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### **CHESTER I. LONG.**

Ex-United States Senator from Kansas. Born in Greenwood Township, Perry County, was the father of **David Long**, who migrated to what is now Perry County, in 1814, and who died in 1859. He was a United Brethren preacher, and with him came his son, **Christian Long**, and his grandson, **Abraham G. Long**, then two years old, who became the father of **Senator Long**.

It was at the home of **Isaac Long**, the son of **Isaac**, the emigrant, that the United Brethren Church was organized, but, according to a letter from A. W. Drury, who in 1883 traveled Lancaster County, making a close study of its early history while writing the Life of Otterbein, the founder of that faith, "**Isaac Long** had two daughters, one of whom was married to **Henry Landis**." If **Isaac Long** had sons, I am sure I would have had a note to that effect." Accordingly the line of descent must have been from a brother of **Isaac**, and probably from **Christian**, as **David**, who came to Perry County and became the head of the clan there, had named his son **Christian** (probably after the grandfather, a custom of the period). When **David Long** removed to Perry County, he settled on the old **Spahr** farm, in Greenwood Township. He was successful, and gave a farm to each of his sons. His wife was **Catherine Hershey**, of Lancaster County, who preceded him in death.

The oldest son of **Abraham G. Long**, and brother of the future senator, was **Ephraim C. Long**, born in Greenwood Township, June 28, 1837. He died in Liverpool, August 17, 1887. He had studied law in the office of **Benjamin McIntire**, at New Bloomfield, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1862, and was elected district attorney that fall. He was a member of the 162d Regiment (Seventeenth Cavalry) during the Civil War. He started in the practice of the law with great success, but lost his health during service with the Union army and was not able to continue practice thereafter.

**Senator Chester I. Long** was born in Greenwood Township, on the farm of his father, on October 12, 1860, being the son of **Abraham G.** and **Mary Cauffman Long**, who migrated to Daviess County, Missouri, in 1865. He got his early education in the common schools and taught in the country schools. In 1879 he entered the Paola (Kansas) Normal School, from which he graduated.

As early as 1880 he made a reputation as an effective speaker for the Republicans in the national campaign. In 1883 he went to Topeka, Kansas, where he read law, being admitted to the bar in 1885, in the fall of that year locating at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. In the fall of 1889 he was elected to the State Senate of Kansas and immediately took rank as a leader, which was largely responsible for his campaign for Congress in 1892, against Jerry Simpson, one of the able men who was carried into power on the tide of Populism, and referred to later as "Sockless Simpson." In that contest Mr. Simpson won. In 1894 the two men were again opponents, and **Mr. Long** won. In 1896 the conditions were reversed and Mr. Simpson again was elected, only to have **Mr. Long**, in 1898, again wrest the office from him. **Mr. Long** was his own successor in 1900

and 1902, thus having served in the Fifty-Fourth, Fifty-Sixth and Fifty-Seventh Congresses. Both men were residents of Medicine Lodge at the time, and no other congressional fight in the Union attracted more attention. In 1903 **Mr. Long** resigned as a member of Congress, after he was elected to the United States Senate, serving until 1909. When elected to that office, January 27, 1903, **Senator Long** was but forty-two years of age.

At the time of the historic legislative war in Kansas, in 1893, **Mr. Long** was one of the attorneys for the Republican House of Representatives, and in that connection prepared a brief from which extensive notations were made by Chief Justice Horton, of the Supreme Court, in making his decision in the case. While a congressman his speech on the Porto Rico tariff bill made for him a national reputation. He proved also an effective and uncompromising advocate of reciprocity with Cuba.

Shortly after the election of **Senator Long** to the United States Senate, a native Perry Countian wrote to Governor W. J. Bailey, of Kansas, for information in reference to him. From the reply of Governor Bailey, the following is taken:

"**Chester I. Long** was educated in Paola, Kansas, and came into political prominence after having moved west by running against Jerry Simpson for Congress. In his campaigns against Simpson, he evinced a clear head, a high character, and an ability to take care of himself.

"In Congress he soon became recognized as a growing and a prominent member. Matters growing out of the Spanish-American War raising national and international questions, new and momentous, brought **Long** to the front as a student of untiring zeal, a politician of practical skill, and a statesman of comprehensive grasp. There is no doubt that the President counted him one of his trusted advisers and appreciated his hearty efforts to carry forward the purposes so near to the heart of the executive. He is now elevated to a place in the Senate where he will be a new member in title only, being already thoroughly familiar with the questions, the men and the forms with which he will have to deal. In Kansas **Senator Long** ranks as a clean, dignified gentleman of high ability, who has earned his promotion by the splendid work he has done for his country, his party, and his state. The state knows him and is proud of him."

**Senator Long** was married while a member of Congress, to **Miss Anna Bache**, with whom he attended school at Paola. They lived together for almost twenty-five years, until her death in 1919. Their married life was unusually happy. They had two daughters, **Agnes** and **Margaret**, both of whom have been graduated from the University of Chicago.

After the expiration of his term in the Senate, **Senator Long** moved to Wichita, where he has since resided and practiced law.

He has a large and lucrative practice in the state and Federal courts, being a member of the firm of Long, Houston, Cowan & Depew. He is a member of the General Council of the American Bar Association and one of the Board of Editors of its Journal. He is also president of the Kansas State Bar Association, chairman of the Commission to Revise the General Statutes of Kansas, and a member of the American Society of International Law.

The story of the migration of **David Long** is told in the sketch elsewhere pertaining to **Theodore K. Long**, founder of the Carson Long Institute, as he was the ancestor of both.

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