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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Lina Brock papers
Date:	1959-1990
Identifier:	NAA.2016-19
Creator:	Brock, Lina Lee, 1945-1991
Extent:	6.25 Linear feet (14 boxes) 18 Sound cassettes
Language:	Collection material is in English, French, and Tamashek (Tamajeq).
Summary:	Lina Brock was an anthropologist whose research focused on the Tuareg people of Niger. This collection consists of field notes, journals, genealogies, marriage statistics, censuses, maps, writings, audio recordings, photographs, and other material relating to her work.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Louise Lennihan in 2016.

Processing Information

Original folder titles and spellings were retained; titles assigned by the archivist and English translations of French titles were placed within square brackets.

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Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The Lina Brock papers are open for research. Access to archival audiovisual recordings with no duplicate access copy requires advance notice.

Access to the Lina Brock papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Lina Lee Brock (1945-1991) was an anthropologist whose research focused on the Tuareg people of Niger. She earned her BA in Philosophy from Reed College (1967) and her MA (1974) and PhD (1983) in Anthropology from Columbia University. She was a professor of Anthropology at Sarah Lawrence College from 1981 until her death.

From 1973-1976 she conducted field research in Niger on the effects of economic change and the drought of 1968-1974 on patron-client relationships in Tuareg society. Her field work included historical research in local and national archives, as well as study of oral tradition, social structure, demographics, and economic activities. In the late 1980's she returned to Niger to conduct additional research on Tuareg literature, oral history, and the Tamajeq language.

Brock died of pancreatic cancer in 1991.

Scope and Contents

The Lina Brock papers consist of materials relating to Lina Brock's work with the Tuareg in northwest Africa. The collection includes field notebooks, journals, genealogies and kinship notes, censuses, marriage statistics, writings, maps, cassette tapes, 35mm slides, and other material.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into six series: (1) Research, 1959-1989; (2) Writing, 1975-1990; (3) Sound recordings, 1986-1988; (4) Photographs, 1974-1976; (5) Maps, undated; and (6) Personal, undated.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Tuaregs

Cultures:

Tuaregs

Places:

Africa, West
Niger

Container Listing

Series 1: Research, 1959-1990

Scope and Contents: This series consists of materials created by Brock in the course of her fieldwork in Niger from 1974-1976 and 1986-1988. It includes journals, fieldnotes, census and survey data, archival research notes, transcripts and translations of interviews and poetry, and bibliographies. This series also includes the journal and fieldnotes of Robert Murphy, Brock's advisor, as well as materials related to grants and research funding.

Arrangement: This series is arranged into eight sub-series: (1) Journals and field notes; (2) Demographic, marriage, and kiship data; (3) Tuareg history; (4) Economic development; (5) Tuareg literature and languages; (6) Robert Murphy; (7) Bibliography; and (8) Grants.

Materials within each sub-series are arranged chronologically.

1.1: Journals and field notes, 1974-1988

Scope and Contents: This sub-series contains journals and field notes from Brock's fieldwork in Niger in 1974-1976 and 1986-1988.

Box 1, Folder 1	[Journals], 1974 February 22-1975 September 5
Box 1, Folder 2	[Journal], 1975 November 19-1976 April 1
Box 12	[Field notes], 1974-1976 Notes: Notes are typed on index cards and keyed to journals.
Box 12	[Subject notes], 1974-1976
Box 1, Folder 3-4	Field project-Suzy, 1985-1988
Box 1, Folder 5	[Journal], 1988 October 31-1988 November 20
Box 1, Folder 6	[Journal], 1988 November 27-1988 December 21
Box 1, Folder 7	Life histories--Shaba, 1988 November-1988 December
Box 1, Folder 8	[Notebook], 1988

1.2: Demographic, marriage, and kinship data, 1967-1983

Scope and Contents: This sub-series contains residential, marriage, and kinship census data and surveys, as well as Brock's notes and calculations.

