

# Alexander McDonald Brooks

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Title</b>	Alexander McDonald Brooks
<b>Date</b>	1900-1940
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Collection [Box]</b>	0.25 lf
<b>Abstract</b>	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

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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 Manila. 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.

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## Scope and Contents note

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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 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.

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## Administrative Information

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### 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.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **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.

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## **Accession number**

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## Collection Inventory

FF 1 Scrapbook regarding the 1st Colorado Infantry, U.S.V. Manila 1898-1938

FF 2 Correspondence 1929

### **Scope and Contents note**

Regarding who raised the first flag over Fort San Antonio de Abad, Manila, Philippines

FF 3 Correspondence 1938-1939

### **Scope and Contents note**

Relates to the Unites States flag raised over Fort San Antonio de Abad, Manila, Philippines.

FF 4 Obituaries of Colonel Alexander M. Brooks Sept. 1940