

# Trent University Archives

## Finding Aid - Reverend Robert Brooking fonds (77-021)

---

Generated by Trent University Archives on March 04, 2024

Language of description: English

Trent University Archives  
Trent University Library & Archives  
Archives, Room 117  
Thomas J. Bata Library  
1600 West Bank Drive  
Peterborough  
Ontario  
Canada  
K9J 7B8  
Telephone: 705-748-1011 ext. 7413  
[Email: archives@trentu.ca](mailto:archives@trentu.ca)  
<http://www.trentu.ca/library/archives>  
<http://archives.trentu.ca/index.php/77-021>

# Reverend Robert Brooking fonds

---

## Table of contents

---

Summary information .....	3
Administrative history / Biographical sketch .....	3
Scope and content .....	3
Notes .....	4
Access points .....	4
Series descriptions .....	4

## Summary information

---

<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Reverend Robert Brooking fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	77-021
<b>Date:</b>	Photocopied and transcribed [between 1957 and 1977], 1894 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	15 cm of textual records 4 photographs

---

## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

---

### Note

Reverend Robert Brooking was a Wesleyan Methodist missionary, born in England in 1813. He began his work with his wife, Elizabeth, on the Gold Coast of Africa but left after several years for health reasons. He and his wife were then sent to Canada, where he ministered to the Indigenous peoples at Rice Lake, Rama, Alderville, Canada West, and at Norway House in the Hudson's Bay Territory, until he retired in 1880. Elizabeth Brooking died in 1862. Robert Brooking died in 1893.

### Custodial history

The fonds was previously owned by the Honourable Leslie M. Frost. The original items are now in the custody of the United Church Archives. The correspondence in file 2 is in the custody of Library and Archives Canada. File 7 (typed transcriptions of Mrs. Elizabeth Brooking's journal were received courtesy of Mr. Thorsten Sjolín in 2010).

---

## Scope and content

---

The fonds consists of photocopies and typescripts of correspondence and journals of Reverend Robert Brooking and his wife Elizabeth relating to his service as a missionary in Africa, in Canada West and in the Hudson's Bay Territory. Also included are reports of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, 1851-1857. Some of the items relate to the Hiawatha and Rama Reserves, and Norway House. The original records date from 1839 to 1879. Also included is a modern print of a photograph of Rev Robert Brooking [ca. 1890] and 3 photographs of Elizabeth's tombstone at Chief Island, Lake Couchiching, Rama Reserve, near Orillia.

## Notes

---

### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the creator of the fonds.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The copy of the fonds was donated by the Honourable Leslie M. Frost.

### Location of originals

The originals are located in the United Church Archives and at Library and Archives Canada. Copies have also been placed at the Orillia Public Library.

### Restrictions on access

None

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- 

## Access points

---

- Textual records (documentary form)
  - Photographs (documentary form)
  - Indigenous Studies (subject)
  - Religion (subject)
  - Women's Studies (subject)
- 

## Series descriptions

---

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
77-021/001(01)	<b>File - Letters and extracts, from the files of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, 1851-1864; obituary of Robert Bbrooking [typescript], 1894</b>	1851-1864, 1894	1 folder of textual records
77-021/001(02)	<b>File - Correspondence, including several letters from the Indian Office and some from Thomas G. Anderson - copies from the National Archives</b>	1848-1879	1 photograph of textual records
77-021/001(03)	<b>File - letter, T.B. Freeman, Cape Coast, Africa to Brooking, 11 March 1855 - typescript; "The Substance of what the speaker said on the Love Feast", n.d.;</b>	1855-1856, n.d.	1 photograph of textual records

	<b>Journal of Robert Brooking while serving in the Hudson's Bay Territory, 1855-56</b>		
77-021/001(04)	<b>File - Journals of Robert Brooking, 1839-45 (Africa); 1855- 59 (Hudson's Bay Territory) - typescripts; journal of Mrs. Elizabeth Brooking, 1844-47 - typescript</b>	1839-1859	1 photograph of textual records
77-021/001(05)	<b>File - Copies of journals</b>		1 photograph of textual records
77-021/001(06)	<b>File - Reports of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, 1851-1857 - typescript; letter H[ ] to Percy F. Webb, 20 Jan 1956, re: Brooking and his daughter, Mary Jane, who married Robert Paudash of the Hiawatha Reserve; 1 photograph (copy print) of Rev. Robert Brooking [ca. 1890], 3 photographs of the tombstone of Elizabeth Brooking at Chief Island, Lake Couchiching, Rama Researve near Orillia.</b>	1851-1857, 1956	1 folder of textual records4 photographs
77-021/001(07)	<b>File - Typed transcription: Journal of Mrs. Elizabeth Brooking, 15 pages</b>	1844-[184?]	1 folder of textual records