

## Summary Information

**Title:** The Cole Collection

**Collector:** Harry Newton Cole and Mary Martha Scott Cole

**Donor:** Mary Martha Scott Cole

**Dates:** Collected 1901-1903; Accessioned 1933 & 1935

**Extent:** 93 catalog records representing approximately 103 objects.

**Abstract:**

American teachers in the Philippines, 1901-1903. The collection consists of various ethnographic objects including weapons, textiles, cups, and trays.

**Accession number:** 950 & 951

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

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**Other Repositories:**

Bentley Historical Library

1150 Beal Avenue

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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**Year Collection Guide Created:** 2022

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## Access and Use

**Acquisition Information:**

Accession 950 was a gift of Mary Martha Scott Cole, 1933.

Accession 951 was purchased from Mary Martha Scott Cole, 1935.

**Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open to research.

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**Biography**

Harry Newton Cole and Mary Martha Scott Cole were two of six hundred educators who traveled aboard the U.S. Army Transport *Thomas* to the Philippines in July, 1901, as part of a group that would henceforth be known as the “Thomasites.” The party arrived in Manila August 21st, and shortly thereafter the Coles departed Manila for Palo, Leyte, where they would spend the next three years as educators working within the American colonial rican public school system in the Philippines.

For more information about the Thomasites, consult the bibliography.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

Ethnographic material collected by the Coles while serving as American school teachers in Palo, Leyte, Philippines. The collection is composed of various ethnographic objects, including swords and daggers, but primarily is made of household items such as cups, clothing, and embroideries. All items were collected between 1901 and 1903 in the Philippines.

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 donor and museum.
- Original museum inventory.

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

- Armor and Weapons–Weapons–Cartridge (1)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapons–Dagger (6)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapons–Sheath (3)
- Armor and Weapons–Weapons–Sword (3)
- Container–Bag (1)
- Container–Basket (5)
- Container–Cup (9)
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Accessory–Scarf (7)
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Clothing–Hat (1)
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Clothing–Shirt (1)
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Jewelry–Brooch (1)
- Dress and Personal Adornment–Toiletries–Comb (9)
- Food Preparation and Consumption–Ladle (2)
- Furnishings and Furniture–Doily (1)
- Information Technology–Book (1)
- Information Technology–Ink Block (1)
- Music–Percussion Instrument–Bell (1)
- Music–Unspecified–Musical Instrument (2)
- Religion or Ritual–Charm (1)
- Religion or Ritual–Plaque (3)
- Reproductions or Casts–Model (1)
- Sports and Games–Toy (2)
- Textile (1)
- Textile–Mat (5)
- Tools and Equipment–Hook (3)
- Tools and Equipment–Tray (9)
- Unassigned–Modified Wood (1)
- Unassigned–Rock (1)
- Unassigned–Unworked shell (2)

**Subject Terms**

- Cole, Harry N. (Harry Newton)
- Cole, Mary M. S. (Mary Martha Scott)
- American Teachers–Philippines
- Leyte Island (Philippines)
- Philippines–20th Century
- Thomasites

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