

The Whirlwind of Santa Maria, Bulacan, on May 16, 1903 - It is said that this whirlwind developed tornado force. It caused great havoc in the pueblo of Santa Maria, in Bulacan. This pueblo is situated in the southern part of the province, to the east of the Manila-Dagupan railway and consequently not far from the western slopes of the Balacbac Mountains, to the north of Manila. The storm reached alarming violence about 5 o'clock in the afternoon ; the wind, with destructive hurricane violence, came from the SSW to judge by the direction in which the trees and overturned houses lay scattered. At Santa Maria the wind threw down the Presidencia which was a stone building and a great number of bamboo and nipa houses." The storm was attended by hail.