

CATMON

History and Cultural Life

The present official and popular name of the barrio is Catmon. Long time ago there were plenty of trees called "Catmon" in a certain part of Malolos. From these trees the name of the barrio of Catmon was derived. The barrio of Catmon was established way back in 1837. The original families living in this barrio are Santiago Reyes, Pedro Tomas, Tomas Domingo, Faustino Surio, Fortunato Carpio, Arcadio Reyes, and Valentin Pineda.

The list of tenientes from the earliest time to date are Arcadio Reyes, Valentin Pineda, Tomas Domingo, Florentino Cruz, Romauldo Lucas, Marciano Bernardo, Tomas Carpio, Pedro Tomas, Nicolas Bernardo, Alfonso Miaco, Angel Sta. Ana, Saturnino de Regla, Florentino Roque, Florentino San Pedro, and Regino Tenorio.

During the month of March 31, 1892, Fr. Moises Santos, the parish priest in the town of Malolos was killed on the bridge of Catmon. The persons who killed the priest, kissed the hands of the said priest before stabbing the said priest in the breast because it is their custom to kiss the hands of the priest whenever they met him. The killers were able to escape so that the Spaniards treated the people in that place cruelly. When the people could no longer bear the treatment they were suffering they fled to the field until the Americans came.

People during the American occupation were treated fairly and friendly by the Americans.

Politics did not exist during World War II. There was an educational propaganda such as the teaching of the Japanese language and songs. A society called the "Kalibapi" was formed during the Japanese time. The economic condition during the time was very poor because the