

DEAN C. WORCESTER
PAPERS, 1881 - 1925

10 linear feet

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dean Conant Worcester (1866-1924) was born in Thetford, Vermont, the son of Dr. Ezra C. Worcester and Ellen Conant. He went briefly to Thetford Academy, then prepared for college at Newton (Mass.) High School. He entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and specialized in botany and zoology. In 1887, in his junior year, Worcester was offered the opportunity to go on a year-long expedition to the Philippines with his instructor, Dr. Joseph B. Steere. This trip, which he financed by taking out a life insurance policy and then borrowing against it, kindled Worcester's lifelong interest in the islands. After graduating from the University in 1889, Worcester and a companion from Dr. Steere's group, Frank S. Bourns, obtained backing for a three-year expedition, called the Menage expedition, in the early 1890s.

Following this, Dean Worcester taught botany and zoology at Ann Arbor and worked on a book which was published in 1898, *The Philippines and Their People*. Just at this time war broke out with Spain. In addition to the conflict in Cuba, Vermont-born Admiral Dewey sailed the U.S. Pacific squadron into Manila Bay and defeated the Spanish fleet there. The Philippines were ready to be taken if the United States wanted them. Some of the natives were already in revolt against Spain, which had done little to control or improve the islands. In this same year, Great Britain, France, and Germany were appropriating portions of nearby China. There was a real possibility that, if the United States did not take the Philippines, the Germans or some other European nation would. In January 1899, President McKinley sent out a commission of five men, the Schurmann Commission, to study the situation, and chose Dean Worcester as one of its members. The Commission concluded that the Philippines were totally unready to be independent, and urged that the United States take over the archipelago and provide a professional, non-partisan administration.

Acting on this advice, McKinley made his often-quoted decision that "there was nothing left for us to do but take them all, and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the very best we could by them." As part of the peace treaty with Spain, the United States bought the Philippines for \$20 million. Temporarily the islands were governed by a military administration headed by General Arthur MacArthur, father of Douglas. In its place, McKinley appointed a second Philippine commission with William Howard Taft as its chairman. Dean Worcester was one of its five members, the only hold-over from the Schurmann Commission. This Commission became the upper house of the Philippine legislature. As the Commission divided up its duties, it fell to Worcester to be Secretary of the Interior, a post which he held for twelve years, from 1901 to 1913.

In addition to the usual duties of a secretary of the interior, such as public works, public health, public lands and forests, and agriculture, Worcester's position gave him responsibility for the pagan tribes in upland Luzon and Mindanao, which had been largely

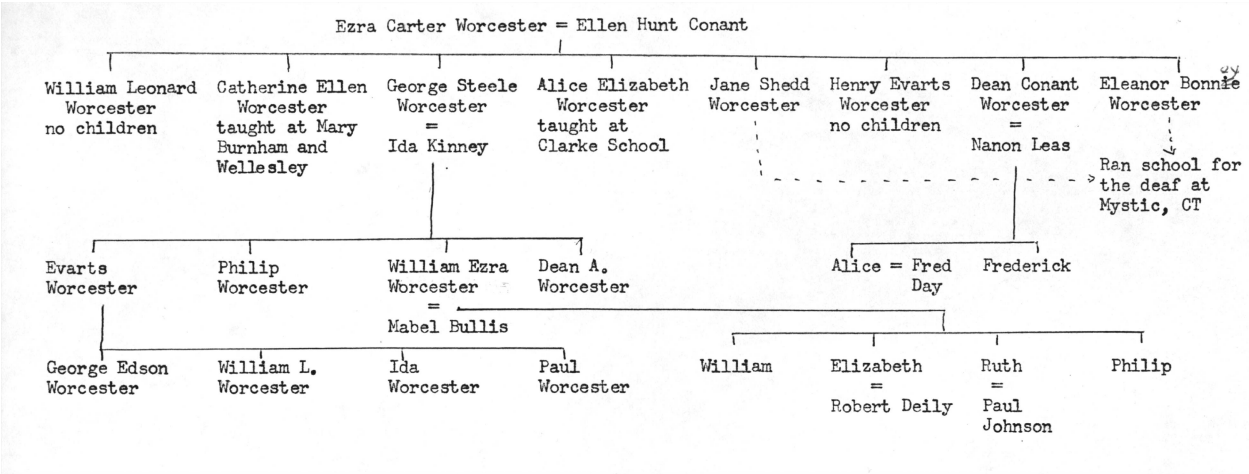
untouched by the Spanish administration. He described his accomplishments in this field in an article which took up most of the National Geographic magazine for November 1913. Trails and roads were built to connect areas previously isolated. Law courts were set up, and steps were taken to discourage both head-hunting and tribal wars. Schools were founded, to teach not only reading and writing but public health and sanitation. Natives were taught new ways of making a living, by cultivating the land and by pursuing simple crafts such as weaving. All this was done while making an effort to respect native customs and beliefs.

