

AUGUST EMIL HOMANN

August Emil Homann was born in 1864, most likely of German descent. Between 1888 and 1895, he worked in Manila for the merchants Struckmann & Company. Records show Homann working as a clerk between 1888 and 1890 at offices located at Calle David 5, Manila. Between 1892 and 1895, Homann is noted as an assistant with Struckmann & Company, with authority to sign per procuration for the company. Struckmann & Company relocated their office in 1894 to Calle Anloague 3, Manila. Records in 1898 no longer show Homann working for Struckmann and Company.

There is a gap in records for Homann between 1896 and 1903. In 1904, August Emil Homann is noted as working as an assistant for the merchants C Heinszen and Company with offices located at Calle Rosario 158, Manila. Between 1905 and 1906, he is given authority to sign per procuration for the company. It is believed that Homann left C Heinszen and Company in 1907 as he is no longer listed as an employee in 1908. No further work related records have been located from 1907.

August Emil Homann passed away on August 8, 1926 at the age of 62. He was buried at the British (Protestant) Cemetery at San Pedro, Makati, Manila.

British (Protestant) Cemetery

In 1860, the British Consul General, John William Peary Farren attempted to establish a Protestant Cemetery for mostly, but not exclusively, British residents. On May 27, 1862 the Spanish Government by a 'Superior Decreto' granted permission to construct the cemetery. On March 11, 1864 a lease was signed between Farren and Don Jose Roxas (owner of Hacienda de San Pedro) of a parcel of land of 5.55 acres. This was ratified by the Spanish Government by a further decreto dated August 30, 1864, stipulating a lease for a period of ninety years commencing from May 2, 1863 at an annual rental of 100 pesos.

In 1907, the area of the cemetery was reduced to allow for the construction of an electric street car line from Pasig to Manila and the rent for the remaining 4.15 acres was reduced to 85 pesos. The cemetery went into partial neglect during the Japanese occupation with the destruction of the boundary wall as a result of wartime atrocities. In 1947, the lease of the cemetery was extended to December 31, 1987.

Due to tropical conditions, deterioration of the cemetery was rapid. Torrential rain washed away the soil around graves, grave stones were stolen to be recurred and used elsewhere and the cemetery became a playground for young and old. In July 1973, fourteen years earlier than due, the cemetery was handed over by the British Consul C L F Parker to the Ayala Corporation, successors in title to Roxas, who donated 10,000 pesos to help in the transfer of all remains to a new resting place in the Eternal Lawn section of the Manila Memorial Park, Paranaque. The 500 odd burials between 1863 and 1968 give an interesting insight into the variety of life amongst foreigners who took up living halfway across the world and settling in Manila.

