This finding aid was produced using the Archivists’ Toolkit
September 09, 2013
# Table of Contents

Summary Information ................................................................................................................................. 3

Biographical note ......................................................................................................................................... 4

Scope and Contents note ............................................................................................................................... 4

Administrative Information .......................................................................................................................... 4

Controlled Access Headings ......................................................................................................................... 5

Accession number ......................................................................................................................................... 6

Collection Inventory ..................................................................................................................................... 7
## Summary Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Repository</th>
<th>History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Alexander McDonald Brooks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>1900-1940</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extent</td>
<td>0.25 Linear feet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collection [Box]</td>
<td>0.25 If</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Abstract

Denver resident, Alexander McDonald Brooks (1868-1940) was one of the first men to enlist in the First Colorado Infantry at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898. This collection (1898-1940,) which contains a scrapbooks and correspondence, details the events surrounding the hoisting of the first american flag in Manila, which is attributed to Brooks, and the return of the flag to the infantry's alumni association in 1939.

### Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Alexander McDonald Brooks Collection, Mss.00082 (accession 16069) History Colorado.
Biographical note

Alexander McDonald Brooks was born in 1868. He was the son of Brigadier General E. J. Brooks, the former commander of the Colorado National Guard. Alexander was one of the first men to enlist in the First Colorado Infantry at the outbreak of the Spanish American War in 1898. He was made a lieutenant, and was among the first American forces to enter the walled fortress of San Antonio de Abad in Manilla. He is credited with the first raising of the Stars and Stripes over the captured city.

Brooks returned to Colorado after the war and lived for a short time in Colorado Springs where he worked for a construction firm. In 1912, he began working for the United States Bureau of Reclamation as Chief Purchasing Agent. He held this position until his retirement.

Colonel Brooks was a charter member of the John S. Stewart Post No. 1, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and an active member of other veterans organizations. He died in San Diego, California in September 1940.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains a scrapbook about the Colorado Infantry in Manila (1900-1938); correspondence to and from members of the First Colorado Infantry and obituaries of Colonel Alexander M. Brooks (1940).

Much of the correspondence in the this collection relates to the alumni association's desire to locate and obtain the first U. S. flag hoisted in Manila on August 13, 1898.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Conditions Governing Use note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance note
The provenance was recorded on March 13, 1946 as, 'Presented by Author'. Brooks died in 1940. It is possible the donor was a relative or the donor was Brooks and the collection was accessioned at a later date.

Processing Information note

Processed by Leigh Jeremias, September 2013.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

• United States. Army. Colorado Infantry Regiment, 1st.

Genre(s)

• Correspondence.
• Newspaper clippings.
• Scrapbooks.

Geographic Name(s)

• Manila (Philippines)

Personal Name(s)

• Brooks, Alexander McDonald, 1868-1940

Subject(s)

• Spanish-American War, 1898--Flags.
• Spanish-American War, 1898--Veterans--American.
• Spanish-American War, 1898.

Accession number

16069
# Collection Inventory

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Inventory</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FF 1</td>
<td>Scrapbook regarding the 1st Colorado Infantry, U.S.V. Manila 1898-1938</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FF 2</td>
<td>Correspondence 1929</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scope and Contents note</strong></td>
<td>Regarding who raised the first flag over Fort San Antonio de Abad, Manila, Philippines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FF 3</td>
<td>Correspondence 1938-1939</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scope and Contents note</strong></td>
<td>Relates to the United States flag raised over Fort San Antonio de Abad, Manila, Philippines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FF 4</td>
<td>Obituaries of Colonel Alexander M. Brooks Sept. 1940</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>