In the islands as a whole, major steps were taken in medicine and science. A public health system was instituted, and a general hospital and a medical college were founded. Lepers were isolated and treated, and general vaccination rid the islands of smallpox. A summer capital was developed in the mountains at Baguio, where the heat and disease of Manila could be avoided. A bureau of science was set up, and Worcester and his helpers were responsible for an impressive series of publications on the flora and fauna of the Philippines.

All of this required hard work, discomfort, and danger for Worcester and the men who worked with him. Their attitude was that of professionals who knew what was good for their charges. Worcester held that some of the native tribes learned easily and well; others, however, he found so slow and backward that they were "utterly incapable of civilization," so that it was unlikely that much could be done for them except to keep them from drink and crime and to protect them from their neighbors.

This view of the natives did not lead very quickly to Philippine independence, and there were many in the United States, particularly those who had not wanted to take over the Philippines at all, who preferred a different policy. When Woodrow Wilson took office as President in 1913, there was a major change in the administration of the islands. Worcester, out of office, criticized the new order as being partisan rather than professional, and as giving governmental responsibility to natives who were not ready for it. He made his position clear in several articles and in a second book about the islands, *The Philippines Past and Present*.

Despite his dissatisfaction with the new regime, Dean Worcester remained in the Philippines, putting into practice his belief that the archipelago had many valuable economic resources. One of his ventures was a dried-cocoanut factory. He died at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight.



SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling ten linear feet, and covering the years 1881-1923, consists of letters, reports and journals, pamphlets and books, and photographs. It is arranged by category, and chronologically in most categories.

Many of Worcester's papers were deposited with the University of Michigan, which has organized them in two separate collections. The materials in this collection, coming from Worcester's granddaughter, sometimes duplicate those in the Michigan collections.

Worcester was a very organized man and an articulate and prolific writer. His letters are unusually complete, in many cases running over twenty typed pages. Most are typed, and he apparently did a good deal of his own typing. The materials in this collection are partly original copies, partly carbons. Worcester also believed in photographic records, took pictures himself, and had a staff photographer. His reports especially are illustrated with pasted-in photographs.

Folders 1-8 contain biographical materials, including articles which have appeared concerning Worcester's career. Worcester's correspondence, mainly with members of his family, fills about 100 folders. It is arranged by generations: parents (Folders 9-21), wife (Folders 22-39), brothers and sisters (Folders 40-65), children (Folders 66-71). There are also four bound volumes of family correspondence. Letters to and from others are in Folders 74-84 and 89-96. Mrs. Worcester's correspondence, mainly to her mother-in-law and her husband, is in Folders 99-111.

As a whole, Worcester's letters are comparatively impersonal, concentrating on travel description rather than personal details. One glimpse of how Worcester handled family matters is given in Folders 72, 73, and 94 where he uses his executive ability to help solve the problems of the son of a cousin who has made an unfortunate second marriage. Folders 127-139 contain typescripts of Worcester's accounts of inspection trips taken in various parts of the Philippines during his tenure. As noted above, these reports are detailed, and in some cases are illustrated with photographs. There are also four bound volumes of trip reports.

The end of Worcester's term of office in the Philippines marked a total change of policy in administering the islands. He not only disagreed with the change but took it a form of personal criticism. He therefore kept a journal of the period January-April 1913 (Folders 140-149) and a record of his daily interviews in September-November 1914 (Folder 150). Other materials concerning this period of controversy are found in Folders 164-168.

Worcester wrote two books and a number of pamphlets and magazine articles. He wrote on three levels. As a scientist, he wrote describing discoveries of the flora and fauna of the Philippines and of the primitive tribes which were his general responsibility. He wrote

articles of popular interest on such subjects as salt-water fishing in the islands. Finally he wrote describing his work and justifying his policies. Some of his articles were of sufficient popular appeal to be given a prominent place in *National Geographic* magazines of the period. This collection contains a number of typescripts of articles (Folders 151-163) and also a number of his published articles, booklets, and books. These are listed alphabetically. The collection also includes some books by other about the Philippines.

