

Hamm Family Collection
Records, 1900-2000 (gaps)
MS 4849
7 boxes

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Historical note

The Reverend David Hamm and his wife Margaret (nee Howe) spent about 13 years in the Philippines as missionaries. They lived on the southern island of Mindanao where they helped to establish and run a school to serve the needs of the predominantly Muslim Maranao people who lived in the Lake Lanao region. The name of the school was Dansalan Junior College, and the documents in this collection chronicle its beginnings as a high school and junior college, and its transformation into a foundation that provides a broad range of educational, medical and social services.

While they both worked as teachers, the Hamms befriended many in the area while keeping in touch with family and friends back home. For a couple of years, Margaret's mother Mae Howe came to visit and stayed to teach. She too, wrote many letters back to the United States. When they returned to America, the family wrote many letters to their friends and colleagues in the Philippines. Occasionally over the years they would return to Mindanao for visits.

Scope and content note

Series I: The bulk of the collection is made up of letters. Of these, most of them were written between the years 1950 through 1969. The great majority of these letters were addressed to family members or close friends, many of which were associated with the school or the United Church of Christ. Letters concerning work are listed in Series II.

Series II: The Hamms spent much of their time addressing academic matters, writing papers, speeches and teaching classes. Sub-series A contains documents directly concerning Dansalan Junior College, both during and after the Hamms time by Lake Lanao. Sub-series B features papers, notes, speeches and mementos of academic and theological works by the family before, during and after their time in the Philippines that are unrelated to the school.

Series III: This portion of the collection contains personal items for the family which do not include letters. Some are about day to day affairs, like diaries or date books, while others are in honor of special occasions and events, such as newspaper clippings or travel receipts.

Series IV: Rounding out the collection are pictures and negatives, most of which are dated to the 1957 and 1985-86, but range from 1930 to 2000. The most common ones

were taken while on trips such as to Indonesia or the Philippines, and/or contain images of family and friends.

Folder List

Series I: Correspondence		
<i>Box 1</i>		
	Letter	1900
	Correspondence for Mae Howe	1924-38, 1956-60
	Howe family papers and correspondence	1934-70 (gaps)
	Correspondence	1946
	Correspondence	1947
	Correspondence and record	1948
	Correspondence	1949
	Correspondence	1950
	Correspondence	1951
	Correspondence	1952
	Correspondence	1953
	Correspondence	1954
<i>Box 2</i>		
	Correspondence between David and Margaret Hamm	1954
	David Hamm's letters to Margaret	April-September 1954
	Hamm family correspondence	1954, 1969-71
	Correspondence	1955
	Letters from Mae Howe	1955-57
	David Hamm Indonesia+ impressions	1957, 58
	Hamm family letters	1958-60, 1966-67
	David and Margaret Hamm	1959-60
	Hamm family papers and correspondence	1959-63
	Howe family letters	1959-63
<i>Box 3</i>		
	Correspondence	1956
	Correspondence	1957
	David Hamm's Indonesia trips	1957
	Correspondence	1958
	Correspondence	1959
	Philippine correspondence	1959-63 (gaps)
	De los Santos correspondence	1960-62
	Philippine correspondence	1963- 89(gaps)
	Rev. and Mrs. Hamm's correspondence	1966-84 (gaps)
	Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hamm's correspondence	1968, 1985-86

	Rev and Mrs. David Hamm's correspondence	1980s (gaps)
	Hamm family papers and correspondence	1981-83
	Undated correspondence	
Series II: Work Papers		
<i>Box 4</i>	Sub-series A: Dansalan Junior College	
	Dansalan Reports	1952-53, 1967-68
	Macaraya re: dictionary	1952
	Frances Thompson correspondence	1952-53
	Mae Howe's speech class	1955-57
	Dansalan College	1957-2000 (gaps)
	Lloyd and Maisie Van Vactor correspondence and papers	1977-88 (gaps)
	Dansalan College report	1982
	Dansalan 50 th anniversary affairs	
	Dansalan research center	
	Mission papers	
	Sub-series B: Hamm's work	
	David Hamm's church programs	1943, 69, 77
	Margaret Hamm paper	1953
	Academic papers and speeches	1954-58
	David Hamm notes	1957-8, 1980s (gaps)
	Margaret Hamm presentation papers	1960
	Work letters	1962, 73, 81
	Margaret Hamm's 50 th high school reunion	1988
	Undated unidentified paper	Post 1986
	Undated David Hamm paper	
Series III: Familial Items		
<i>Box 5</i>		
	Programs	1927-85 (gaps)
	Newspaper clippings	1945-83 (gaps)
	Mae Howe's date books	1955-57
	Mae Howe's diaries	1955-57
	Travel papers and receipts	1959, 1980
<i>Box 6</i>		
	Address books	1980-81, 2000
	Misc. papers	2000, undated
	From the Mae Howe box	Undated
Series IV: Image items		
<i>Box 7</i>		
	David Hamm sketch	1930
	Photos and negatives	1952-2000 (gaps)
	Asia trip (album)	1957

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	Negatives	1984-85
	Negatives and photos	1986
	Unidentified photos and negatives	
<i>Box 8</i>		
	Indonesia trip (album)	1957
	Philippines	1985-86
	Philippines	1986
	Philippines- Hong Kong (album)	1986
	Philippines (album)	1986

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