C. LUTZ & COMPANY ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

Carl Lutz (1834-1902) sailed from Switzerland to Manila in 1855 to work as a clerk for the firm Eugster, Labhart & Company (L Eugster and D Labhart), merchants and rope manufacturer located at Escolta 6, Manila. The earliest records list Carl Lutz working for Eugster, Labhart & Company between 1862 and 1863. In 1865, the firm changes name to L. Eugster & Company, most probably due to a take-over by L Euguster, with Carl Lutz working for this firm between 1865 and 1867.

It is claimed that Carl Lutz established C. Lutz & Company (C Lutz y Cia) in Manila in 1866. However, the earliest records show C. Lutz & Company, a Swiss trading firm, was established in 1868 among other foreign merchant houses of Manila. The company concentrated on the import of a variety of consumer goods, such as textiles from Switzerland, cigarette paper from Austria, glass and chinaware from Germany, furniture from Spain, writing paper from Belgium and beer from Vienna. From 1873, the company held the agency for a growing number of insurance companies. In 1879, Carl Lutz relocates back to Zurich, Switzerland.



Eduard Anton Keller

In the late 1860s, two young Swiss pioneers, Wilhelm Heinrich Diethelm (1848-1932) and Eduard Anton Keller (1848-1908) ventured to the Far East. Diethelm settled in Singapore, while Keller established himself in Manila in 1868 where he joined C. Lutz & Company. Records show him working as a clerk up to 1877, then a merchant between 1879 and 1887. It is most probable that Keller was appointed manager from 1879 when Carl Lutz moved back to Zurich. Keller was vice-consul for Switzerland in 1879, and consul from 1882 until he relocated to Zurich in 1885.

In 1887, Eduard Anton Keller acquired C. Lutz & Company, located in Calle Martinez 2, Manila, which subsequently assumed the name Ed. A. Keller & Company. In the same year, Keller founded Ed. A. Keller-Sturke in Zurich as the new head office. Keller remained in Zurich, leaving management of the Philippine operations to Werner Wegelin between 1889 and 1899. From 1900, records show Wegelin

also based in Zurich, with A Debrunner managing the local company between 1900 and 1906. In 1908, management is taken over by F Schwarzenbach. Eduard Anton Keller passed away in 1908, and not long after, the firm was incorporated as a Limited Company, Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. In 1923, Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited took over a Swiss firm in Hong Kong thereby expanding rapidly into China.

Eduard Anton Keller had three sons: Wilhem Max Keller (1883-1955), Harry A Keller, and Eduard Keller. Available records up to 1937 show Wilhelm Max Keller worked for Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited in Manila between 1908 and 1917 and in Zurich between 1920 and 1937 (possibly later). Eduard Keller worked for Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited in Manila between 1905 and 1922 and in Zurich sometime after 1923 through to 1937 (possibly later).

In 1945, Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, working closely with Diethelm & Company Limited (company created by Wilhelm Heinrich Diethelm), entered into the Swiss market by pooling their existing import departments and by sharing profits and losses. In 1947 Diethelm & Co and Ed. A. Keller expanded into New York and incorporated Diethelm Keller (USA) Limited, where it built up a Swiss watch importing business. It also managed the US business of B. Siegfried, Zofingen, and purchased Lawrence Pump & Engine Co in Massachusetts. Although the cooperation between the Diethelm and Keller families and their companies dates back to the beginning of the 20th century, the Diethelm Keller Group was not established until a hundred years later, namely in July 2000, when the two groups merged into the newly established DKH (Diethelm Keller Holding Ltd). DKSH (DiethelmKellerSiberHegner) was formed in June 2002 through the merger of Diethelm Keller Services Asia Ltd., a subsidiary of DKH and SiberHegner Holding Ltd (Japan). DKSH is a leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia, specialising in Market Expansion Services (sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution and after-sales services). Its core business is supporting companies to grow their business in new or exciting markets.

