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## Finding Aid - Alan Francis Brooks collection (RBSC- ARC-1814)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Alan Francis Brooks collection
<b>ID:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1814
<b>Date:</b>	1954-2003, predominant 1954-1974 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	34.2 cm of textual records, graphic material, and cartographic material
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Finding aid created by Natalie Trapuzzano, September 2019
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Most file titles have been supplied

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Alan Francis Brooks was born on August 20th, 1917 in London, England and was raised in Montréal, Quebec. He would go on to join the Royal Canadian Armed Forces and serve overseas with the Bomber Command during WWII. After the war, he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering at McGill University in Montréal, which led to a job with mining company Cominco Ltd. (currently known as Teck Resources Ltd.) in Trail, British Columbia. The facility he worked at had a large smelter that used a significant amount of power, causing him to become attentive to cheap power alternatives. As such, Alan was highly interested in hydroelectric projects being undertaken in the Pacific Northwest, especially the Columbia River Treaty and the Columbia Basin Project. In pursuit of the former, he dedicated time outside of work to actively following local news coverage of the treaty and filling twenty-six scrapbooks with newspaper clippings detailing its development.

Alan's job with Cominco also prompted transfers that would take him to Montréal, Calgary, and Vancouver, where he would eventually settle down and retire. In retirement, he spent his time photographing nature, continuing his lifetime hobby of collecting stamps, and becoming a member of the Golden Agers Hiking Club as well as the philatelic group The 21 Club. He remained in Vancouver until the end of his life at the South Granville Park Lodge retirement facility. Alan passed away on November 26th, 2015 at the age of 98, surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his first wife Audrey Holmes Brooks and his second wife Muriel Floud Brooks and he is survived by his daughters Carolyn and Louise and grandchildren Ryan, Brendan, and Alexa.

## Custodial history

Materials were collected and compiled by Alan F. Brooks during his lifetime and passed on to his daughter Louise after his death. Louise then gifted the materials to Robert Toombs, Brooks' friend and fellow engineer, who created an inventory of the items and donated them to UBC.

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## Scope and content

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Collection consists of scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine clippings, pamphlets, reports, correspondence, drawings, booklets, and maps related to Alan F. Brook's interest in hydroelectric engineering projects in the Pacific Northwest of British Columbia and the United States. The scrapbooks compile newspaper and magazine clippings that follow the development of the Columbia River Treaty between Canada and the United States from the mid 1950s-1970s, including information on the resulting Mica, Duncan, Keenleyside (formerly High Arrow), and Libby Dams. The majority of the material in the scrapbooks were taken from articles in The Province (formerly the Vancouver Province) and the Trail Daily Times. The collection also includes ephemera related to the Columbia Basin Project in Washington State.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Physical condition

Some of the scrapbooks have loose pages and newspaper clippings in them

### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Robert Toombs on August 10th, 2019

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Physical description:** 34.2 cm of textual records ; 40 pencil and crayon drawings ; and 4 maps
- **Accompanying material:** Collection included five books of which there are existing copies in our library that can be found at the following links: -"Krutilla, John V. The Columbia River Treaty: The Economics of an International River Basin Development. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins Press, 1967." :<http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=43941> -"Swainson, Neil A. Conflict over the Columbia: The Canadian Background to an Historic Treaty. Montreal, QC: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1979." :<http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=53451> -"The Departments of External Affairs and Northern Affairs and Natural Resources. The Columbia River Treaty: Protocols and Related Documents. Ottawa, ON: Queen's Printer, 1964." :<http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=922420> -"Waterfield, Donald. Continental Waterboy: The Columbia River

Controversy. Toronto, ON: Clark, Irwin & Company, 1970." :<http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=1096719> - "Water Rights Branch, Department of Lands and Forests, Province of British Columbia. Water Powers: British Columbia, Canada. Victoria, BC: Queen's Printer, 1954." :<http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=324710>

## Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Cartographic material (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Columbia River Treaty (subject)

## Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-01	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 1	Mar. 6th, 1954 - Feb. 24th, 1955		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-02	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 2	Feb. 25th, 1955 – Jan. 5th, 1956		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-03	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 3	Jan. 6th, 1956 – Jul. 7th, 1956		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-04	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 4	Jul. 8th, 1956 – May 10th, 1957		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-05	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 5	May 10th, 1957 – Nov. 16th, 1957		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-06	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 6	Nov. 15th, 1957 – Dec. 24th, 1958		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-07	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 7	Dec. 24th, 1958 – Dec. 18th, 1959		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-08	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 8	Dec. 17th, 1959 – Jan. 23rd, 1960		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-09	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 9	Jan. 23rd, 1960 – Mar. 7th, 1960		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-10	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 10	Mar. 8th, 1960 – Oct. 29th, 1960		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-11	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 11	Oct. 29th, 1960 – Jan. 14th, 1961		
RBSC-ARC-1814-01-12	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 12	Jan. 15th, 1961 – Mar. 3rd, 1961		

RBSC-ARC-1814-02-01	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 13	Mar. 3rd, 1961 – May 18th, 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-02	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 14	May 18th, 1961 – Aug. 3rd, 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-03	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 15	Aug. 3rd, 1961 – Aug. 31st, 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-04	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 16	Aug. 31st, 1961 – Sep. 30th, 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-05	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 17	Sep. 30th, 1961 – Dec. 1st, 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-06	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 18	Dec. 2nd, 1961 – Mar. 1st, 1962
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-07	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 19	Mar. 2nd, 1962 – Jun. 12th, 1962
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-08	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 20	Jun. 13th, 1962 – Feb. 8th, 1963
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-09	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 21	Feb. 9th, 1963 – Aug. 5th, 1963
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-10	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 22	Aug. 6th, 1963 – Jan. 23rd, 1964
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-11	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 23	Jan 25th, 1964 – Apr. 22nd, 1964
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-12	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 24	Apr. 23rd, 1964 – Oct. 5th, 1968
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-13	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 25	Oct. 6th, 1968 – Sep. 2nd, 1972
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-14	File - [Scrapbook] Vol. 26	Sep. 2nd, 1972 – [Mar. 16th, 1974]
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-15	File - [Columbia River Treaty Correspondence]	1956 - 1964
RBSC-ARC-1814-02-16	File - [Columbia River Treaty Ephemera]	[1960] - 1973
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-01	File - [Columbia Basin Project Ephemera]	1947 - 1955
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-02	File - [General Pacific Northwest Hydroelectric Ephemera]	1945 - 2003
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-03	File - [Dam Pamphlets]	1957 - [2000]
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-04	File - Maps	1956 - 1961
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-04-01	Item - Energy Sources of British Columbia, 1956	
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-04-02	Item - Columbia River Basin	1958
RBSC-ARC-1814-03-04-03	Item - B.C.'s Golden Triangle of Power Potential	September 22nd, 1956

RBSC- ARC-1814-03-04-04	Item - B.C. Power Picture Now	January 14th, 1961
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