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For
Caroline and Isabel

C H R O N O L O G Y

- 1813 **19 March.** Livingstone born in Blantyre,
Scotland
- 1823 Begins work in cotton mill
- 1836 Begins medical studies at Anderson College,
Glasgow
- 1838 Trains at London Missionary Society seminary
- 1840 **20 November.** Ordained
- 1841 **15 March.** Arrives in South Africa
31 July. Arrives at Kuruman mission station
- 1841-3 Three journeys northwards from Kuruman
- 1844 Sets up mission station at Mabotsa
- 1845 **2 January.** Marries Mary, Robert Moffat's
daughter
- 1845 Sets up mission station at Chonwane. First child,
Robert, born
- 1847 Abandons Chonwane and sets up mission station
at Kolobeng. Second child, Agnes, born
- 1849 Third child, Thomas, born
1 August. Reaches Lake Ngami
- 1850 Second journey to Lake Ngami. Fourth child,
Elizabeth, born and dies six weeks later
- 1851 Journey to the Chobe and Zambezi rivers. Fifth
child, (William) Oswell, born
- 1852 **23 April.** Sends his family home to Scotland

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- 1853 **23 May.** Reaches the Kololo settlement at Linyanti
- 1854 **May.** Reaches, overland, Luanda on west coast of Africa
- 1854-5 **September-August.** Travels from Luanda to Linyanti
- 1855-6 **November-May.** Linyanti-Zambezi river-Victoria Falls-Quelimane on east coast of Africa
- 1856 **July-December.** Sails from Mauritius to England via Red Sea
- 1857 Publishes *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa*
- 1858 **10 March.** Leaves England for South Africa
- 1858 Sixth child, Anna Mary, born
- 1859 Explores River Shire and reaches Lake Nyasa
- 1860 Travels up the Zambezi to Barotseland and returns to east coast
- 1862 **27 April.** Death of wife, Mary, at Shupanga on the Zambezi
- 1863 **July.** Expedition to Zambezi recalled by British government
- 1864 Takes river launch *Lady Nyassa* across Indian Ocean to Bombay
- 23 July.** Reaches England
- 1865 Publication of *Narrative of an Expedition to the Zambezi*
- 1866 **January.** Sails from Bombay to Zanzibar
 March. Begins expedition up Rovuma river

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- 1866-8 Travels in interior around lakes Nyasa,
Tanganyika, Mweru and Bangweulu
- 1869 Becomes ill and is carried into Ujiji
21 September. Reaches Bambarre
- 1870 **February-June.** Ill at Mamohela
- 1870-1 **July-February.** Ill at Bambarre
- 1871 **April-June.** At Nyangwe village
5 November. Arrives at Ujiji
10 November. Henry M. Stanley arrives at Ujiji
- 1872 **March-August.** Stays at Unyanyembe
14 August. Leaves Unyanyembe on final journey
- 1873 **January.** Journey in swamps beside Lake
Bangweulu
- 1873 **1 May.** Dies at Chitambo's village
- 1874 **February.** Livingstone's body reaches Zanzibar
18 April. Funeral and interment at Westminster
Abbey, London

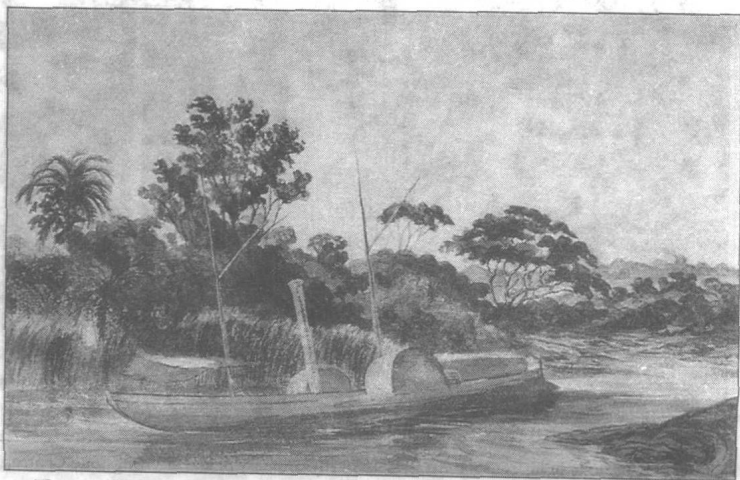


David Livingstone in his consular dress, c. 1852 (by courtesy of David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre).

*The portrait of the Robert on the left is by Thomas Baines, 1854.
1858 (Royal Geographical Society, London)*



Livingstone's wife Mary, wearing
a cameo of her husband,
c. 1859-61 (by courtesy of David
Livingstone Centre, Blantyre).



The steamboat the *Ma Robert* on the Zambezi, watercolour by Thomas Baines, 24 May
1858 (Royal Geographical Society, London).

Livingstone's letter of 29
April 1862 to his mother,
Agnes, reporting Mary's
death (Trustees of the
National Library of
Scotland).

