

## Summary Information

**Title:** The Tiffany Bernard Williams Collection

**Collector:** Tiffany Bernard Williams

**Donor:** Sam P. Williams

**Dates:** Collected 1914-1917; Accessioned 1986

**Extent:** 8 catalog records representing approximately 8 objects.

**Abstract:**

American soldier serving as constabulary in the Philippines, 1914-1917. The collection consists of several spears.

**Accession number:** 1986-20

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

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Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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Home Page: <https://lsa.umich.edu/ummaa>

**Other Repositories:**

Bentley Historical Library

1150 Beal Avenue

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

734.764.3482

University of Michigan. Special Collections Library:

Sixth Floor, Room 660

Hatcher Library South

913 S. University Ave

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1190

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## Access and Use

**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was donated by Sam P. Williams, 1986.

**Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open to research.

**Copyright:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Biography**

Williams was born in 1893. He graduated from Kemper Military School in 1914, and was a commissioned officer in the Philippines from 1914-1917. In Manila he would complete his Constabulary training, and in approximately December of 1914 he would begin service at the 5th Mountain Company in Mayaoyao, Ifugao. He would later be sent to Banaue. Following his service in the Philippines he worked as a businessman in China, and in WWII he served as a Major in the U.S. military. Williams died in 1981.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

Donor information indicates that these spears were taken from indigenous peoples of North Luzon. In the 1910s, the donor wrote that these individuals were Ifugao, Igorotes, or Gaddangs, though these labels are not consistent with how ethnolinguistic groups define themselves today. The donor also claims that these spears were used in the practice of headhunting, though the accuracy of this statement has not been verified by an expert.

The collection has not been attributed to any Philippine ethnolinguistic groups. The collection has also not been reviewed by an individual with expertise in Philippine ethnolinguistic cultures. 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:**

- Correspondence between library and museum
- Select pages of Tiffany Bernard William's memoir of his service in the Philippine constabulary

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

- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Sheath
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Spear (6)

**Subject Terms**

- Tiffany Bernard Williams (1893-1981)
- Philippines–History
- Weapons–Private Collections

**Bibliography**

There is currently no known published material associated with Tiffany Bernard Williams or the collection.