There are a number of important pieces of information contained within this short extract from Cameron’s book. A precis is provided below, and following that an example of how this information might be extracted for use in the database.

In October 1875 (helpful marked in the margin), Cameron was on the final leg of his transcontinental journey. At this point he is in Bihe, on the Ovimbundu plateau in what is now Angola. Cameron makes mention of three traders; [Guilhermê] Gonçalves; [José Antonio] Alvez and João Baptista Ferreira, the primary subject of this extract. Some of the information Cameron provides on these figures would be extracted and added to other data on traders. The part of interest for the purposes of this example is that which describes a trading circuit.

Ferreira, we learn, had recently returned from a trading expedition to the ‘Urua’ and its then ruler, Kasongo. ‘Urua’, we know, is the Luba country. He had also been to ‘Jenjé’, where he met an ‘Englishman’ called ‘George’. ‘Jenjé’, we know, refers to the Lozi country on the Upper Zambezi. The George referred to is either George Westbeech, a major trader in the south of the Lozi country; George Blockley, who was Westbeech’s trading partner; or George Dorehill, who was in that region as part of a hunting party in June 1875. Whoever it may have been, and it was almost certainly Westbeech, the point remains that this is a positive identification of ‘Jenjé’ as the Lozi country.

Ferreira had exchanged slaves, acquired from Kasongo, for ivory in the Lozi country. These slaves he purchased with guns, reporting that it was pointless seeking ivory in the Luba country when it could be had much cheaper in the Lozi country. (This route, and others, are, represented by Map 2.)
In this case we have a record of a trade route, of two trades, and of several pieces of information about people, for which separate record types will be created. The data on the trade route will be recorded as follows:

**Type:** Trade route  
**Source:** V.L. Cameron, *Across Africa* (New York, 1877), p. 402  
**Date (if known):** October 1875  
**Location of author:** Bihe  
**From where?:** ‘Urua’ [Luba country]  
**To where?:** ‘Jenjé’ [Lozi country]  
**Via?:** Bihe

The list below represents the range of data that can be extracted from a single instance of trade, using Cameron’s trade as an example.

**Type:** Record of trade  
**Source:** V.L. Cameron, *Across Africa* (New York, 1877), p. 402  
**Type:** Reported trade  
**Date (if known):** 1875  
**Location of trade:** ‘Jenjé’ [Lozi country]  
**Goods traded by:** João Baptista Ferreira  
**Goods:** Slaves  
**Quantity:** Not known.  
**Value:** Not known.  
**Obtained in:** ‘Urua’ [Luba country]  
**Obtained from:** Kasongo  
**Goods traded with:** Not known.  
**Goods:** Ivory  
**Quantity:** Not known.  
**Value:** Not known.  
**Obtained in:** Not known.  
**Obtained from:** Not known.