

## Summary Information

**Title:** The Trap Philippines Collection

**Collector:** John A. Van den Broek

**Donor:** William M. Trap

**Dates:** Collected prior to 1928; Accessioned 1928

**Extent:** 17 Catalog records representing approximately 17 objects.

**Abstract:**

William M. Trap, the donor, was head of the Department of Philosophy at Wayne State University and minister at the Christian Reformed Church. John A. Van den Broek, the collector, was a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan. The collection is part of a larger collection of weapons from a variety of locations across the world.

**Accession number:** 784

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

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**Other Repositories:**

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University

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Detroit MI 48202

Heritage Hall, Hekman Library, Calvin University

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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Bentley Historical Library

1150 Beal Avenue

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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## Access and Use

### Acquisition Information:

The Collection was purchased from William M. Trap, 1928.

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Copyright:

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### Preferred Citation:

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## Biography

William M. Trap was born in 1887. He was a professor at the University of Michigan 1923-1925, and continued his career at Wayne State University from 1926-1955. From 1913-1918 he served as an active minister at the Christian Reformed Church. Trap died in 1958.

John Abraham Van den Broek was born in 1885. He was a professor at the University of Michigan beginning in 1914. Van den Broek died in 1959.

## Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection contains 17 assorted weapons collected by J. A. Van den Broek and purchased from William M. Trap. The exact dates and circumstances of collection are not known. The University acquired the collection with the help of John A. Van den Broek.

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 the museum, donor, and collector.
- Original museum inventory, with drawings.

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

- Armor and Weapons–Armor–Shield
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Bow (2)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Dagger (4)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Kris
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Sheath (4)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Spear (2)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapon–Sword (2)
- Tools and Equipment–Axe
- Tools and Equipment–Knife (3)

**Subject Terms**

- Trap, William M. (1887-1958)
- Van den Broek, John A. (1885-1959)
- Weapons
- Weapons–Private Collections

**Bibliography**

There are currently no known publications about William M. Trap, John Andrew Van der Broek, or the collection.