Box 2, Folder 1	Census: Arrond. de Tahoua, by canton and village, 1967, 1974-1975
Box 2, Folder 2	Recensement [Census] Tamejirt, 1968

Box 2, Folder 3	Tamejirt 1968 census--carbons, 1968
Box 2, Folder 4	Recensement 3e Groupe [3rd Group census], 1968-1971
Box 2, Folder 5	Worksheets--Mare de Kao [Kao pond], 1974
Box 13	Kel Attaram census, 1974-1975
Box 13	Kel Dinnik census, 1974-1975
Box 2, Folder 6	Tamejirt 1974 census--carbons, 1974
Box 2, Folder 7	Censusing/ Group Placement / Taxation--notes, 1974
Box 2, Folder 8	Recensement de [Census of] Tamejirt, 1974
Box 13	Marriage census, 1974-1976
Box 13	Marriage census (copies), 1974-1976
Box 2, Folder 9	Marriage questionnaires--originals, 1974-1976
Box 2, Folder 10	Marriages by sibling set and generation (copies of worksheets), 1974-1978
Box 2, Folder 11	Shabba residential census with manipulations, 1975 July-1975 August
Box 2, Folder 12	Residential census, 1975 July-1975 August
Box 2, Folder 13	Recensement [Census]: Tchaba Maigazo (IZ) (Dept. Tahoua, Canton Kalfou), 1975
Box 2, Folder 14	Izeriyaden 1975 census-carbons, 1975
Box 2, Folder 15	Enplacement des cases [Location of huts], Shabba, Welen, Yel, 1975-1976
Box 2, Folder 16	Cousin marriage--calculations, 1982
Box 3, Folder 1	Kinship data--manipulations, 1983
Box 3, Folder 2	Sibling set numbers, undated
Box 3, Folder 3	Genealogies, undated
Box 3, Folder 4	Econ. census data manipulations, undated

1.3: Tuareg history

Scope and Contents: This sub-series consists of Brock's historical research, including extracts from and notes on documents in archives in France and Niger, lists of archival resources, and published histories.

Box 3, Folder 5	[Reprints and papers about the Tuareg], 1961-1975
Box 3, Folder 6	Archives Natls à Paris [National Archives in Paris]
Box 3, Folder 7	List of documents in Aïx: ca. 1900-1920
Box 3, Folder 8	Archives Natls Niamey--catalog nos.
Box 3, Folder 9	Liste des docs--Prefecture de Tahoua [List of documents--Tahoua prefecture]
Box 3, Folder 10	Archival Materials (carbon copies)
Box 4, Folder 1-3	[Notes on archival documents]
Box 4, Folder 4	Work on comparing accounts of the revolt; history, intentionality
Box 4, Folder 5	[Notes on 1917 Revolt]
Box 4, Folder 6	[Research and writing on Tuareg history]
Box 4, Folder 7	Bouche, Village de Liberté [Reading Notes]

1.4: Economic development

Scope and Contents: This sub-series consists of reports on agriculture, land use, and economic development in Niger.

Box 4, Folder 8	Rapports de l'Elevage [Livestock Reports], 1965-1974
Box 5, Folder 1	MER. Programme sauvetage de veaux [Program to provide nutritional supplements for calves], 1972
Box 5, Folder 2	MER. Prod. de viandes (Statis. On meat production), 1972
Box 5, Folder 3	Estimations de l'effectif de bétail dans l'arrondissement de Tchén Tabaraden [Estimates of the number of cattle in the arrondissement of Tchén Tabaraden], 1972-1975
Box 5, Folder 4	MER. Service de L'Agriculture--Rapports [Agriculture Service reports], 1972-1975
Box 5, Folder 5	[Nigerien government reports], 1972-1975

Box 5, Folder 6	MDC/SDRAT. Statistiques Departementales [Departmental Statistics], 1966, 1972/73, July 1973
Box 5, Folder 7	MER. Projet de Centres de Multiplication de Bovins [Project to create centers for the growth of cattle herds], 1973
Box 5, Folder 8	MDC. Propos. Pour la zone pastorale [Proposals for pastureland], 1973
Box 5, Folder 9	MER. Effets de la Secheresse sur l'elevage [Effects of the drought on livestock], 1973
Box 5, Folder 10	MER. Projet de modernisation de l'elevage en zone pastorale [Project concerning the modernization of livestock in pastoral areas], 1973
Box 5, Folder 11	CNRSH. Rapport prelim. conseq. de la Secheresse à Kao [Preliminary report on the effects of the drought in Kao], July 1974
Box 5, Folder 12	Niger Range and Livestock--Critique, 1983
Box 5, Folder 13	Ministere de Promotion Humaine--Projet de Reconst. des paturages [Ministry of Human Advancement--Project for the reconstruction of pastureland]
Box 5, Folder 14	Hunger/Famine--notes

1.5: Tuareg literature and languages

Scope and Contents: This sub-series contains Brock's work on Tamajeq language, poetry, and oral tradition. It also includes transcripts and translations into English and French of audio recordings made by Brock. Note that only one of these files corresponds with a recording in Series 3. The location of the majority of audio recordings described in this sub-series is unknown.

