

Milborne Masonic Collection
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Notes on the collection at the National Archives of Canada
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The masonic collection of Alfred John Bidder Milborne (1888-1976) at the National Archives of Canada consists of miscellaneous research notes, papers, publications, indexes and bibliographies by Milborne and his circle, together with some masonic ephemera - programmes, summonses, etc. Each item in the collection, which has no clearly discernible logical order, were separately numbered by Milborne and those item numbers have been retained on the file folders, although Milborne's original box numbers do not correspond to the present box numbers at the National Archives of Canada. The item numbers are the most stable references and are the safest guide to the collection.

Box 1	Items 1-125	}	
Box 2	Items 126-280	}	
Box 3	Items 281-404	}	
Box 4	Items 405-570	}	
Box 5	Items 571-663	}	
Box 6	Items 664-723	}	
Box 7	Items 724-726		Three volumes of Milborne's addresses dating from the 1920s and 1930s. These are often bound, final drafts of material found in boxes 1-6.
	Item 727		Index to Milborne's Masonic Notes Volumes I-VII.
	Items 728-729		Milborne's Masonic Notes, vols. I-II. The Masonic Notes deal mainly with masonic history and some of them are dated. They do not seem to be bound in any particular order.
Box 8	Items 730-734		Milborne's Masonic Notes, vols. III-VIII.
	Item 735		Index to Milborne's Masonic Miscellanea Volumes 1-XV.

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Box	9	Items 736-742	Milborne's Masonic Miscellanea, vols. I-VII. The Masonic Miscellanea are bound volumes of essays on masonic history, clippings, photographs, etc., in roughly chronological order. Not all the material is by Milborne: Much of it was probably produced by the Westmount Masonic Study Club.
Box	10	Items 743-747	Milborne's Masonic Miscellanea, vols. VIII-XII.
Box	11	Items 748-752	Milborne's Masonic Miscellanea, vols. XIII-XVII.
Box	12	Item 753 (x 2)	More miscellaneous notes.
		Item 754	Index to transactions of the Leicester Lodge of Research.
		Item 755	"Additions to Wolfstieg" - some kind of index.
		Item 756	Index to the addenda to Wolfstieg's bibliography of Masonic Literature."
		Items 757-759	Wolfstieg's bibliography - huge.
		Items 761, 762	Miscellaneous Milborne indexes.
		Item 763	Readers' Guide to Masonic Literature (1929).
		Item 764	Books for the Freemason (St. Louis: 1925)
		Items 765-767	Other publications cataloguing masonic books for sale.
Box	13	Item 768 (x 2)	Milborne's list of "Naval and Military Masons" - up to the present day. Includes names, ranks, dates. Mostly British, some American. (2 vols.)
		Items 769-774	Milborne's "Naval and Military Lodges," vols. I-VI. Again, brought up to the 20th century.
		Item 775	?

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Box	14	Item 776	Collection of news clippings.
		Item 777	Notebook. Little in it.
		Items 778-779	Index of masons to unclear end.
		Item 780	Brief biographies of loyalists.
		Item 781	"Early American Masons," (vol. 1 - A to N vol. 2 - N to V).
		Item 782	
Box	15	Items 783-786	More biographies and lists of early American and loyalist freemasons.
		Item 787	"Freemasonry in Canada [Province of Quebec?], 1759-1869" (Bound, 1971) - various essays on Lower Canada.
Box	16	Item 788	Programme: Scottish Rite Lodge Hamilton 1923; Programme: Northern Light Lodge Winnipeg, 1879-1929 anniversary.
		Item 789	Summonses (invitations): American Lodge of Research;
		Item 790	Summons: Diamond Jubilee, Royal Arch Masons, Iowa, 1929.
		Items 791-792	Indexes, notes, and miscellanea on Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec, including reproduction of letters.
		Item 793	<i>The Service of British Regiments in Canada and North America</i> , compiled by Charles H. Stewart. (DND Library Pub. #1).
		Item 794	More clippings on freemasons in Quebec.
Box	17	Item 795	Milborne's history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec, 1759-1792.

