

HISTORY AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE BARRIO

PART I

1. Official name of the barrio - The present official name of the barrio is Gusa.
2. The popular name of the barrio - Since the establishment of Gusa the popular name is Gusa. It got its name from a creek found in the barrio called Gusa Creek.
3. The date of establishment of the barrio - The barrio of Gusa was established in the year 1771. Not long after the establishment it became a municipality. Few years after the establishment it became thickly populated. The soil was fertile which invites the settlers to settle in the barrio, hence it became a municipality because the progress was very rapid. The first municipal officials were almost all Spaniards whose names of which could not be recalled by the present inhabitants.
4. The original families of Gusa - The original people of Gusa were mostly Bukidnons, few Manobos and a handful of peaceful Moros. The Bukidnons were the dominants of the barrio families because of their superiority in numbers. Most of the Moros were only, but, transients, they came only to trade with the Bukidnons. In the course of their association with the natives, they inter-marriage with the Bukidnons and Manobos. As time went on people from the different parts of the Philippines especially from the Visayan Islands and some foreigners came to Gusa to trade with the natives. Some of the people were brought by the Spanish families as their house boys and house girls or servants. In the course of their associations with the natives, they inter-marriage with them. The inferiority complex of the Bukidnons and the Manobos made them moved little by little to the mountains. But the principal reason of evacuating to the mountain is that the Bukidnons and Manobos were nomadic people. As the immigrants became greater in number, the natives became lesser and lesser in number until all of them cannot be found in the barrio.
5. List of Teniente del Barrio -
 - A. During the Spanish Regime - The following were the names of the teniente del barrio in Gusa during the Spanish regime:

1. Basilio Sacala	4. Agapito Yacapin
2. Escolastico Cabaneros	5. Benigno Dacut
3. Guillermo Yacapin	6. Mariano Cabaneros
 - B. American Regime:- Below are the names of the teniente del barrio during the American regime:

1. Tomas Olango	3. Julian Genero
2. Bernardino Cabaneros	4. Guillermo Jabiniao
6. Stories of old Barrios or Sitios.- Many years ago the place was covered with big forests. Some of the big forest grew along the Gusa Creek. The Bukidnons and the Manobos have no fixed home. They transferred from one place to another almost every year. The Bukidnons