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KEY DATES AND TIMELINES

- 1862-1863 Carl Lutz working as a clerk for Eugster, Labhart & Company, merchants and rope manufacturer located in Manila.
- 1865-1867 Carl Lutz working as a clerk for L. Eugster & Co. clerk.
- 1866 Some claims that Carl Lutz establishes L. Lutz & Company.
- 1868-1869 Earliest records that list C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz and J J Zust. Eduard A Keller arrives in Manila and joins the company in 1868 working as a clerk.
- 1872 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant), J J Zust (merchant), E Keller (clerk), C Sprecher (clerk), R Steger (clerk).
- 1873 C Lutz & Company, merchants with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant), J J Zust (merchant), E Keller (clerk), C Sprecher (clerk), R Steger (clerk), C Sprungli (clerk).
- 1874 C Lutz & Company, merchants with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant), E Keller (clerk), C Sprecher (clerk), C Sprungli (assistant), J Ziegler (clerk).
- 1876 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant), E Keller (clerk), C Sprungli (clerk), J Ziegler (clerk).
- 1877 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant), Eduard A Keller (clerk), C Sprungli (clerk), Erwin Ziegler (clerk), Carl Schmid (clerk).
- 1879 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant, absent), Eduard A Keller (merchant and vice-consul for Switzerland), Emil Sprungli (clerk), Carl Schmid (clerk), Werner Wegelin (clerk), J G Brunner (clerk), Charles Rose (clerk).
- 1882 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant, absent), Eduard A Keller (merchant and consul for Switzerland), Emil Sprungli (merchant), Carl Schmid (clerk and chancellery, Swiss Consulate), Werner Wegelin (clerk), J B Brunner (clerk), W Meyer (clerk).
- 1885 C Lutz & Company, merchants, with the following staff: C Lutz (merchant, Zurich), Eduard A Keller (merchant, Zurich), Emil Sprungli (merchant and vice-consul for Switzerland), Werner Wegelin (clerk), J G Brunner (clerk), W Meyer (clerk), H Walder (clerk), Alois Kamer (clerk).
- 1887 Eduard A Keller acquires C Lutz & Company, subsequently assuming the name Ed. A. Keller & Company.
- 1888 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants located at Calle Martinez 2, Manila. The following staff are recorded: Eduard A Keller (merchant, Zurich), C L W Meyer (clerk, signs per pro), A Debrunner (clerk), Carl Custer (clerk), A Meier (clerk).
- 1889 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (merchant and Austro-Hungarian consul), C L W Meyer (clerk, signs per pro), A Debrunner (clerk), Carl Custer (clerk), A Meier (clerk), J Kuenzler.

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KEY DATES AND TIMELINES

- 1890 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin, C L W Meyer (signs per pro), A Debrunner, A Meir, J Kunzler, E Luiz, R E Zullig.
- 1892 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (merchant and Austro-Hungarian consul), A Debrunner (clerk), E Lutz (clerk), R E Zullig, A Ess (clerk), P Nagel (clerk), G Sterner.
- 1894 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (merchant and Austro-Hungarian consul), A Debrunner (signs per pro), A Ess (clerk), P Nagel (clerk), G Steiner (clerk), E Seiler (clerk), E Roth (clerk).
- 1895 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (merchant and Austro-Hungarian consul), A Debrunner (signs per pro), G Steiner (clerk), E Seiler (clerk), E Roth (clerk), K Hefti (clerk), H Hausknecht (clerk).
- 1898-1899 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (merchant and Austro-Hungarian consul), A Debrunner (assistant, signs per pro), G Steiner (assistant), H Hausknecht (assistant), F Kuenzli (assistant), F Streiff (assistant), J M Menzi (clerk).
- 1900 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), E Roth (assistant), F Kuenzli (assistant), F Streiff (assistant), M Menzi (clerk), A Jamper (clerk), Ed Kreil (assistant).
- 1901 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), E Roth (assistant), A Gamper (assistant), F Schwarzenbach (assistant), Ed Kreil (assistant), E Fahrlander (assistant). Other records indicate that F E Zuellig joined Ed. A. Keller & Company in 1901.
- 1902 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant and acting consul for Austria-Hungary), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), E Roth (assistant), A Gamper (assistant), F Schwarzenbach (assistant), Ed Kreil (assistant), E Fahrlander (assistant), R Frei (assistant), F Kuenzli (assistant), F E Zuellig (assistant).
- 1903 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant and consul for Austria-Hungary), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), E Roth (assistant), F Schwarzenbach (assistant), Ed Kreil (assistant), E Fahrlander (assistant), F E Zuellig (assistant), C Abegg (assistant), E Gallusser (assistant), A Ahr (assistant).
- 1904 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, now located at Calle Martinez 4, Manila, with no change to staff.
 - In 1904, A new business (Lutz and Company) is formed by Karl Alfred Lutz and Hans Rudolf Lutz, the sons of Carl Lutz. This has no affiliation to Ed. A. Keller & Company.

