

1234 Humboldt St
Denver, Oct. 28, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Lewis,

I have your letter of Sept 28 which was nearly a month old when it reached me. I was a very small boy at the end of our civil war, but I have old letters from my uncle David, written to my mother, who tried to trace my cousin Robert. Robert Moffat Livingston was more like his father than any of his brothers (Thomas and Orwell). He was put to school and was under a tutor. At the age of eighteen he suddenly left school without leaving his address, in fact ran away. Like his father he loved adventure, a "ship of the old block". He went to Natal where he endeavored to reach his father, but being unsuccessful, he took a ship and sailed for New York; and enlisted in the Northern army; and took the name of Rupert Vincent, so that

his tutor could not find him or trace him.
He enlisted under the name of Rupert
Vincent in the Third New Hampshire
Regiment, Company K, tenth army corps.
My mother has been dead a great many
years, but I have a faint recollection of a
statement from her, that Robert died in
a hospital, and she had traced ^{him} through
a nurse. ~~On~~ June 6, 1865. my uncle David
wrote my mother from Scotland, and as
she was his last letter to us before leaving on
his last trip for Africa, you may like to have
me quote from it: "Many thanks for your
kind enquiries after Robert. I begin to fear
that we shall never hear of him again.
It is just possible that some of the 3rd
New Hampshire volunteers who were
captured with him on the 7th of Oct. may
be able yet to give some account of his end."
This is the ^{last} personal letter my mother had

end of course I prize it very much. I will give
you the closing paragraph of this old letter
written nearly sixty years ago:

Agree, and I go off to London this afternoon,
she to Paris, and I on the twentieth embark
for Africa. With love to you and the
children from us all.

I am
yours affectionately.

David Livingstone

I was not aware that Abraham Lincoln
ever mentioned his son, and would be
very glad if you could send a copy of that ^{address}
or tell me where I could find it and ⁱⁿ what
publication.

Sincerely yours

Charles H. Livingstone