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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 20th 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. Further-more, 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.



American Historical Collection

Presents

Dr. Jose P. Rizal, 1861-1896 The Austin Craig Album

On exhibit from June - December 2011

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On the occasion of Rizal's 150th birthday, the AHC proudly presents the Austin Craig's Rizal Album.

The album presents intimate pictures of Rizal, his family, his friends, his sweetheart, his sculptures, and his poetry.

Of historical interest in this album are pictures of Rizal's cell in Fort Santiago and former grave in Paco Cemetery, and an 1872 receipt of Rizal's payment to the Calamba land they tilled, and Rizal's genealogy.

Austin C. Craig [b. February 22, 1872 – d. 1949], foremost Rizal scholar was an American historian born in Eddyton, New York. He is one of the first biographers of the Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. He arrived in Manila on July 25, 1904 as a teacher under the Bureau of Education.

He was the holder of the Rizal professorial chair at the University of the Philippines in Padre Faura from 1912 to 1922. This chair was awarded him in recognition of his books on Rizal; the first being *The Story of Jose Rizal* [1909], followed *Lineage, Life and Labor of Jose Rizal, Philippine Patriot: A Study* [1913].

Craig is the book editor of *Rizal's Own Story of His Life*, *The Former Philippines thru Foreign Eyes*, and *The Philippines: a Century Hence*.