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KEY DATES AND TIMELINES

- 1905 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant and consul for Austria-Hungary), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), F Schwarzenbach (assistant), F E Zuellig (assistant), C Abegg (assistant), A Ahr (assistant), C Arbenz (assistant), R Deuzinger (assistant), A Gutherz (assistant), E Keller (assistant), R Lezinger.
- 1906 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), A Debrunner (merchant and consul for Austria-Hungary), G Steiner (assistant, signs per pro), F Schwarzenbach (assistant), F E Zuellig (assistant), C Abegg (assistant), A Ahr (assistant), E Keller (assistant), A Gutherz (assistant), A Wueterich (assistant).
- 1908 Ed. A. Keller & Company, merchants, with the following staff: Eduard A Keller (Zurich), Werner Wegelin (Zurich), F Schwarzenbach (manager), F E Zuellig (signs per pro), E Keller (signs per pro), C Abegg (assistant), A Ahr (assistant), A Gutherz (assistant), W M Keller, A Wueterich (assistant), P Goosweiler, P Tanner (assistant). Eduard Anton Keller passes away in 1908.
- 1909 Incorporated as a Limited Company, Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. The following staff listed: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), F Schwarzenbach (manager), F E Zuellig (assistant, signs per pro), E Keller (assistant, signs per pro), A Ahr (assistant), C Abegg (assistant), W M Keller (assistant), A Wueterich, P Goosweiler (assistant), P Tanner (assistant), E Amberg (assistant).
- 1910 Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, now located at Calle Anloague 98, Manila, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. No change to staff.
- 1912 Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. The following staff listed: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), E Keller (manager), A Ahr (signs per pro), W M Keller (signs per pro), C Abegg (assistant), P Gossweiler, P Tanner, G Woessner, F Knecht, C Jensen, E Hausamann, A Glover, P Eugster. F E Zuellig no longer working for Ed. A. Keller & Company, moves as a junior partner to Lutz and Company (formed in 1904)
- 1915 Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. Now located at Calle Juan Luna 143, Manila, with the following staff: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), E Keller (manager), A Ahr (assistant, signs per pro), W M Keller (signs per pro), P Gossweiler, G Woessner (assistant), F Knecht, E Hausamann, P Jaeggi, C G Duft (assistant), S Wechsler (assistant), L Schnurmacher (assistant), F Blum (assistant).
- 1916 Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. The following staff listed: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), E Keller (manager), A Ahr (assistant, signs per pro), W M Keller (signs per pro), P Gossweiler, G Woessner (assistant), F Knecht, E Hausamann, P Jaeggi, C G Duft (assistant), L Schnurmacher (assistant), S Wechsler (assistant), H Hausamann, F Blum (assistant).
- 1917 Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. The following staff listed: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), E Keller (manager), A Ahr (assistant, signs per pro), W M Keller (signs per pro), G Woessner (assistant), C G Duft (assistant), F Knecht, E Hausamann, S Wechsler (assistant), H Hausamann.

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1920 – Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. The following staff listed: Werner Wegelin (president, Zurich), W M Keller (Zurich), E Keller (manager), A Ahr (assistant, signs per pro), G Woessner (assistant), H A Keller, C G Duft (assistant), F Knecht, E Hausamann, E Habluetzel, E Williams.

1922 – Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland. Now located at the Wise Building, 178 Juan Luna, Binondo, Manila. The following staff listed: W M Keller (president, Zurich), E Keller (manager), G Woessner (sign per pro), H A Keller (sign per pro), E Hausamann (sign per pro), C G Duft (assistant), E Habluetzel, A L Merlo, J O Bessmer, Charles Blum.

1937 – Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited, merchants, with Head Office at Zurich, Switzerland, with the following staff: W M Keller (president, Zurich), E Keller (Zurich), G Woessner (manager), J O Bessmer (sign per pro), A Auer (sign per pro), Charles Blum (sign per pro), A Peter (sign per pro), E Marschall, F Periquet, G Aman.

No further detailed records obtained after 1937.

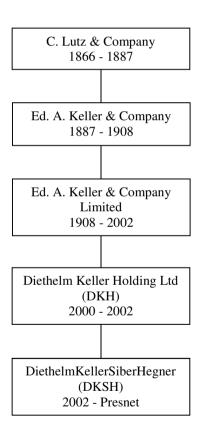
Agencies Represented by Carl Lutz & Company and Ed. A. Keller & Company Records between 1873 and 1922

