

## Summary Information

**Title:** The Horace M. Miner Philippine Collection

**Collector:** Dr. James F. Corbett

**Donor:** Horace M. Miner

**Dates:** Accessioned 1955

**Extent:** 25 catalog records representing 30 objects

**Abstract:**

Medical doctor and general collector of mostly Native American artifacts from Minneapolis, MN. Collection consists of ethnographic objects including varied weapons, tools, and clothing.

**Accession number:** 2175

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

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**Other Repositories:**

**Collection Guide Created by:** Sophie Wolf

**Year Collection Guide Created:** 2023

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## Access and Use

**Acquisition Information:**

This collection was donated by University of Michigan anthropologist Dr. Horace Miner, 1955.

**Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open to research.

**Copyright:**

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**Biography**

James F. Corbett was a medical doctor practicing in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a general collector of objects from all over the world, though this collection consists mainly of Native American arrowheads, spearheads, stone tools, etc. He acquired these objects largely through purchases made from antiquities dealers and fellow collectors. There is little else known about Dr. Corbett, and there is no acquisition information on file to tell us how Miner came to possess these items.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

The material collected by Dr. James Corbett, an antiquities enthusiast in prolific correspondence with various dealers, consists of over 400 objects. The subset of the collection attributed to the Philippines consists of various ethnographic weapons, containers, tools, and clothing.

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:**

- Extensive correspondence between artifact/antiquity dealers and Dr. Corbett including sketches, description, and newspaper clippings
- Discussions of James Cook's 1778 expedition and corresponding Northwest Coast Object #24673, the "Cook Pounder"
- Assorted photographs and negatives
- Index cards with original object pricings

- Original list of some of the items with Miner's name on it, including prices

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

- Agriculture and Subsistence–Hunting Object–Spear
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Kris (4)
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Sheath (5)
- Armour and Weapons–Armour–Shield
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Spear (6)
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Spear point
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Sword
- Armour and Weapons–Weapon–Sword–Kampilan
- Container–Basket (2)
- Container–Bowl
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Clothing–Hat
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Clothing–Skirt
- Food Preparation and Consumption–Spoon
- Tools and Equipment–Axe (2)
- Tools and Equipment–Beater
- Tools and Equipment–Cordage
- Tools and Equipment–Knife

## **Subject Terms**

- Textile fabrics
- Weapons–Private Collections
- Weapons–Spears
- Weapons–Swords

## **Bibliography**

There are no known publications relating to Corbett or this collection.