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Box	17	Item 796	Minutes of St. Andrew's Lodge, Quebec
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	Item 797	History of District Grand Lodge of Montreal and St. Peter's Lodge, Montreal.
	Item 798 [a]	History of The Lodge in the 78th Regiment. (Fraser's Highlanders) St. Andrew's Lodge, Quebec.
	Item 798 [b]	Short history of King Solomon Lodge, Montreal.
	Item 799	Biography of James Thompson, "A Veteran of Wolfe's Army."
	Item 800	Letter book of James Thompson.
	Item 801	History of St. Patrick's lodge, Johnstown, New York.
	Item 802	Loosely organized notes on various aspects of masonic history. Appears to be preparatory to a manuscript.
	Items 803-804?	Notes on history of lodges in the Eastern Townships, Que.
	Item 805	Notes on Quebec masonic history.
	Item 806	Notes (bibliographic).
	Item 807	Notes on Quebec masonic history.
	Item 808	Notes on the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec.
Box 18	Item 809	Chronological notes on Quebec lodge history.
	Items 810-811	Notes on early Canadian lodges.
	Item 812	History of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec, 1759-1792.

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Box 18 (cont.)	Item 813	Various biographical and historical sketches, Quebec.
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		Item 814	Alphabetical list of Quebec Masons, 1759-1869.
		Item 815	Outline of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec by J.H. Graham.
		Item 816	Notebook on register from Hochelaga Lodge.
		Item 817	Notes on early Quebec lodges.
Box	19	Item 818	Notes on early Quebec freemasonry.
		Item 819	Three short, published, histories of lodges in Quebec.
		Item 820	Ritual pertaining to the Masonic Order of St. Laurence.
		Item 821	History of The Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry.
		Items 822-823	Clippings and notes on Quebec masonry.
		Item 824	Minutes of St. Andrew's Lodge, Quebec, 1760-1786.
Box	20	Item 825	Seven Times Seven Equals Ninety-Eight. An Attempt at a History of Hudson Lodge, No. 98, by E.F. Shiewick Smith.
		Item 826	Canadian Masonic Research Association, 1955, pt. 2, History of Capitular Masonry in Quebec.
		Item 827	History of Select Surveyors' Lodge and the Prevost Lodge, 1793-1930.
		Item 828	A few documents, early 19th century, from Select Surveyors Lodge, Montreal.

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Box	20	Item 829	Notebook, Quebec Masonic history.
(cont.)		Items 830-833	Manuscripts of Catechisms, and Exposures - various rituals - from the Masonic past.
Box	21	Item 834	Notes on Masonic ritual.

	Item 835	Ritual of Raising, Grand Orient of the Netherlands.
	Item 836	Le Sceau Rompu ou la loge ouverte aux Profanes Par un franc Maçon.
	Item 837	Note on Relation Apologique, London, 1738.
	Item 838	Publications on Rituals of Royal Alfred Lodge No. 877 E.R.
	Item 839	Notes.
	Item 840	Reception D'Un Frey-Maçon. Its Reprints and Translations.
	Item 841	The History of Masonry to which are added The Mason-Word and Catechism, by Samuel Prichard.
	Item 842	Notebook - The Old Charges.
	Item 843	Essays on Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.
	Item 844	A Masonic Treatise. W. Finch.
Box 22	Item 845	Comparison of [rituals?] Browne, Finch, Lodge of Lights Ms., Vancouver Ms., Preston.
	Item 846	The Free Mason's Instructor or Lecture, 1812.
	Item 847	Françmaçonnerie. Rituel de la Maçonnerie de Royale-Arch, par J.M. Ragon.

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Box 22 (cont.)	Item 848	The Three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, with the Ceremonies of Opening and Closing the Lodge as worked under the Irish Constitution.
	Item 849	Notes on Early 18th century engravings.
	Item 850	"The Lodge. An Essay in Method" by R.J. Meekren.
	Item 851	Notes on Cyphers.
	Item 852	An Introduction to the Harodim by William Waples.
	Item 853	Letters from Dr. G.A. Walker Arnott to Dr. George Oliver, 1841-1844.
	Item 854	Collection of French Works on Freemasonry.
	Item 855	Alleged Exposures of Freemasonry.
	Item 856	Early Continental Works on Freemasonry, Vol. I.
Box 23	Item 857	Early Continental Works on Freemasonry, Vol. II.
	Item 858	Early Continental Works on Freemasonry, Vol. III.
	Item 859 (two parts)	Notes on French Works - Early Continental Exposures.
	Item 860	Lodge of Lights Manuscript.
	Item 861	Browne's Master Key.
	Item 862	The Most Secret Mysteries of the High Degrees of Masonry Unveiled.
Box 24	Item 863	The Graham Manuscript.
	Item 864	Browne's Master Key.