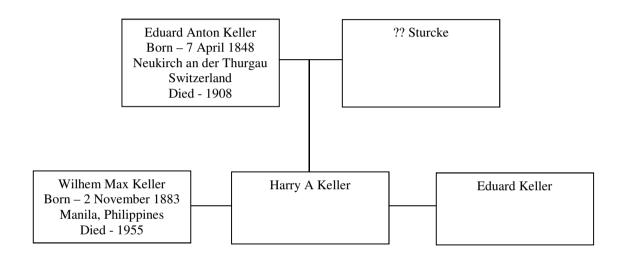
- Rheinish Westphal Lloyds, Gladbach, Germany (1873-1910)
- Nord Deutsche Feuerversichungs Gesellschaft (North German First Insurance Company), founded in 1868, Hamburg, Germany (1873-1877)
- Schweiz Transport Versicherungs Gesellschaft (Switzerland Transport Insurance Company), founded in 1872, Zurich, Switzerland (1873-1910)
- Rhenania Transport Versicherungs Gesellschaft Rhehania Transport Insurcance Company), founded in 1866, Cologne, Germany (1874-1916)
- Helvetia General Insurance Company, St Gallen, Switzerland (1877-1922)
- Magdeburger Allgemeine Versicherungs Gesellschaft, Magdeburg, Germany (1877-1908)
- Helvetia Swiss Fire Insurance Company, St Gallen, Switzerland (1879-1895)
- Aachen Leipziger Versicherungs Actien Gesellschaft, Aachan, Germany (1879-1906)
- Neuchateloise, Societe Suisse d'Assurance des Risques de Transport, Neuchatel, Switzerland (1882-1922)
- The Fire Insurance Associations Limited, London (1882-1895)
- Vaterlandische Transport Versicherungs Actien Gesellschaft, Elberfeld, Germany (1888-1916)
- Providencia, Allgem Versicherungs Gesellschaft (1902-1916)
- Swiss Marine Insurance Companies (1903-1917)
- Wilhelma Versicherungs Gesellschaft, Magdeburg, Germany (1909-1916)
- Oberrheinische Versicherungs Gesellschaft, Mannheim, Germany (1912-1916)
- National Union Society Limited (1912-1920)
- North China Insurance Company Limited (1920-1922)
- Niagara Fire Insurance Company (1920-1922)
- Phoenix Assurance Company Limited (1922)
- Samarang Sea and Fire Insurance Company Limited (1922)

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COMPANY PROFILE & KELLER FAMILY TREE





Wilhem Max Keller worked for Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited in Manila between 1908 and 1917 and in Zurich between 1920 and 1937 (possibly later). He married Anna Hedwig Diethem (1887-1978), daughter of Wilhem Heinrich Diethem. They had one son, Eduard Heirich Luk Keller (1915-1994).

Eduard Keller worked for Ed. A. Keller & Company Limited in Manila between 1905 and 1922 and in Zurich sometime after 1923 through to 1937 (possibly later).

Above dates based on available records up to 1937

C. LUTZ & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH1: Two Single Lined Oval Handstamp



C. LUTZ & C^O on Top Blank Centre MANILA on Bottom With Star on Either Side Measures: 31mm x 17mm

C. LUTZ & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH2: Two Single Lined Oval Handstamp



C. LUTZ & Con Top Blank Centre MANILA on Bottom Measures: 22mm x 13mm

SINGLE WEIGHT DOMESTIC COVER



Manila to Bacolod, Negros Occidental Dateline: Manila – 14 November 1866

Marila Hallout. 1866.

3-1/8c Paying Single Weight Domestic Rate, tied with Official Cancel Business Handstamp (BH2) Applied on Cover Front in Blue-Green

C. LUTZ & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH3: SINGLE OUTER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



C. LUTZ & C^O on Top Blank in Centre MANILA on Bottom Measures: 24mm x 18mm



Scott #88 (1882)

C. LUTZ & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH4: Two Single Lined Oval Handstamp with Squared Corners



C. LUTZ & Co. on Top
Blank Centre
MANILA on Bottom with Shaded Lines on Either Side



Recibos y Cuentas Fiscal Issue Warren #W-253 (1879)

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH1: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



ED. A. KELLER & Co on Top Blank Centre MANILA on Bottom



Scott #85 (1882)



Scott #91 (1887)

Note: Although Scott #85 was issued in 1882, the handstamp would have been applied from 1887

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH2: DOUBLE OUTER AND SINGLE INNER LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



ED. A. KELLER & Co on Top Blank Centre MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side



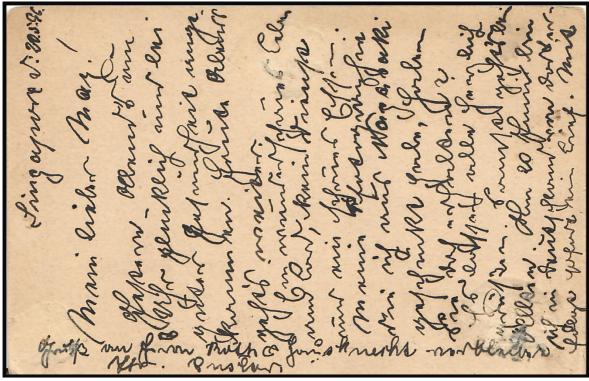
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ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND POSTAL CARD FROM SINGAPORE





