

**SAFA 636**

**A Guide to the Records of the  
Saskatchewan Homestead Records  
River Lots series  
(S 67)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
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# **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

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Records Description**

**S 67**

**Saskatchewan Homestead Records River Lots series**

**About these records:**

<b>Unique Identifier</b>	S 67
<b>Title of Records</b>	Saskatchewan Homestead Records River Lots series
<b>Level of Description</b>	Series
<b>Descriptive System</b>	Public
<b>Dates of Creation</b>	1881-1944
<b>Predominant Dates of Creation</b>	1881-1931
<b>Dates of Accumulation</b>	1881-1944
<b>Physical Description</b>	1.3 m of textual records 8 maps

<b>Office of Origin</b>		
1881-1931	<u>Dept. of the Interior</u>	Primary Agency
1881-1930	<u>Lands Patent Branch</u>	Secondary Agency
1930-1944	<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>	Primary Agency
1930-1944	<u>Lands Branch</u>	Secondary Agency

**Custodial History** The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Lands Branch transferred these records to the Saskatoon office, Saskatchewan Archives in two accessions between 1954 and 1965. The textual records were transferred to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in one accession: R2004-220 (June 3, 2004).

**Scope and Content** This series consists of homestead records created, accumulated and used by the federal Department of the Interior, Dominion Lands Administration (1871-1930) and the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources, Lands Branch (1930-1944). The files pertain to parcels of land, identified as River Lots, that were available for settlement under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, 1872 (S.C. 1872, c. 23) and The Provincial

Lands Act (S.S. 1931, c. 14). A file usually covers period from date of entry until grant of patent, at which time the file was closed. Files contain records pertaining to various types of land grants, including homesteads, pre-emptions and time sale purchases. Included are files for river lots in settlement areas at St. Laurent, Green Lake, Cumberland House, Sturgeon Landing, Ile a la Crosse, Lac La Ronge, as well as lands originally reserved for the North-West Mounted Police at Battleford.

The types of records included are: applications for entry and for patent; surveyor's reports; land condition and valuation reports; correspondence; sale deeds and receipts; lease claims and receipts; and maps.

No sub-series have been identified in this series.

**Access Restrictions**

Records are open for research use.

**Terms Governing Use**

Use, publication and/or reproduction are subject to Crown Copyright. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.

**Reference Tools**

SAFA 636 (old guide GS 44) consists of a government series description and file listings of certain textual records.

J:\Description Finding Aid Link\GS 44 (Dept.OfAg.LandsBranch) (2011-09).pdf

**Related Records  
(Records held by SAB)**

The Saskatchewan Homestead Records are available in Regina and Saskatoon offices.

**Physical Condition**

Records are in good physical condition.

**Conservation Note**

Metal clips and other fasteners were removed. All files have been placed in acid-free folders.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Source of Description**

Content of the series.

**Former Code(s)**

Textual Records: Old guide GS 44 (Ag 11.1.1).

Maps: A39/1 to A39/7; B37/1.

**Consulting the Records**

To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina and Saskatoon offices.

**Arrangement Note(s)**

The factors determining the arrangement of these records were not documented in the original description process.

The order of the records was maintained in 2011.



File numbers supplied by the SAB to differentiate these files from the pre-1930 and post-1930 homestead files have been given "RL" for River Lots followed by consecutive file number.

**Language Note(s)**

Series contains French language documents.

**General Note(s)**

Locations for retrieval: Regina-Henderson; Saskatoon-Murray.

File-level information pertaining to the records in this series has been captured in a database. Please consult reference archivist for more information.

**OLD GUIDE**

**GS 44**

**COLLECTION:**

**Ag. 11, series 1, sub-series 1**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Lands Branch

## I. Homestead Files.

In 1930, control of the natural resources of the three prairie provinces, previously under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government, were transferred to the respective provinces. The active files pertaining to unpatented lands were transferred from the head office and the local agencies of the Department of the Interior to the Saskatchewan Government. It would appear that these groups of files were integrated into the Lands Branch records of the Department of Natural Resources. In 1947 this branch was transferred to the Department of Agriculture. These records thus contain some of the same documents as the homestead records of the Department of the Interior. However, after 1930, forms similar in content to those used by the Department of the Interior were established by the provincial officials.

In 1965 these Lands Branch records were transferred to the Archives of Saskatchewan. They were retained in a number of groups as received from the Branch.

## 1. River Lots.

(Boxes 1-9)

These files are for various river lots, the St. Laurent Settlement, the Prince Albert Special Settlement, and various northern settlements.

River Lots In: Twp. 45 Rge. 25 W2  
 Twp. 46 Rge. 25 W2  
 Twp. 45 Rge. 26 W2  
 Twp. 46 Rge. 26 W2  
 Twp. 45 Rge. 27 W2  
 Twp. 45 Rge. 28 W2  
  
 Twp. 41 Rge. 1 and 2 W3  
 Twp. 42 Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 42A Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 43 Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 44 Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 45 Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 47 Rge. 1 W3  
 Twp. 41 Rge. 2 W3  
 Twp. 44 and 45 Rge. 4 W3  
 Twp. 44 Rge. 5 W3.  
 Twp. 45 Rge. 5 W3.

St. Laurent Settlement.  
 Prince Albert Settlement.  
 Green Lake Settlement.  
 Lac La Ronge Settlement.

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North West Mounted Police Reserve, Battleford.  
Sturgeon Landing Settlement.  
Cumberland House Settlement.

**LOCATIONS:** S 67

Saskatchewan Homestead Records River Lots series  
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Collection Ag 11.I.1, Boxes 1 to 12: 2122.2.1

A39.1 (S) to A39.7 (S): MU-Flat File Cabinet 21  
B37.1 (S): MU-Flat File Cabinet 6