

SAFA 434

**A Guide to the Records of the
Major Charles A. Bradbrooke fonds
(F 70)**

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PRIVATE RECORDS AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION

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Authority Record**

Individual (PA 81)

Bradbrooke, Charles Alfred, Major, 1873-1948

About this records creator:

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**Brief Bio./Admin.
History**

Charles Alfred Bradbrooke was born in Bethnal Green, Middlesex County, England on May 22, 1873. He emigrated to Canada in 1889 but returned to England in 1898 to enlist in the military. He served in South Africa, Aden, India, and the First World War. After the end of World War One, Bradbrooke returned to Canada where he farmed, was an active volunteer, education activist and Indian Agent. Bradbrooke died in Kamsack, Saskatchewan on June 7, 1948. He was 75 years old.

**Biographical
Sketch/Administrative
History**

Charles Alfred Bradbrooke was born in Bethnal Green, Middlesex County, England on May 22, 1873. His mother was Emma Bletchley Bucks.

In 1889, Bradbrooke sailed from England to Nova Scotia, Canada where he worked until he migrated west to Saskatchewan in 1890. He worked in the Buchanan and Yorkton areas until 1898 when he returned to England to join the military. On January 12, 1899 Bradbrooke officially enlisted in the 1st Battalion of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry. He was deployed to South Africa on his first assignment and served there during the second Anglo-Boer War until 1902. After his service ended in South Africa, he transferred to the Imperial Army and served in Aden and India where he managed military dairy farms until circa 1906.

In 1907 Bradbrooke returned to Nova Scotia. He worked as a physical education instructor at Acadia University for two years. By 1911, he had returned to the Yorkton district in Saskatchewan where he worked until the Great War. Bradbrooke enlisted in the army as a private, served overseas and was wounded in action. At the end of the war, Bradbrooke returned to Canada with the rank of Major. He farmed near Madge Lake until 1922 when he served as an Indian Agent at Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

Bradbrooke was active in the Masons (1906 - 1948); the public and high school boards in Kamsack; the Canadian Legion and the Holy Trinity Church in Kamsack. He was passionate about education and about veterans' rights.

He was also an avid sportsman and cricket player. In 1912, his Yorkton Saskatchewan cricket team defeated a touring Australian cricket team.

Bradbrooke was the recipient of the Silver Jubilee Medal (1935) and the Coronation Medal in recognition of his work with the Canadian Legion.

Bradbrooke died in Kamsack, Saskatchewan on June 7, 1948 at the age of 75 years.

In 1911 Bradbrooke married Emma Irons. She died in January of 1932. They had three sons and one daughter.

On October 2, 1932 Bradbrooke married Alice Sylvia Burt in Benito, Manitoba. They had four sons.

Variant Name(s)

Major C. A. Bradbrooke

Charles Bradbrook

Rule(s)

Rules for Archival Description - RAD

Source(s)

Contents of the fonds.

Introduction to old guide GR 45

The Kamsack Times - June 17, 1948

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About these records:

Unique Identifier	F 70
Title of Records	Major Charles A. Bradbrooke fonds
Level of Description	Fonds
Descriptive System	Private
Dates of Creation	1857, 1888-1945
Predominant Dates of Creation	1899-1944
Physical Description	48.0 cm of textual records ca. 154 photographs 6 maps 3 medals 1 metal pin and button set 1 military-issued wood and canvas map holder with map 1 drawing
Link to Authority	<p>Charles Alfred Bradbrooke was born in Bethnal Green, Middlesex County, England on May 22, 1873. He immigrated to Canada in 1889 but returned to England in 1898 to enlist in the military. He served in South Africa, Aden, India, and the First World War. After the end of World War One, Bradbrooke returned to Canada where he farmed, was an active volunteer, education activist and Indian Agent. Bradbrooke died in Kamsack, Saskatchewan on June 7, 1948. He was 75 years old.</p> <p>See: <u>Bradbrooke, Charles Alfred, Major, 1873-1948</u></p>
Custodial History	Alice S. Bradbrooke, wife of Major Bradbrooke, donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives, in two accessions in 1966 and 1983: 417 (R) (September, 1966) and R83-268 (May 16, 1983).