Box 5, Folder 15	Inventory--Taped Mats., 1974-1976
Box 5, Folder 16	[Notes] Cah SH I, 1975
Box 5, Folder 17	[Notes] Cah SH II, 1975
Box 5, Folder 18-19	Tape transcriptions, 1975
Box 6, Folder 1	Tamajeq notation--notes on conversation with Aghali, 1982
Box 6, Folder 2	Texts, Ahmadu I, Amghar, 1985
Box 6, Folder 3	Current Ahmadu pages, 1986
Box 6, Folder 4	La Conquête du "Vide" Caludot-Haward, 1986
Box 6, Folder 5	[Testament Nomade--English translation], 1987-1989

Box 6, Folder 6	Elliya's marriages--Tape Shaba I Side A 375-end and Side B (Transcripts and translations), 1988 November 17 Notes: See [Brock 13]: "Shabba II--Khaled Issa ses" in Series 3: Sound recordings.
Box 6, Folder 7; Box 11, Folder 8; Box 11, Folder 9; Box 11, Folder 10	[Hawad Exhibition at Sarah Lawrence College], 1988 21 Slides (35mm color) 1 Contact sheet (black-and-white) 55 Negatives (acetate, 35mm, color)
Box 6, Folder 8	Poetry, 1988 November-1988 December
Box 6, Folder 9	["Oral Poetry in its Rich Complexity" by Valerie Belas], 1989 May 22
Box 6, Folder 10	Efellan and the Lion by Finn Campman, 1989
Box 6, Folder 11	Efellan, Elwuter and the lion--English and notes
Box 6, Folder 12	Poems--Efellan, Seide
Box 6, Folder 13	Caravan of Thirst
Box 7, Folder 1	Translations--Francis Nicholas
Box 7, Folder 2	Lucas, Theory of the Novel
Box 7, Folder 3	Tamajeq grammar--selections
Box 7, Folder 4	[Transcripts and translations of audio recordings]
Box 7, Folder 5	Notes on tape transcription--Ch. 1
Box 7, Folder 6	[Tape transcription]
Box 7, Folder 7	CAH Werihanija
Box 7, Folder 8	Hellan--Tape III, Side A, 040-078 (Transcript and translations)
Box 7, Folder 9	[Translation-Tape IV Side B 369-404]

1.6: Robert Murphy

Scope and Contents: This sub-series contains the field notebooks of Robert Murphy, Brock's advisor, as well as related correspondence and notes.

Box 7, Folder 10	[Field notes], 1959-1960
Box 7, Folder 11;	[Notebooks], 1960

Box 8, Folder 1

Box 8, Folder 2 [Correspondence], 1974

Box 8, Folder 3 [Unpublished papers]

1.7: Bibliography

Scope and Contents: This sub-series consists of bibliography cards and a packet of readings on the Tuareg and North-west African history and culture.

Box 13 [Bibliography cards]

Box 8, Folder 4 Articles for Brock/Gregg packet

1.8: Grants

Scope and Contents: This sub-series contains materials related to research grants and other funding requests.

Box 8, Folder 5 AASC report, extension proposal, 1974-1975

Box 8, Folder 6 Dossier CNRS [Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique], 1983

Box 8, Folder 7 [NEH grant application], 1985

Box 8, Folder 8 [CNRS--Poste Rouge], 1988-1990

Box 8, Folder 9 [American Philosophical Society], 1990

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Series 2: Writings, 1977-1990

Scope and Contents: This series consists of Brock's published and unpublished papers. Also included are drafts and notes.