Photographs in the collection are in three categories. First, there are the photographs pasted in the trip reports. Second, there are a number of separate photographs. Third, there are a number of glass slides of hand-colored pictures of various aspects of the Philippines; some of these repeat pictures in *National Geographic* articles; some, apparently taken by Worcester or under his direction, were used by his brother George who regularly lectured about the Philippines.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

DRAWER 1

DEAN C. WORCESTER

Biographical

- Folder 1 Biographical material
 - 2 Memorials
 - 3 Citation by Manila Chamber of Commerce
 - 4 Article in Thetford Town Report 1984
 - 5 Karl F. Hutterer, Dean C. Worcester and Philippine Anthropology
 - 6 Description of Worcester papers at University of Michigan
 - 7 Article by Mary B. Slade in Vermonter magazine, March 1945
 - 8 Wedding announcements of Dean C. Worcester and Alice Worcester

Correspondence

To parents

- Folder 9 Letters home from Auburndale— 1881
 - 10 1882
 - 11 1883
 - 12 1884
 - 13 To father 1887
 - 14 To Mother-- 1891-1893
 - 15 1894-1896
 - 16 1897
 - 17 1898
 - 18 1899
 - 19 1900
 - 20 1901
 - 21 1902

To Nanon (wife)

- 22 January 1899
- 23 February 1899
- 24 March 1899
- 25 April 1899
- 26 May 1899
- 27 July 1899
- 28 August, December 1899
- 29 25 May to 12 June 1908
- 30 June 1909
- 31 May 1909
- 32 November 1909
- 33 December 1909

To Nanon (wife), cont.

34	June-July 1912
35	August 1912
36	16 January-5 March 1914
37	11 April- 30 May 1914
38	1-10 June 1914
39	21 June-10 August 1914, 1924

To brothers and Sisters

Folder40	Letters to Catherine E. Worcester—1892-1897
41	Jan.-Nov. 1898
42	1899
43	1900
44	1902
45	1903
46	1905
47	1906-1907
48	1909-1910
49	1911
50	1912
51	1913
52	1914
53	Eleanor Worcester— 1902, 1921
54	E. L. Worcester— 1910
55	George Worcester— 1880-1881
56	1903-1915
57	1921-1923
58	Letters to Jane Worcester— 1906, 1916
59	1917-1918
60	1919
61	1920-1921
62	1922-1923
63	Letters to William L. Worcester— 1899
64	1900
65	1901

To children

Folder66	Letters to Alice Worcester— July-December 1911
67	January-June 1912
68	July-December 1912
69	1913-1915
70	Alice and Frederick Worcester— 1915
71	Frederick Worcester— 1911-1921

To other relatives

Folder 72 Letters to Dr. Alfred Worcester — 1913-1915
73 Correspondence with Rogers family— 1915, 1920

To others

Folder 74 Letter to Prof. Hall 1893
75 Correspondence re: salary and expenses of Philippine
Commission 1900-1901
76 Correspondence with William Howard Taft 1907-1914
77 Introducing J. M. Dickinson 1910
78 To W. Cameron Forbes re: Donald Gregg 1911
79 To W. Cameron Forbes 1914
80 Against Erving Winslow and Jackson Ralston 1913
81 To Frank W. Sweitzer 1913-1915
82 Miscellaneous 1915
83 To Agnes Strong 1916
84 To Fred A. Leas 1922
Folder 85 Correspondence re: death of Dean C. Worcester 1924
86 Letters of condolence 1924

Letters to Dean C. Worcester

Folder 87 From Alice Worcester to DCW at Auburndale - 1881 -1885
Folder 88 From Catherine Worcester to DCW at Auburndale - 1882
Folder 89 From R. U. Johnson 1890, 1897
90 From George H. Blakeslee 1910
91 From John H. Blair 1913
92 From Fred A. Leas 1913-1915
93 From Frank W. Sweitzer 1913-1915
94 From Dr. Alfred Worcester 1914-1915
95 From George Worcester 1914
96 From Bureau of Insular Affairs re: slavery 1914
97 Banquets for DCW October, December 1913
98 House plans (?Baguio?)

Correspondence of Members of Dean C. Worcester's Family

Nanon Leas Worcester

Folder 99 To "Mother"(Mrs. E.C. Worcester)— 1893-1897
100 1898-1899
101 1900, 1901, 1902, 1910
102 n.d.
103 To "Momma"— 1903, n.d,
104 To Dean C. Worcester—1901, 1914, n.d.

