



American Historical Collection

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## Keepsakes of the Philippine-American Period

*An exhibit of mementos from June to October 2009*



The *American Historical Collection* (AHC) which established in 1950, consists of about 13,000 books, 18,000 photographs, and other materials related to the American experience in the Philippines and to the relationship of the two countries. With the possible exception of the holdings of the *Library of Congress*, the AHC is the largest, most diverse and most complete in the world.

Ambassador *Myron Cowen* (1949-1951), who saw the devastation wrought by the war on many things including the memory of the times preceding it, encouraged the American community to donate books and other materials pertaining to the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His initiative was responsible for the early phase of the collection.

The AHC was housed first at the *U.S. Embassy*, then at the *Thomas Jefferson Center* at Makati. It is now kept at the *Rizal Library of the Ateneo de Manila University*. The *Rizal Library* is committed to preserve the collection following the high standards it uses when conserving its own holdings. Furthermore, it is committed to facilitate the research of scholars.

The *American Historical Collection Foundation, Inc.* aids and supports the AHC.

Ownership of the AHC is in trust with the *American Association of the Philippines*.

*Filipinos and Americans are encouraged to donate appropriate books toward the development of this great collection.*

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Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Early Philippine Archipelago Government Check (June 1904)



Iloilo Emergency Currency, Five Pesos (Series of 1944)



Roosevelt-Quezon and Commemorative Stamps (August 1947)



Mc-Arthur Envelope and Commemorative Stamps (Feb 1945)

Experience history from mementos of the past and embrace tidings of antiquity! This exhibit will show you the vast wealth of items contained in the American Historical Collection. These include interesting and poignant materials such as pins, medals, commemorative coins, swords, stamps, envelopes, World War II letters, Santo Tomas Internment Camp arm band, and Japanese Mickey Mouse money.