Arrangement: Materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

Box 8, Folder 10	AID/IRSH conference, 1975 June
Box 9, Folder 1	IRSH/AID Conference paper, 1975 June
Box 9, Folder 2	Norris review, 1977
Box 9, Folder 3	Notes--Thesis "When We Were Rich" paper, Spring 1979
Box 9, Folder 4	Table Ronde--Parente Touaregue [Round Table-Toureg kinship]--Notes and unpublished papers, 1980
Box 9, Folder 5	Marriage exchange and class formation paper, 1980
Box 9, Folder 6	Clark review--offprints, 1980
Box 9, Folder 7	Tuareg film review--Murphy corresp., 1982
Box 9, Folder 8	Kinship and surplus appropriation paper--original, 1982
Box 9, Folder 9	Exchanges matrimoniaux... Colloque Aïx [Marriage exchange--Aïx symposium], 1983 May
Box 9, Folder 10	Groupe d'Anthropologie Historique [Historical Anthropology Group], 1983
Box 9, Folder 11	Kinship treatment and book project, 1984
Box 9, Folder 12	Frobenius conference, 1984 May
Box 9, Folder 13	Everyday Life and the Famine, 1985 March
Box 9, Folder 14	"Transmission des Terres et Transformation des Stratégies Matrimoniales Chez Les Tamejirt, 1875-1975" [Land Transfer and the Transformation of Marriage Strategies among the Tamejirt, 1875-1975], 1987
Box 9, Folder 15	[Writing], 1988-1990
Box 9, Folder 16	"Camel...", 1988-1990
Box 10, Folder 1	Bronte/Brock/Conte kinship project
Box 10, Folder 2	Ikhezi paper

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Series 3: Sound recordings, 1986-1988

18 Sound cassettes

Scope and Contents: The series consists of 18 audio cassettes recorded by Brock between 1986-1988. The cassettes contain poetry and interviews on the subjects of marriage, kinship, and history.

Arrangement: Sounds recordings are arranged chronologically.

Box 14, Cassette 1	[Brock 1], 1986 January 2 1 Sound cassette Notes: Baz (Zeinabu interprète [interpreter])
Box 14, Cassette 2	[Brock 2], 1986 April 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Kilikili I Amajallad-Tanout - succession dispute (Ghumar Abdusanmed trans.)
Box 14, Cassette 3	[Brock 3], 1986 April 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Kilikili Amajallad--Tanout succession dispute III
	[Brock 4], 1986 May 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Baz I
Box 14, Cassette 5	[Brock 5], 1986 May 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Baz III
Box 14, Cassette 6	[Brock 6], 1986 June 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Khalwata
Box 14, Cassette 7	[Brock 7], 1986 June 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: [illegible] El Ghalid (?), Howolatter (?), Kilikili-plaisanterie [joke] (000-111)
Box 14, Cassette 8	[Brock 8], 1986 July 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: Ekatel et [and] Ghaishatu, chez [at the home of] Ghaishatu (000-193)
Box 14, Cassette 9	[Brock 9], 1986 September 1-1986 November 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: <i>Side A:</i> Akhmiada I: discussion of kinship-aran meddan etc. <i>Side B:</i> Akhmiada à propos des les mariages [about marriages] I
Box 14, Cassette 10	[Brock 10], 1986 October 1

	1 Sound cassette Notes: Séance de thé a [Tea ceremony at] Meni Meni
Box 14, Cassette 11	[Brock 11], 1986 November 1 1 Sound cassette Notes: <i>Side A:</i> Akhmiada-ses marriage II <i>Side B:</i> Akhmiada-ses marriage III
Box 14, Cassette 12	[Brock 12], 1988 November 1 Sound cassette Notes: Copy: Shabba I <i>Side A:</i> Abalele-his 3rd marriage (000-363); Elliya-her marriages (375-end) (Copy: Shabba I Abelel/Elliya) <i>Side B:</i> Elliya's marriages
Box 14, Cassette 13	[Brock 13], 1988 November 1 Sound cassette Notes: Shabba II--Khaled Issa ses Side A and 000-220 of Side B--ses marriages [his marriages]. Side B 225-400--his latest marriage See also "Elliya's marriages[...]" in Series 1, Sub-series 5: Tuareg literature and languages, Box 6 Folder 6 .
Box 14, Cassette 14	[Brock 14], 1988 November 22 1 Sound cassette Notes: Shabba III: Asak
Box 14, Cassette 15	[Brock 15], 1988 November 1 Sound cassette Notes: Shabba IV
Box 14, Cassette 16	[Brock 16], 1988 December 1-1988 December 8 1 Sound cassette Notes: Poetry I <i>Side A:</i> Tahoua: El Hadji Daoud and El Hadji Abdoulye <i>Side B:</i> Tahoua: El Hadji Daoud et [and] El Hadji Abdoulye
Box 14, Cassette 17	[Brock 17] 1 Sound cassette Notes: Copy: Comments, Hellan, Tape II
Box 14, Cassette 18	[Brock 18] 1 Sound cassette Notes: Copy: Poetry Tape IV: Izeryaden

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Series 4: Photographs, 1974-1976

Scope and Contents: This series consists primarily of 35mm color slides taken by Brock. The slides depict village scenes, landscapes, and traditional craft work by men and women.

