Guide to the Ralph and Jennie Eastman Papers M2349

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Physical Description: 4 Linear Feet (8 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1893-1936
Abstract: Correspondence and other material related to American educators working in the Philippines in the early 20th century.

Biographical / Historical
Amos Ralph Eastman and Genevieve “Jennie” Martha Topping Eastman were two of a group of about five hundred teachers sent by the United States government to the Philippines in 1901 during the colonial period as part of a project to change the country’s social, political, and economic life by way of educational reforms. These so-called “Thomasites,” named for the ship they arrived on, were the precursors of today’s Peace Corps volunteers, and are credited with turning the Philippines into the third largest English-speaking nation in the world. Throughout their time in the islands, they kept up a steady correspondence with family in Michigan that provide a look at the early period of American colonialism in the Philippines.

Scope and Contents
Primarily written correspondence between Ralph and Jennie Eastman and their families. Sympathy notes upon Ralph’s death. Photographs, drawings, ephemera. Jointly kept manuscript diary kept in the Philippines, classroom notebooks, attendance roll books, geography notes, one issue of on-board ship newspaper published by the teachers.

Processing Information
Collection preserves order given by seller, arranged by date and correspondent and separated into Philippine and non-Philippine material.

Conditions Governing Access
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Philippines -- History -- 1898-1946.
Education -- Philippines -- History
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Eastman, Amos Ralph, 1874-1936
Eastman, Jennie Martha Topping, 1879-1958

Series 1. General correspondence

| Box 1, Folder 1-3 | Letters from Jennie Topping to Ralph Eastman 1899-1901 |
| Box 1, Folder 4-6, Box 2, Folder 1-5 | Letters from Ralph Eastman to Jennie Topping, later Jennie Eastman 1898-1936 |
| Box 2, Folder 6-8, Box 3, Folder 1-3 | Letters to Ralph Eastman from various correspondents 1893-1911 |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | Letters to Jennie Topping from various correspondents |
| Box 3, Folder 5-6, Box 3, Folder 7-9 | Letters from Ralph Eastman to his parents, non-Philippine 1898-1923 |
| Box 3, Folder 10 | Letters to Ralph and Jennie from Ralph’s parents 1902-1904 |
| Box 4, Folder 1-4 | Letters to Ralph and Jennie from Jennie’s mother, Laura Topping 1901-1904 |
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Box 4, Folder 5-6: Letters to Ralph and Jennie from F. Mae Topping, Jennie's sister 1902-1904
Box 5, Folder 1: Letters to F. Mae Topping from various correspondents 1902
Box 5, Folder 2-3: Letters to Laura Topping, Mrs. Orlando Topping from various correspondents
Box 5, Folder 4: Undated and miscellaneous letters
Box 5, Folder 5: Miscellaneous ephemera
half-box 9, Folder 3: Photographs and drawings

Series 2. Philippine materials 1901-1906

Box 6, Folder 1-5: Letters to Ralph Eastman's parents from Ralph and Jennie 1901-1905
Box 6, Folder 6-7, Box 7, Folder 1-5: Letters to Mrs. Orlando Topping, Laura Topping, from Ralph and Jennie 1901-1905
Box 7, Folder 6-7, Box 8, Folder 1-4: Letters to F. Mae Topping from Jennie and Ralph Eastman, Philippines 1901-1905
Box 8, Folder 5: Letters to Ralph and Jennie Eastman from Philippines 1902-1906
Box 8, Folder 6: Manuscript diary kept jointly by Ralph and Jennie Eastman 1902-1904
Box 8, Folder 7: Scrapbook containing printed newspaper clippings of letters by Ralph from the Philippines
Box 8, Folder 8: Manuscript class room notebooks, attendance roll books, kept by Ralph Eastman, Philippines
half-box 9, Folder 1: The Briny Budget published by teachers onboard the transport Thomas, Honolulu 1901-08-01
half-box 9, Folder 2: Ephemera from the Philippines