20 May 1895 – Postal Card from Singapore to Manila Addressed to Hern Max Brunner, Ed A Keller & Co, Manila, Isles Philipinas

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

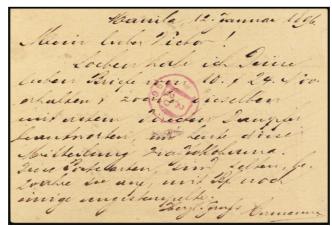
BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH3: Double Outer and Single Inner Lined Oval Handstamp



ED. A. KELLER & Co on Top Blank Centre MANILA on Bottom with Fancy Emblem on Either Side





Dateline: 12 January 1896 – Registered Postal Card from Manila to Brazil
Uprated with 8c stamp paying Registration Fee
San Francisco (15 February) and New York (20 February) Transit Date Stamps

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ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH3: Double Outer and Single Inner Lined Oval Handstamp







5 September 1898 – Registered Cover from Manila to Zurich, redirected to Winterthur, Switzerland Ed A Keller & Co Business Handstamp (BH3) applied on bottom left cover front Uprated US Pre-Stamped Envelope with Philippine Station, San Francisco Circular Date Stamps Hong Kong (9 September) and French Paquebot (10 September) Transit Circular Date Stamps Zurich (9 October) and Winterthur (9 October) Receiving Circular Backstamps

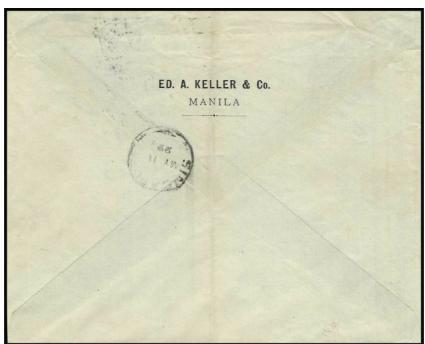
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ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co.







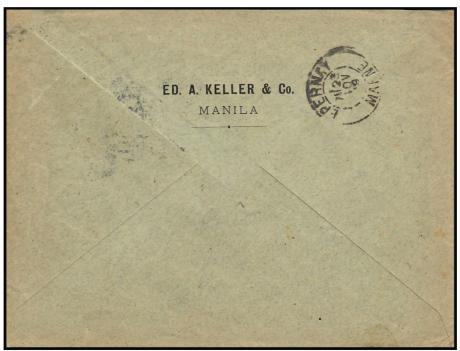
1 May 1899 – Cover from Manila to Singapore with Ed A Keller Return Address (RA1) on Reverse 5c stamp tied with Military Station No. 1 Manila Duplex Cancel. Singapore (11 May 1899) Receiving Backstamp

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co.







20 October 1899 – Cover from Manila to Epernay, France, with Ed A Keller Return Address on Reverse 10c stamp tied with Military Station No. 1 Manila Duplex Cancel. Epernay (23 November) Receiving Backstamp

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US OCCUPATION

INBOUND POST CARD FROM GERMANY

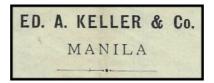




4 October 1900 – Post Card from Bad Nauheim, Germany to Manila Addressed to Eduard Kreil (recorded as working for Ed A Keller between 1900 and 1903) Manila (16 November 1900) Receiving Circular Date Stamp

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US Occupation

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co.







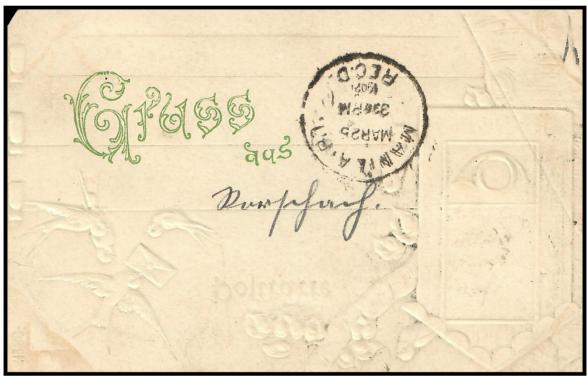
1901 – Registered Cover from Manila to St Gallen, Switzerland with Ed A Keller Return Address (RA1) on Reverse
 5c Single Weight and 8c Registration Fee with Military Station Registered Cancel. St Gallen Receiving Backstamp
 Christian Preusse Collection

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND POST CARD FROM SWITZERLAND



