1813-1865) 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.

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Biographical / Historical

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. Ballantine 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.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were donated by Mabel Hay Barrows Mussey (daughter of Isabel Chapin Burrows, whose first husband was William Wilberforce Chapin, another missionary in India as part of the ABCFM) on May 13, 1931, and accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Melissa Lemons in 2007, reviewed and updated by Kristen Leigh Southworth and Brigitte C. Kamsler in 2013 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Related Materials

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MRL 12: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions records, 1878-1958, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Himalaya Mountains -- Description and travel
- Nepal -- Description and travel
- Ballantine, Henry, 1846-1914 -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL3, South Asia

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"A Trip to the Himalayas and the Land of Nepal and the Gurkas" , April 1888 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 folder	box 1	folder 1

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