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Box 24 (cont.)	Item 865	The Early Continental Exposures and Their Relationship to English Texts.
	Item 866	Notes on the Compagnonnage.
	Item 867	La Franc-maçonne ou Revelation des Mystères.
	Item 868	Comparative Table of Catechisms
	Item 869	Bibliography of Masonic Catechisms and Exposures.
	Item 870	Masonry Dissected and La Reception Mystéreuse.
Box 25	Item 871	Quatuor Coronati Lodge Papers.
	Item 872	Primitive Rite of Ancient Order of M.B. & B.
	Item 873	Songcard - The Entered Apprentices' Song from English Lodge of Antiquity No. 2.
	Item 874	La Reception Mystérieuse.
	Item 875	Capitular Masonry. Sundry Rituals and Papers.
	Item 876	The Story of Freemasonry by R.V. Harris.
	Item 877	CMRA paper, 1953, pt. I "The Mural Paintings in the Montreal Masonic Temple."
	Item 878	Tobit.
	Item 879	Papers from Sixth Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries, 1961.
	Item 880	The Transition. Some Reflections on Early Grand Lodge History, by E.E. Thiemeyer.
Box 26	Item 881	Symbolism in Freemasonry as presented at the University Lodge No. 84, G.R.Q., 1950.
	Item 882	The Vancouver Manuscript.

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Box 26 (cont.)	Item 883	European Masons to 1750.
	Item 884	Le Parfait Maçon ou les veritables secrets de la Franche-Maçonnerie, 1744.
	Item 885	Reception d'un Frey-Maçon.
	Item 886	L'Ordre des Francs-maçons. Trahi, et Le Secret Des Mopses Revelé
	Item 887	L'Anti Maçon.
	Item 889	MISSING.
	Item 890	Overseas Development of Freemasonry and the Military Lodges.
	Item 891	The Wilkinson Manuscript.
	Item 892	Le Sceau Rompu ou La Loge ouverte aux Profanes.
Box 27	Item 893	Le Sceau Rompu.
	Item 894	Comparison of Texts and Notes on Early French Works on Freemasonry.
	Item 895	Le Maçon Demasqué.
	Item 896	Milborne's translation of three masonic works.
	Item 897	Customs, Rules and Regulations of the Freemasons.
	Item 898	Working copy of The minute Book of the Lodge at Haughfoot, 1702-1763.
Box 28	Item 899	Biography of John Coustos.
	Item 900	L'Adoption ou la Maçonnerie des Femmes.
	Item 901	Les Plus Secrets Mystères des Hauts Grades de la Maçonnerie Dévoilés.

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Box 28 (cont.)	Item 902	The Early Continental Exposures and their Relationship to Contemporary English Texts.
	Item 903	Comparison of Texts and Notes on early French Works on Freemasonry.
	Item 904	The Degrees of Free Masonry.
Box 29	Item 905	Les Francs Maçons Écrasés.
	Item 906	Grand Bodies, Degrees, and Rituals.
	Item 907	The Days of My Youth, by A.J.B. Milborne.
	Items 908-909	Milborne's Army Correspondence Books.
	Item 910	Leaves From My Note Book - excerpts from army notebooks.
	Item 911	The New English Bible. Notes and Comments by A.J.B.M.
	Item 912	Evenings with English Literature, by A.J.B.M., Pt. I
	Item 913	Pt. II
	Item 914	Pt. III.
	Item 915	R.A. Malden's Letters From India 1915-1933.
	Unnumbered Item	A notebook, "Preston's Syllabus".
	Unnumbered Item	"The Gilds of the Middle Ages," by A.J.B.M., 1942.

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Box	30	Unnumbered Items:	1) Reprint of a minute book, "Royal Arch Records. Middletown, Connecticut, 1783". 2) <i>Quatuori Coronati</i> Lodge, No. 2076. 5 files. Correspondence and other records, 1936-75. 3) R.J. Meekren. 4 files. Masonic manuscripts. Nos. 79-172.
Box	31	Unnumbered Items	Notes in preparation of a manuscript by R.J. Meekren and A.L. Kress, "Origin of Degrees". There are 10 files, labelled Introductory and Chapters I - IX.