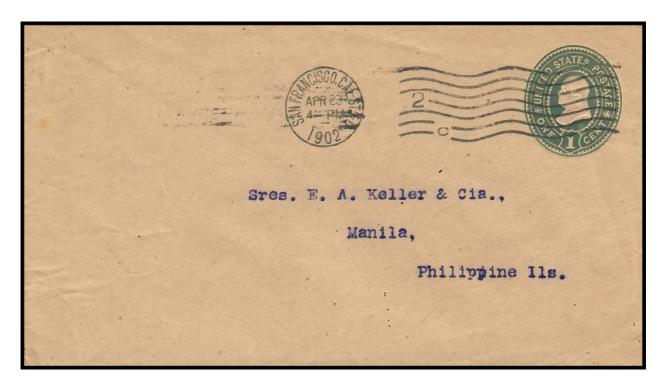


18 February 1902 – Post Card from Rorschach, Switzerland to Manila Addressed to Ed Kreil (recorded as working for Ed A Keller between 1900 and 1903) Manila (25 March 1902) Receiving Circular Date Stamp on Reverse

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND COVER FROM USA





23 April 1902 – Pre-Stamped Cover from San Francisco, USA to Manila Addressed to Sres. E. A. Keller & Cia, Manila with San Francisco Machine Cancellation No Receiving Cancellation

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND POST CARD FROM MACAU

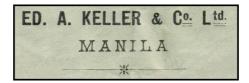




9 March 1905 – Post Card from Macau, China to Manila Addressed to A Debrunner, Ed A Keller & Co, with Manila (13 March 1905) Receiving Date Stamp

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co. LTD.





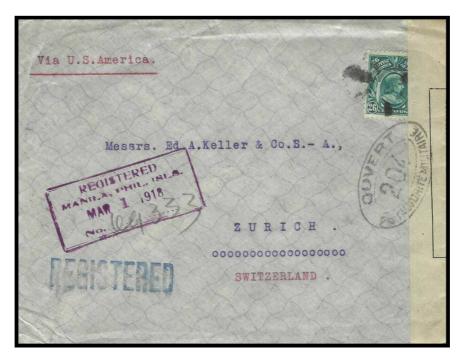


18 February 1916 – Registered Cover from Manila to Basel, Switzerland, with Ed A Keller Return Address on Reverse Boxed Dateline Registration Cancel on Front and Basel (28 March 1916) Receiving Backstamp

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co. LTD.







1 March 1918 – Registered Censor Cover from Manila to Zurich, Switzerland, with Ed A Keller Return Address (RA3) on Reverse
Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Co S.A. (Zurich based Headquarter)

New York (12 April 1918) Transit Cancel and Zurich (12 May 1918) Receiving Backstamp

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US Occupation

INBOUND COVER FROM SPAIN





1921 – Cover from Barcelona, Spain to Manila via Steamship Isla de Panay Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Co Ltd., with Manila (4 December 1921) Receiving Duplex Cancel on Front

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

BH4: Double Outer and Single Inner Lined Oval Handstamp







31 October 1922 – Pre-Printed Registered Cover from Manila to Vienna, Austria Boxed Registered Manila Cancellations on front and back, with Ed A Keller Wax Seal on Reverse Ed A Keller & Co Business Handstamp (BH4) applied on Reverse tying Christmas Seal to Cover

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND COVER FROM SPAIN





21 December 1925 – Cover from Alicante, Spain to Manila Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Cia. Ltd., with no Receiving Cancellation

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY US OCCUPATION

RETURN ADDRESS - ED. A. KELLER & Co., LTD.





20 December 1926 – Addressed Palace of Legislature First Day Cover, Manila Circulating Sent from Charles Blum (Straight Line Handstamp on top left), with Ed A Keller Corner Card Records show Charles Blum worked for Ed A Keller & Co between 1915 and 1937 (possibly later)

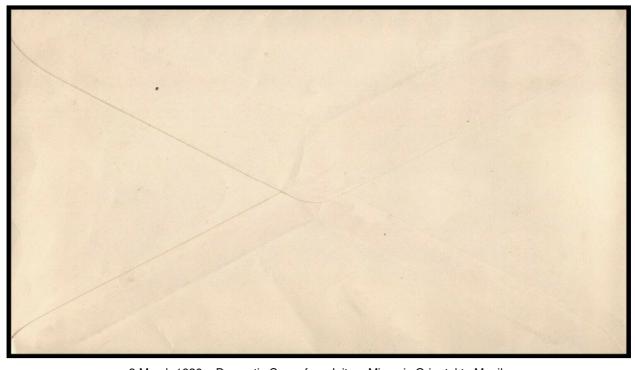
James Larot Collection

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND DOMESTIC COVER TO ED A KELLER & CO LTD

Return indays to
POST OFFICE ProvincePHILIPPINE IS.
Ed. a. Keller & Co. Std.
Dept. P. I-36
178 Juan Suna, Wine Blog Manila, J. J.



