

Henry Hartley
Hunter Explorer Extraordinaire
(1815-1876)



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This is the story of an 1820 English Settler from Nottinghamshire UK, to Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope Colony, who became a prolific elephant hunter and explorer extraordinaire of southern Africa . . .

. . . This biography includes copies of original letters and notes written by Henry Hartley, and Thomas Baines.

Simon Hartley, whose grandfather's grandfather is Henry Hartley, commented. . . *"There is something about a hand written note or letter that just wipes away the sands of time and puts you in the presence of the writer"*.

The original of this oil painting, by Thomas Baines, of Henry Hartley on a white horse was presented to his loyal friend on September 14, 1869. It has been handed down to descendants of his eldest son Frederick, including **Anne-Marie Moore (née Hartley)**.

Jane Carruthers, Professor Emeritus of History at the *University of South Africa* in Pretoria, is an authority on Thomas Baines and his southern African explorations and adventures in diaries, cartographical maps, paintings and sketches. Baines was a close travelling companion of Henry Hartley between 1869 and 1872. Jane remarked that *"it will be useful to have a biography of Hartley, he was indeed an interesting man, and known as an explorer and hunter, and for his long life in the Magaliesberg area"*.

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