Shupanga 29th April
1862

My Dear Mother

With a sore sore heart I
give you the sad news that my dear
Mary died here on the 27th. This unlooked
for bereavement quite crushes and
takes the heart out of me. Everything
else that happened in my career only
made the wound rise & overcome it,
but this takes away all my strength.
If you know how I loved & trusted
her you might realize my loss. I try to
know the stroke as from the Lord's
gave and who has taken away but
there are regrets which will follow
me to my dying day. If I had done so
and so. &c. &c. My arrangements
were all disarranged beyond my control
you may have heard how fearfully
I quaked through the unknown loss &
- lived with the great party though I
forebore some talking about it.



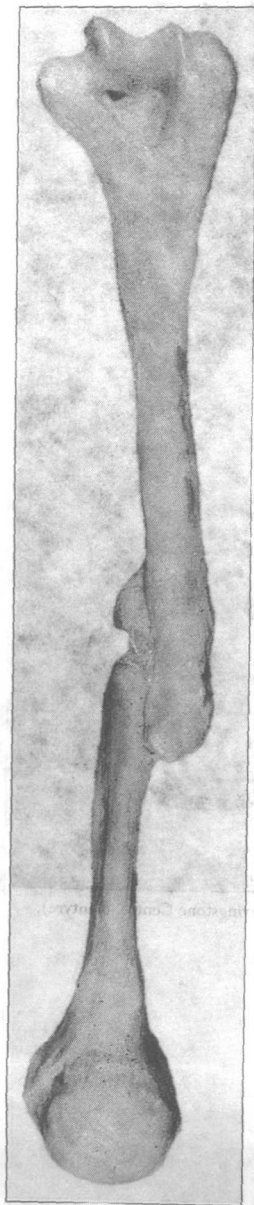
Mary Livingstone's grave at Shupanga, photographed by John Kirk, 1862 (Trustees of the
National Library of Scotland).



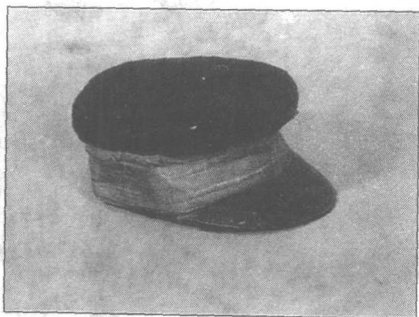
Abdullah Susi, 1874 (Royal
Geographical Society, London).



James Chuma (by courtesy of David
Livingstone Centre, Blantyre).



Stanley's helmet (Royal Geographical Society).



Livingstone's distinctive cap. He had these made for him at Starkey's of Bond Street, and they became important to his public image (Royal Geographical Society).

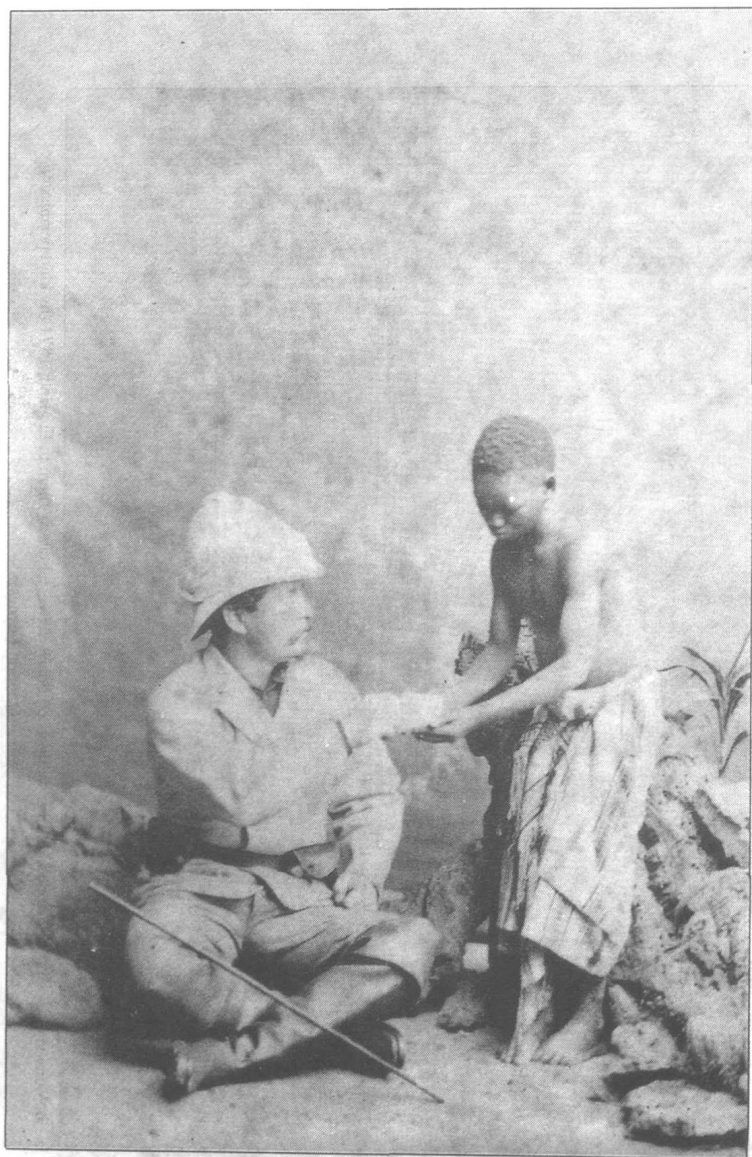
Plaster cast of Livingstone's left humerus, taken from his corpse when it reached England, 1874 (by kind permission of the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England).



