

Summary Information

Title: The Cranbrook Institute Collection

Collector: Government of the Philippine Islands Bureau of Education

Donor: The Cranbrook Institute of Science

Dates: Accessioned 1941

Extent: 46 catalog records representing approximately 46 objects.

Abstract:

Collection of assorted baskets/basketry from the Philippines assembled by the Government of the Philippine Islands Bureau of Education.

Accession number: 1387

Language: English

Repository:

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Other Repositories:

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Access and Use

Acquisition Information:

This collection was a gift of the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

Copyright:

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Biography

No individual donor. The Bureau of Education in the Philippines was established in 1901 via Act No. 74 of the Taft Commission, thus implementing a new, centralized public school system officially of the American colonial government.

Collection Scope and Content Note

Collection of assorted baskets/basketry from the Philippines likely initially gathered for display at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo. Cranbrook received the collection from the Buffalo Society of Natural Science. Many objects have tags that read “The Government of the Philippine Islands. Bureau of Education. Industrial Exhibit.” and include individual basket provenance and original prices.

The collection has not been attributed to any Philippine ethnolinguistic groups. A cultural expert has not reviewed the collection; the catalog information reflects what has been previously provided by the donor and the Museum’s historic naming conventions. At this time, it cannot be stated with specificity when, where, or by whom the objects were created.

Supplementary material includes:

- Assorted tags from the baskets
- Typed index card signed “B.A.deV.B.”
- Letter from Guthe to Hatt, Director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, requesting provenance of baskets in the Philippines
- Donor note addressed to Volney Jones at University of Michigan
- Museum inventory from 1941 (x2)

The collection contains the following objects (organized by the museum’s historic naming conventions):

- Container - Basket (36)
- Container - Container (Generic) (1)
- Container - Lid (cover) (4)
- Container - Strainer (or Sieve) (1)
- Fish trap (2)
- Food Preparation and Consumption - Sifter (2)
- Furnishings and Furniture - Pillow (2)
- Unassigned- Ethnographic material (1)

Subject Terms

- Basket Making—Basketry
- Education—Philippines
- Exhibitions
- Politics and government
- World's Fairs

Bibliography

There is currently no known published material associated with the Cranbrook collection.