Processing Information: Brock arranged the slides in boxes and labeled them by box, roll, and image number. The archivist removed the slides from the boxes but preserved the arrangement.

Box 11, Folder 1 Slide Box 1, 1974 August-1975 April
178 Slides (35mm color)

Notes: Includes:

Roll 1: Kao, rainy season (August 1974) (18 images) Roll 2: Kao, August 194 (34 images) Roll 3: Cure Salee, late rainy season (Sept.) 1974 (36 images) Roll 4: Kao portraits, Oct.-Nov. 1974 (5 images) Roll 5: mixed, Nov. 1974-Jan. 1975 (31 images) Roll 6: Ghoumour's camp west of Founkouey, cold season (Feb. 1975) (34 images) Roll 7: Shabba, first trips, March-April 1975 (20 images)

Box 11, Folder 2 Slide Box 2, 1975 April-1975 August
180 Slides (35mm color)

Notes: Includes:

Roll 8: Shabba: camel-back mapping day and blacksmiths at Mayow's baptism April 1975 (39 images) Roll 9: Chez Illiyassou, Kel Tamerkest at Abouhaya, May-June 1975 plus shots of my house in Tahoua (34 images) Roll 10: Shabba, rainy season (July through August 1975), plus smiths dancing at my house in Tahoua, plus Issikinet's wedding (34 images) Roll 11/12: Shabba (73 images)

Box 11, Folder 3 Slide Box 3: Smith men's work, Shabba: Ibaten and Abdoulayi, 1976 April
162 Slides (35mm color)

Notes: Includes:

Roll 13: Ibaten: flat bracelet; Abdoulayi, gris-gris; Moussa (34 images) Roll 14: Flat bracelet, valley panoramic, Fatimatou and kids, Giaya (28 images) Roll 15: Lost-wax bead casting (Ibaten) (30 images) Roll 16: Casting earring pieces, rounding on anvil, initial shaping on aluminum piece on anvil (32 images) Roll 17: Ibaten working on earring (30 images) Roll 18: Pouring silver into mold for earring (8 images)

Box 11, Folder 4 Slide Box 4: Smith women's work. Fatimatou, Yacin and Yacin. Shabba, 1976 April
168 Slides (35mm color)

Notes: Includes:

Roll 18: Trip to Samo market to buy skins; gardens at Toudouniy, Fayan's welen '76 camp (31 images) Roll 19: Fatimatou and both Yacins dying [sic] yellow skin (35 images) Roll 20: Fatimatou and Yacin cutting leather for cushions (36 images) Roll 21: Putting together end pieces: Fatimatou and Yacin (23 images) Roll 22: Sewing on cushions; and long shots

of smiths' and Fayans' camp (14 images) Roll 23: Yacin sewing cushion inside case (13 images) Roll 24: Fatimatou finishing cushion (16 images)

Box 11, Folder 5

Slide Box 5, 1974-1976

114 Slides (35mm color)

Notes: Includes:

Roll 1: La Tapoa (Park W) with Bernard and Bertrand (7 images)
Roll 4: Bernard and Bertrand--trip to Boubon, Niamey scenes (29 images) Roll 21: Onions at Shabba (13 images) Roll 25: Shabba (33 images) Roll 26: Meni-meni (32 images)

Box 11, Folder 6

[Slide Box 6], 1974-1976

154 Slides (35mm color)

Box 11, Folder 11

Negatives

8 Negatives (35mm color)

Notes: Contains negatives separated from Slide Box 2 and Slide Box 4

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Series 5: Maps, undated

Scope and Contents: This series consists maps made by Brock as well as published maps of Northwest Africa and Niger.

Box 10, Folder 3	Maps-Ahmadu
Box 10, Folder 4	Maps--Y. Poncet
Box 10, Folder 5	Cartes [Maps]--Tahoua and Azawah (1/200.000)
Box 10, Folder 6	Maps--Adar
Box 10, Folder 7	[Maps and charts]
Box 10, Folder 8	[Maps]

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Series 6: Personal, undated

Scope and Contents: This series consists of personal notes, drafts, and letters primarily related to a fiction short story or novel by Brock.

Box 10, Folder 9	[Fiction writing and criticism]
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Box 10, Folder 10	[Notes]
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