

BUCKLEY

Serjeantson, R.J. (son in law of Mrs Buckley) to S.F. Harmer
26 June 1908

Mrs Buckley wishes me (her son-in-law) to forward you the enclosed catalogue of the heads etc. in the late Mr. Buckley's collection. I have taken the pages out of the book that contain other matter, so that the museum might keep his own entries about the various heads etc. You will see the list contains several entries of -- heads and horns, these Mrs Buckley is keeping and I have made a copy of the extracts for her. You will notice also some items I have struck out and written 'kept by Mrs Buckley' against. in addition to these she is keeping one pair of rhinoceros horns. I think they belong to the black species but you will be able to identify it by measurement. I have not marked it as a 'keep'. She is also keeping all the skins, otherwise I think the list should be correct, but as some of the specimens came into Mr Buckley's possession some time ago, some of the items particularly minor curios may have either perished or gone astray. Mrs Buckley hopes to forward the collection to you next week, but you shall have word of their departure from here, later. The stuffed heads are to be packed in a van. The horns and sculls are packed in straw in two large crates. The spears, arrows, etc. tied in bundles, the shields in a separate box and the curios in a small box. The whole have been packed by men who have had large experience in packing such things, so I hope the collection will reach you in safety. Mrs Buckley hopes to move into her new house about the second week in July, her address will there be: Ardassie, Brora, Sutherlandshire. I had hope to be in Cambridge to personally see you about the removal of the heads to the museum, but circumstances prevented us coming so far south, however, my wife and I shall some day hope both to make your acquaintance and see the collection in its final resting place.

PS. Would Mrs Buckley write Baron von Hugel herself about the curiosities? or would you kindly make the arrangements for their transfer to his department yourself, for her.

Buckley Collection of ANTELOPES, etc.
List of specimens and localities.

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In most cases the specimens had no marks showing what they were. In some, there was information written on the backs of the stands, though in some of these it was obvious that a shield which had been used for one specimen had been used afterwards for another specimen and that the writing on the back had not been altered.

A MS. catalogue kept by Mr Buckley was sent by Mrs Buckley with the specimens. In many cases the records show measurements, so that it can be ascertained which specimen is intended, in these cases. But Mr Buckley was not quite consistent in taking horn-measurements, which seem to be usually taken along the curve, or the inner side. In at least one case noticed the measurement recorded in the catalogue is that taken in a straight line. In one or two cases a slip has probably been made in recording the measurements.

Some information was obtained from Mr Buckley's diaries, sent by Mrs Buckley.

As there may be a question whether a specimen has been correctly correlated with the catalogue, the different sources from which the information has been obtained are kept distinct. A list has been made, and is placed with Mr Buckley's Catalogue, of all the specimens recorded in that Catalogue, but not accounted for. In the majority of species, all the entries were correlated with actual specimens.

Information from the Specimens	Information from the Catalogue	Fossils
<p>137. <u>Hippopotamus amphibius</u> Skull + lower jaw [apparently ♀] H.10.732</p>	<p>12 <u>H. amphibius</u>, Skull. E.Africa. A.D. Mackinnon, 1897.</p>	<p>143. H. 332</p>
<p>138. <u>Phacochoerus africanus</u> Head. H.13.056</p>	<p>9 <u>P. africanus</u>. Head. ♂. Masai Land, E.Africa, 5/3/89. Diary. Not far W the E. of Kilimanjaro: "a magnificient Vitark Vark Boar".</p>	<p>Do these belong to distinct species? It is not easy to be sure which of the two heads to refer to each entry. The smaller specimen shows its incisors, and appears to be <u>P. africanus</u>. Diary. "The two heads which I have just seen are..."</p>
<p>139. Head. H.13.057</p>	<p>3 <u>P. aethiopicus</u>. Head. ♂. Samouqui R., Matabili Land, S.Africa, 15/9/73</p>	<p>144. 145. 10.11.5</p>
<p>140. <u>Rhinoceros bicornis</u>. Part of skull + horns "Rhino. ♂". Front horn $2\frac{1}{2}$: hindh. $12\frac{1}{4}$. 1.6484.</p>	<p>8 Black Rhinoceros. Horns ♂. Masai Land, E.Africa, 22/2/89. Front horn $2\frac{1}{2}$: hind horn 12: Base 19.</p>	<p>Diary. "The two heads which I have just seen are..."</p>
<p>141. Part of skull + horns. "Bl. Rhinoceros. ♂. Masai Land 1889" [Front horn, 19]</p>	<p>8 Black Rhinoceros. Horns ♂. Masai Land, E.Africa, 22/2/89. Front horn 19: base 16$\frac{1}{2}$.</p>	<p>147. 118.5</p>
<p>142. Part of skull + horns. "Rhino. ♀". Front horn, 24: round base, $16\frac{1}{2}$: hind horn, $10\frac{1}{4}$. 1.6486.</p>	<p>8 <u>Rhinoceros africanus</u> Horns, ♀. Masai Land, E.Africa, 23/2/89. Front horn 24: base $16\frac{1}{4}$: hind horn $10\frac{1}{4}$.</p>	<p>148. 118.5</p>