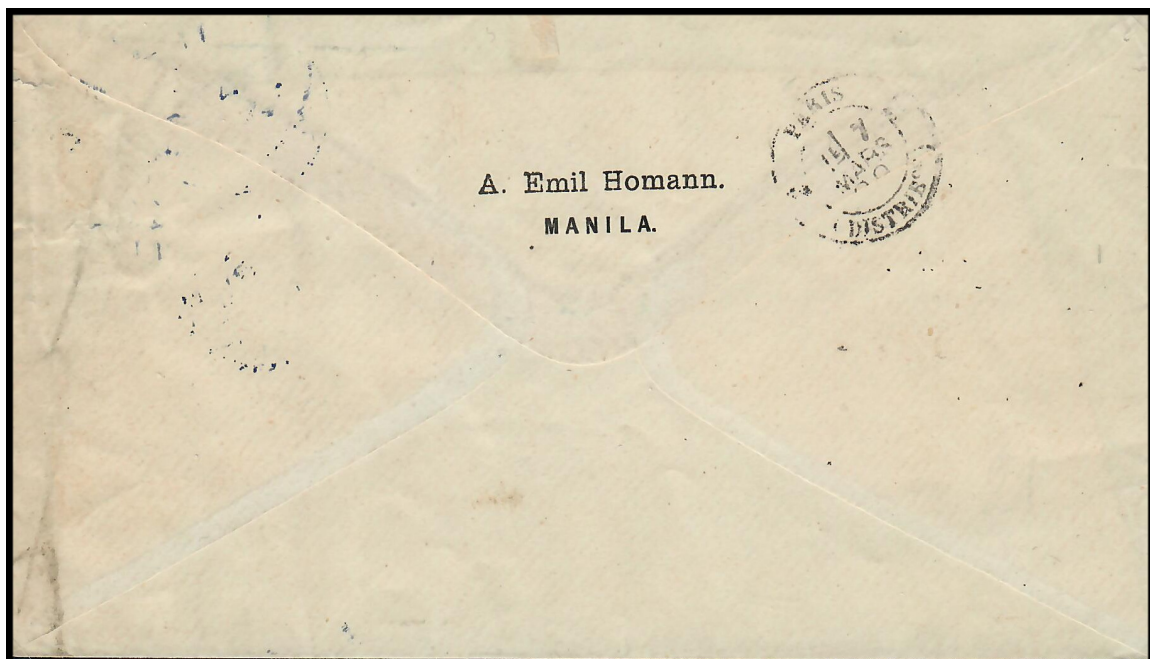
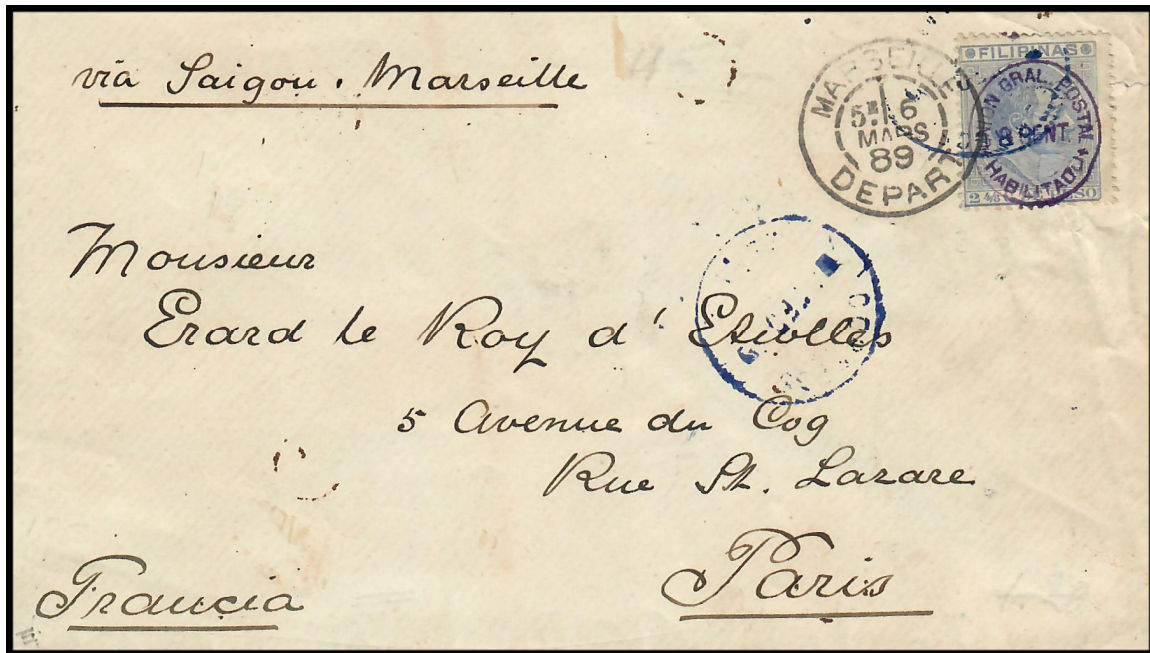


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