Nanon Leas Worcester, cont.

105	n.d.
106	Children (in Nanon's writing) to DCW— 1902
107	To Alice Worcester 1912, n.d.
108	To Jane and Eleanor Worcester 1897-1923
109	To family
110	To family after DCW's death 1924
111	To Catherine E. Worcester 1897-1911
112	Children to Nanon 1909
113	Agnes (Strong) to Nanon, 1922
114	Frederick Worcester to Jane and Eleanor Worcester 1924
115	Catherine Worcester to Mrs. E. H. Worcester 1902
116	Catherine Worcester to Jane Worcester 1911
117	Eleanor Rogers to Jane and Eleanor Worcester 1915
118	Miscellaneous Worcester family

DRAWER 2

Folder 120	Re: Alice Worcester
121	George Worcester lectures
122	Obituary of William L. Worcester 1901
123	Worcester Genealogy
124	Autographs— Worcesters and Conants
125	College mementoes
126	Miscellaneous

Reports of trips by Dean C. Worcester

Folder 127	1901	
128	12-22-1904 - 02-08-1905	Luzon also bound volume
129	03-04-1906 - 04-20-1906	northern also bound volume
130	05-22-1907 - 06-22-1907	northern also bound volume
131	08-25-1907 - 10-02-1907	southern
132	06-19-1908 - 07-14-1908	northern
133	12-15-1908 - 01-09-1909	southern
134	05-22-1909 - 07-01-1909	mountain province
135	08-12-1909 - 09-06-1909	Apayao, Eastern Luzon
136	12-10-1909 - 12-22-1909	southern
137	01-18-1910 - 02- -1910	Mindoro and Bukidnon
138	06-21-1910 - 07-17-1910	Mindoro and Palawan
139	09-16-1910 - 10-07-1910	southern

Journal January - April 1913

Folder 140	01-02-1913 to 01-11-1913	pages 1-35
141	01-12-1913 to 01-15-1913	pages 36-69
142	01-16-1913 to 01-20-1913	pages 70-106
143	01-21-1913 to 01-25-1913	pages 106-145
144	01-26-1913 to 02-02-1913	pages 146-176
145	02-03-1913 to 02-11-1913	pages 177-214
146	02-12-1913 to 02-24-1913	pages 215-249
147	02-25-1913 to 03-14-1913	pages 250-288
148	03-15-1913 to 04-02-1913	pages 289-320
149	04-03-1913 to 04-25-1913	pages 321-355
150	Record of daily interviews - September - November, 1914	

Typescripts and Articles

Folder 151	Adventures among Philippine Headhunters
152	Cuentas Filipinas
153	The Educational System of the Philippines
154	Fishing in the Philippines
155	A List of the birds known to Inhabit the Philippine and Palawan Islands
156	Mr. Worcester's recent finds in the Philippine Islands Penna Museum Bulletin February 1922
157	Notes on the Distribution of Philippine Birds
158	The Philippines and the Tagbanuas of Paragua
159	Philippines Past and Present 06/1905 to 07/1913
160	Notes on Some Primitive Philippine Tribes
161	Problems of the Philippines
162	Saltwater Fishing in the Philippines
163	Unidentified typescripts

Materials concerning controversy in 1913-1914

Folder 164	Hartford Beaumont to Green Bag 8-21-1913 re: court cases
165	U. S. vs Mariano Lim
166	List of Americans separated from Civil Service in Philippines 1913-1914
167	Re: Rights of Way and Land Purchased
168	Re: Land Frauds in the Philippines
Folder 169	Plan of course for zoology department
170	Writings of Worcester's
Folder 171	List of "Exchanges
172	Page proofs of pp. 62-69 of The Philippine Islands
Folder 173	Murray Bartlett, Luzon

Materials concerning controversy in 1913-1914, cont.