8 March 1930 – Domestic Cover from Initao, Misamis Oriental to Manila 2c Pre-Stamped Envelope (Scott #U30) with Initao Duplex Cancel Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Co. Ltd., with no Receiving Cancellation

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

US OCCUPATION

INBOUND DOMESTIC COVER TO ED A KELLER & CO LTD

Return indays to	
··· Atty. · Iuis · Floresca ·····	
POST OFFICE. Bangui	AANGU S
Province. I. Norte PHILIPPINE IS	AUG STOCKET
	S AM CON NORTH
ED. A. KELLER & CO., Ltd.,	
P.O. Box 313,	
MONEY ORDER Manila. GIRO POSTAL	



27 August 1930 – Domestic Cover from Bangui, Ilocos Norte to Manila 2c Pre-Stamped Envelope (Scott #U30) with Bangui Duplex Cancel Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Co. Ltd., with no Receiving Cancellation

ED. A. KELLER & COMPANY

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1930 – Registered Cover from Manila to Thun, Switzerland via Suez
Stamps tied with Circular Star Cancellations and Registration Label (No. 7718) on Front
Thun (1 November 1930) Receiving Backstamp
With Ed A Keller Return Address and Additional Charles Blum Handstamp on Reverse
Records show Charles Blum worked for Ed A Keller & Co between 1915 and 1937 (possibly later)

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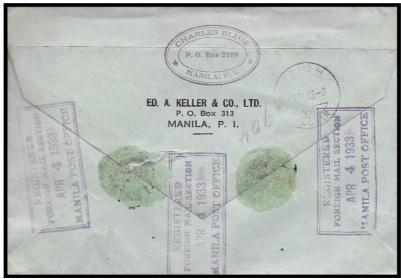
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4 April 1933 – Registered Cover from Manila to Zurich, Switzerland via Suez
Stamps tied with Circular Star Cancellations and Registration Label (No. F19026) on Front
Three rectangular boxed Registration Cancellations on Reverse (Manila – 4 April 1933)
Zurich (?? May 1933) Receiving Backstamp

With Ed A Keller Return Address and Additional Charles Blum Handstamp on Reverse

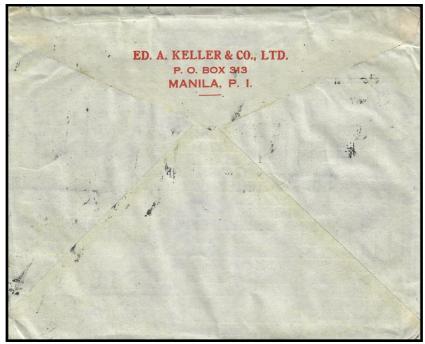
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9 January 1937 – Cover from Manila to Zurich, Switzerland, via Singapore
Pre-Printed Cover Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Cie. S.A. (Headquarter) with Ed A Keller Return Address (RA4) on Reverse
Stamps (one missing) tied with Manila No. 2 Duplex Cancellations, with no Receiving Cancellation

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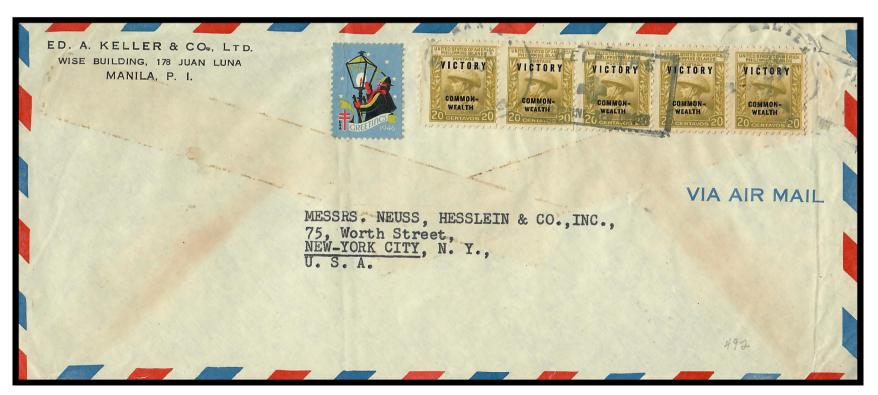


1 November 1940 – Registered Cover from Manila to Zurich, Switzerland, via Clipper
Pre-Printed Cover Addressed to Ed. A. Keller & Cie. S.A. (Headquarter) with Ed A Keller Return Address (RA4) on Reverse
Stamps with Killer Registration Cancels with Boxed Registration Cancels on Reverse
Honolulu (10 November) and New York (15 November) Transit Date Stamps, with Zurich (3 December) Receiving Date Stamps

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30 December 1946 - Cover from Manila to New York, USA

Late use of US Period Stamps during the Republic Period tied with 'Help the Philippine Red Cross Slogan Cancel', with Christmas Seal alongside (not tied)

