

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 138, January 03, 1938]

**PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND COMPILATION OF
HISTORICAL DATA REGARDING BARRIOS, MUNICIPALITIES, OR
CITIES, AND PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Whereas, the recorded history of the Philippines is incomplete;

Whereas, a great wealth of historical material is believed to be still in the possession of the people, much of which is preserved only in the memory of some of those who are still living and the rest in manuscripts which are not fully safeguarded from destruction; and

Whereas, it is to the public interest that this material be gathered and preserved in as complete a form as possible and made available to future historians;

Now, therefore, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby direct that the information hereinafter specified be secured by the provincial governor of each province in the Philippines and by the city mayor in the case of a city, and that the same be transmitted to the Director of the National Library not later than December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, for compilation and preservation.

The following rules shall govern the collection and transmission of the desired information:

(a) Upon the promulgation of this Executive Order each provincial governor shall immediately issue instructions to all municipal mayors under his jurisdiction, and in the case of a city, each city mayor shall issue such instructions to any of the city officials designated by him, enjoining said municipal mayors or city officials, as the case may be, to call together the old men in each and every barrio, sitio or district in each municipality or city and obtain from them or

from any documents in their possession the entire history of such community in so far as may be possible.

(b) The information desired is as follows:

The barrio

1. Present official name of the barrio.
2. Native name of the barrio with its meaning; changes in the name of the barrio, if any, and the derivation of the names; and the names of the sitios included within the jurisdiction of the barrio.