174	Bishop Brent, Philippine Facts and Theories
175	Richard R. Ely, History of Post (of Ambassador in Manila)
176	William S. Irey— to Philippine Society about conditions in Pampanga
177	1891 German map of Mindanao
Folder 178	Program of 1914 reunion at University of Michigan

Bound Volumes

Letters home to his mother from first expedition— 7-24-1887 - 7-5-1888

Letters home to his mother from second expedition— 7-15-1890 - 12-22-1890

Letters to his mother— January - December 1899

Letters to Nanon — 1-25-1899 - 8-24-1899

Account of trip 12-28-1904 - 2-8-1905

Notes on trip through northern Luzon— 3-4-1906 - 4-20-1906

Notes on northern inspection trip— 5-22-1907- 6-22-1907

Notebook on aftermath of Y.M.C.A. lecture 10-10-1910

Inventory of slides taken by DCW at University of Michigan

Publications by Dean C. Worcester - Books and Articles

A history of Asiatic Cholera in the Philippine Islands. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1909

Preliminary notes on birds and mammals collected by the Menage Scientific Expedition to the Philippine Islands, by Frank S. Bourns and Dean C. Worcester. Minneapolis; printed for the Minnesota Academy of Natural Science/ 1894

Bishop Brent a great power for good (1913)

Cocoon growing the the Philippine Islands, War Department, Bureau of Insular Affairs, 1911

Commercial possibilities in the Philippines. New York; Macmillan, 1914

Conditions in the Philippines— a speech delivered by Dean C. Worcester. Manila, 1913

Publications by Dean C. Worcester - Books and Articles, cont.

Contributions to Philippine ornithology. By Dean C. Worcester and Frank S. Bourns. Washington; Government Printing office, 1898

Education in the Philippines and Cuba in Report of the Commissioner of education. Washington; Government Printing Office, 1907

Field sports among the wild men of northern Luzon. Reprinted from *National Geographic*, March 1911. Washington; Judd and Detwiler, 1911

The Friar-land Inquiry. By W. Cameron Forbes, Dean C. Worcester, and Frank W. Carpenter. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1910

A hand-list of the birds of the Philippine Islands. By Richard C. McGregor and Dean C. Worcester. Manila; Bureau of Printing

The Ifugaos of Quinigan and vicinity. By Juan Villarde, translated by Dean C. Worcester. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1909

Headhunters of northern Luzon. Reprinted from *National Geographic*, September 1912. Washington; Judd and Detwiler, 1912

A nesting place of micropus subfungatus in Mindoro. Reprinted from *Philippine Journal of Science*, December 1919. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1919

Newly discovered breeding places of Philippine sea birds and Hybridism among boobies. Reprinted from *Philippine Journal of Science*/ August 1911. Manila; Bureau of Printing/ 1911

The non-Christian tribes of northern Luzon. Reprinted from *Philippine Journal of Science*/ October 1906. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1906

Notes on the occurrence of a flying crustacean in the Philippine Islands. Reprinted from *Philippine Journal of Science*/ February 1914. Manila; Bureau of Printing/ 1914

On a nesting specimen of caprimulgus griseatus Walden. reprinted from *Philippine Journal of Science*/ October 1907. Manila; Bureau of Printing/ 1907

One year of the New Era. Reprinted from *The Philippines past and present.* New York; Macmillan, 1914

A open letter to the officers and members of the Anti-Imperialist League, n.d.

Books about the Philippines by others

Arnold, J.r. , *The Philippines— the Land of Palm and Pine*, Secretary of Commerce of the Philippine Islands, c. 1912

Banks, Charles S., *A New Genus and Species of Calcidae*. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1901

Grosvenor, Gilbert, *Scenes from Every Land*, 3rd series. Washington; National Geographic Society, c 1912

Hartert, Ernst, *The Birds of the Kangean Islands*, reprinted from *Novitates zoologiae*, July 1902

Jenks, Albert Edward, *The Bontoc Igorot*, Manila, Bureau of Printing, 1905

McGregor, Richard C., *Notes on Birds Collected in Mindoro and in Small Adjacent Islands*. Manila; Bureau of Printing, 1906

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Miller, Clarence B., *Present Government in the Philippines*. Speech given 3-5-1914. Washington; Government Printing Office, 1914

Neely, F. Tennyson, *Fighting in the Philippines*. London; F.T. Neely, ca. 1899

Richmond, Charles W., *Description of a New Swiftlet from Mount Kina Balu, Borneo*. Washington, Smithsonian Institution, 1905

Roosevelt, Nicholas, *The Philippines— a Treasure and a Problem*. New York; J. H. Sears, c 1926

The Spirit of Mission, September 1903. Article about the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Storey, Moorfield, *Philippine Independence*. Washington; Government Printing Office, 1913

Storey, Moorfield, and Lichanco, Marcial P., *The Conquest of the Philippines by the United States, 1898-1925*. New York; G. P. Putnam, 1926

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