With Ed A Keller & Co Ltd Corner Card on Front

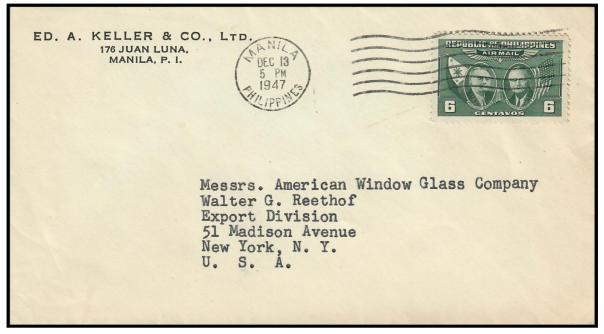
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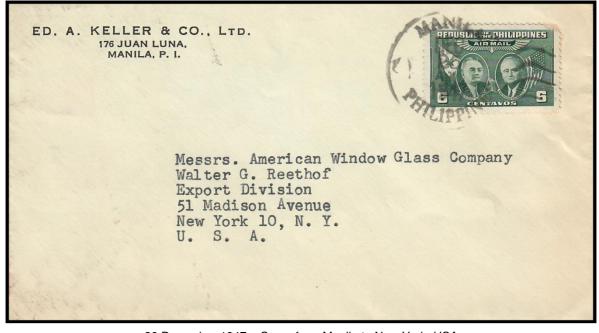
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13 December 1947 – Cover from Manila to New York, USA 6c Single Weight Rate with Manila Machine Cancellation with Ed A Keller Corner Card



26 December 1947 – Cover from Manila to New York, USA 6c Single Weight Rate with Manila Duplex Cancellation with Ed A Keller Corner Card

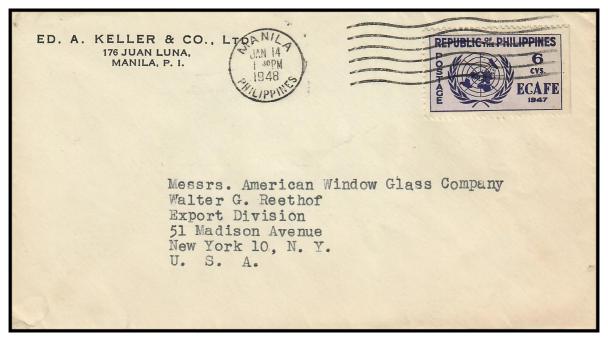
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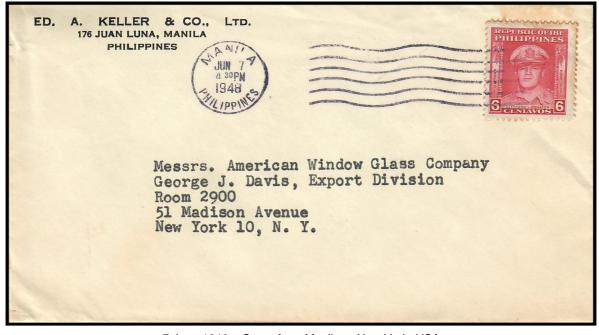
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14 January 1948 – Cover from Manila to New York, USA
 6c Single Weight Rate with Manila Machine Cancellation with Ed A Keller Corner Card

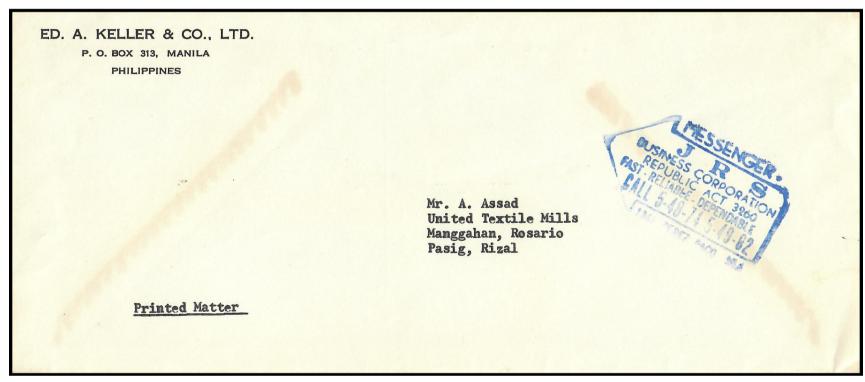


7 June 1948 – Cover from Manila to New York, USA 6c Single Weight Rate with Manila Duplex Cancellation with Ed A Keller Corner Card

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Circa 1970s - Manila Circulating Cover with Ed A Keller Corner Card, sent via JRS Business Corporation Courier Service

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