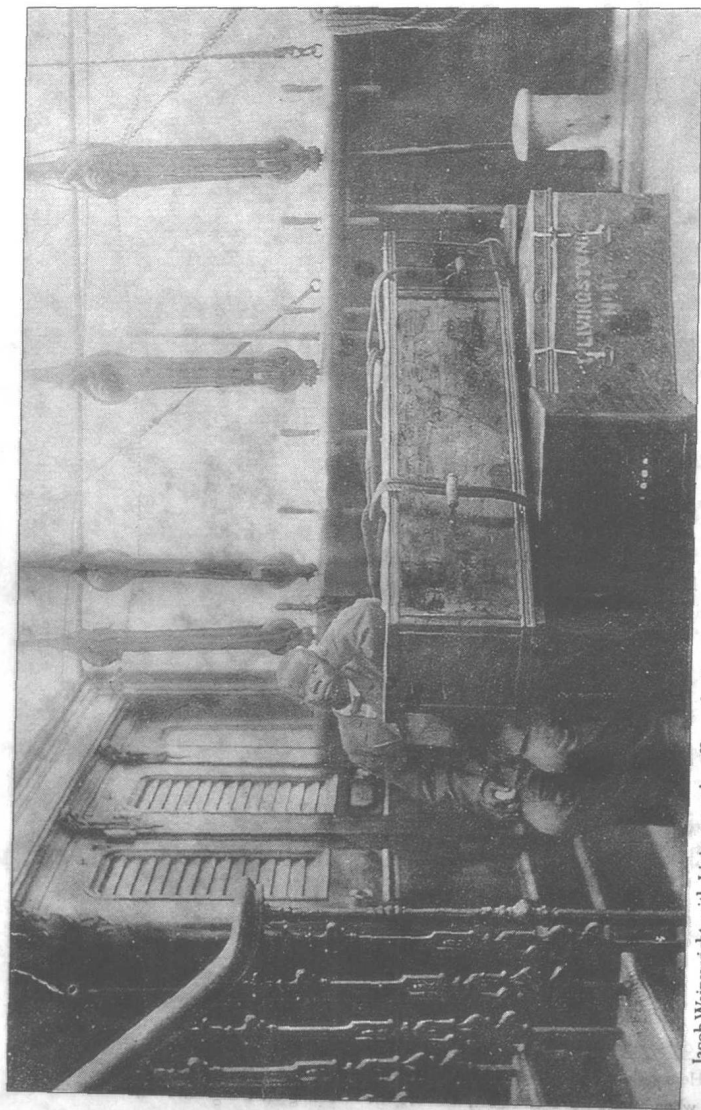
The Livingstone family, c. 1856-7 (by courtesy of David Livingstone Centre, Blantyre).

Livingstone, David (1793-1873) was a Scottish missionary and explorer. He was born in Blantyre, Scotland, and died in London, England. He is best known for his exploration of the interior of Africa, particularly the Nile basin. He was the first European to reach Lake Victoria, and he was the first to discover the Victoria Nile. He was also the first to discover the Zambesi River. He was a member of the Royal Society and the Royal Geographical Society. He was a pioneer of the field of African geography.





Henry Morton Stanley and Kalulu, his personal servant (given to him by a slave trader when Kalulu was aged eight), who drowned crossing the Congo on Stanley's 1874-7 expedition (by courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery, London).



Jacob Wainwright with Livingstone's coffin and effects on board the vessel taking them to England, 1874 (by kind permission of Quentin Keynes).

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LIVINGSTONE'S EARLY LIFE

Worthy but remote from brilliant¹

On 19 March 1813, at Shuttle Row in the Scottish village of Blantyre, Lanarkshire, a second child was born to Agnes Hunter and her husband Neil Livingston, a self-employed commercial traveller in tea. The birth took place in a three-storey tenement block,² which was the staff housing for the adjacent Blantyre Works, a cotton spinning mill. Neil's father (also Neil) had a responsible position as handler of the mill's cash, having been forced from his croft on the island of Ulva during the Highland clearances, after the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Neil and Agnes Livingston had seven children, of whom five survived -- John, David, Charles, Agnes and Janet. The family spelled their surname without the final 'e', as did David until 1857.³ They lived in a tiny top-floor apartment in Shuttle Row, a dwelling they had inherited from Agnes's father. It was probably to retain