Scope and Content	<p>This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by Major Charles A. Bradbrooke. The records primarily reflect his time in active military service and his personal interests following his migration to Saskatchewan.</p> <p>The types of records included are correspondence; a diary; pamphlets; clippings; awards; programmes; military training manuals and maps; dairy farming information for England, Colonial India, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan; a land receipt; cattle brand registration; a Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Club minute book; and photographs of military campaigns in South Africa, Aden and India, and of Saskatchewan. Also included are three medals and six maps, including one in a map holder.</p> <p>No series assignment has been applied to the records in this fonds.</p>
Access Restrictions	Records are open for research use.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act.
Reference Tools	<p>SAFA 434 (old guide GR 45) consists of a fonds description, file listings of textual records and item descriptions of photographs and a drawing. The paper guide consists of a fonds description and file listings of textual records only.</p> <p>J:\Description Finding Aid Link\GR 45 (MajorCharlesA.Bradbrooke) (2011-03)0001.pdf</p>
Physical Condition	Most of the records are in good physical condition; some of the textual records are ripped and curled.
Conservation Note	Conservation practices in place at the time of processing were applied to the records in this fonds.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected.
Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Former Code(s)	<p>Textual records: old guide GR 45 (R-16)</p> <p>Photographs: R-A23059 to R-A23076; R-B11468 to R-B11480; R-D1685 to R-D1689; GM-PH-148 to GM-PH-174</p> <p>Drawing: GM-DA-2</p>
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Arrangement Note(s)	Order imposed by archivist.

General Note(s)

Location for retrieval : Regina-Hillsdale.

Some of the photographs and all of the maps were retained in the textual records.

OLD GUIDE

GR 45

GUIDE
To The Papers of

MAJOR C. A. BRADBROOKE
1900 - 1945

Saskatchewan Archives Board
Regina

Note: These papers were presented to the Saskatchewan Archives by Mrs. C. A. Bradbrooke, 1966.
Major C. A. Bradbrooke, after service in South Africa, Aden, and India, came to Canada and settled eventually at Kamsack where he was active in a number of local organizations, the Yorkton militia unit, and was an officer in the Canadian Army overseas in World War I. His papers relate to all of these aspects of his career.

Major C. A. Bradbrooke Papers

I. Documents and Correspondence

1. South African Campaign.

Diary, 1900-1902; Parchment Certificate of Service; Soldier's Small Book; miscellaneous pamphlets and clippings, and letters.

2. Aden and India, 1903-1907. 2 folders, 1 vol.

Correspondence and certificates re service in Aden and India; Masonic Order - Felix Lodge.

3. Nova Scotia, 1907.

Correspondence; letter re lands available, Crown Land Office, Aug. 20, 1907; pamphlet on "Sheep Industry in Nova Scotia" (King's Printer, Halifax, 1908).

4. Yorkton, 1913-1914.

Certificates of Military Qualification, 16th Light Horse; Cavalry Training Manual, 16th Light Horse (1907); miscellaneous programmes.

5. World War I.

Bank books, notes for lectures, programmes and invitations, statements of service, clippings, correspondence, copies (2) of "Some Hints to Brigade and Battalion Machine Gun Officers", by C. A. Bradbrooke.

6. Awards and Service, Post World War I and World War II.

Correspondence re Credits at Acadia University, 1922; notification of Award of Silver Jubilee (1935) and Coronation (1937) medals; certificates of service as Civilian Recruiting Advisor, 1942, and as member of Saskatchewan Veterans' Civil Security Corps, 1945.

7. Yorkton Cricket Club.

Program commemorating visit of Australian Cricketers, 1913; Player ribbon, Yorkton vs. Australia, Sept. 8-9, 1913.

8. Kamsack. 4 folders.

- (a) Land Receipt, 1918, brand registration, 1921.
- (b) Kamsack Agricultural Society, prize lists, 1918-26; correspondence, etc. 1921-25; Souvenir of Canora Fair, 1924; Minute Book of Kamsack Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Club, 1924-26, 1935.
- (c) Canadian Club.

9. Miscellaneous Notes and Speeches.

10. Clippings and miscellaneous personal papers re Major Bradbrooke.

II. Miscellaneous Pamphlets, field service regulations, etc.

III. Maps.

IV. Photographs.

1. South African campaign.
2. Aden and India.
3. World War I.
4. Saskatchewan (Kamsack, Pelly, Regina).
5. Miscellaneous.

V. Medals.

Kamsack Agricultural Society Life Membership buttons;
Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada.

VI. Collected Material (Transferred to Archives).

- (1) Hudson's Bay Company: two letters from Roderick McKenzie, Jr. to Wm. J. Christie, Swan River District, 1857.
- (2) Western Canadians: The Unexploited West (Department of Interior, 1914); Lands Held Under Homestead Entry by Doukhobors (Ottawa, 1907); Opportunities in Canada, 1913 (Heaton's Agency, Toronto, Can.)

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Collection R-16, Boxes 1 to 4: 424.5.4

R-A23059 to R-A23076: Regina Reference Room

R-B11468 to R-B11480: Regina Reference Room

R-D1685 to R-D1689: Regina C1.2.2

GM-PH-148 (1)-(7) to GM-PH-174: 1313.1.1

GM-DA-2: 1313.3.1

Objects: 425.5.7