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Joseph G. Long, East Salem, Juniata County, Pa., was born Friday, January 15, 1819, in Greenwood Township, Perry County. He is a son of **Christian** and **Nancy (Gable) Long**. The original German spelling of the name was **Lang**. The great-grandfather of **Joseph G. Long** came from Baden, Germany, to Lancaster County, Pa., at a very early period in the history of the colony. **David Long**, grandfather of **Joseph G.**, born in Lancaster County, was a farmer by occupation, and removed to Perry County in 1814, settling in Pfoutz Valley, where he purchased a large tract of land, on which he passed the remainder of his days. At his death the land was divided among his children. He was married in Lancaster County to **Miss Catharine Hershey**, a native of the County. To this union were born eight children: **Christian; Abraham; David; John; Benjamin; Catharine (Mrs. John Ulsh); Elizabeth (Mr. Henry Kauffman);** and **Nancy (Mrs. Simon Harter)**. In his early life **Mr. Long** was a Whig. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and afterwards became a member of the United Brethren Church, in which body he was an elder and minister. A man of prominence in the community, he was universally respected. Both he and his wife died on their farm in Pfoutz Valley.

Christian Long, eldest child of **David Long**, had only a German education, which he received in Lancaster County, where he remained until he removed with his parents to Perry County. Owing two hundred and thirty acres of land, he made farming his life occupation. He was married in Lancaster County, to a native of that County, of German descent. To this union were born fourteen children: **Abraham**, deceased; **Henry**, deceased; **Christian**, deceased; **David**, residing in Michigan; **John**, deceased; **Joseph G.**, of Delaware Township; **Benjamin**, deceased; **Isaac**, residing in Michigan; **Daniel**, of Pfoutz Valley, Perry County; **Jonas**, deceased; **Samuel**, deceased; **Emanuel**, residing in Perry County; **William**, residing in Pfoutz Valley, Perry County; and **Hannah**, widow of **Charles Grubb**, of Perry County. In politics **Mr. Long** was a Whig. In the United Brethren Church, of which he was a consistent and zealous member, he held the office of elder. Highly respected by all who knew him, **Mr. Long** died in Liverpool Township, Perry County, in 1856.

Joseph G. Long, son of **Christian Long**, attended none but the subscription school of Liverpool Township, Perry County, in the old log school house furnished with slab seats and with plank writing desks extending the length of the house. He remained on the farm with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, when, after boating on the canal for a time, he began burning lime in Liverpool Township, Perry County, which he continued for sixteen years, owning three kilns in the township. He then removed to near Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pa., where he spent one year in farming, after which he removed to Juniata County, settling in Fayette Township, where he remained for twenty-four years, cultivating a farm of fifty acres which he had purchased. In 1888 he removed to Delaware Township, where he now resides, cultivating ninety acres of land, the greater part of which is devoted to apples, peaches and other species of choice fruits.

Joseph G. Long was married at Liverpool, Perry County, in 1845, to **Miss Mary A. Kauffman**, a native of Greenwood Township, Perry County, and a daughter of **Henry Kauffman**, a farmer

of that township. To this union seven children were born: **Isaac**, residing in the west; **Susannah**, unmarried; **Herman**, residing in the State of Missouri; **Lizzie**, who is the wife of **Frank McCall**, of Missouri; **Nora**, unmarried; **Joseph**, a fruit grower of Juniata County; and **Thaddeus**, deceased. His wife having died, his second marriage took place in Fayette Township, Juniata County, January, 1874, with **Miss Rose Isenberg**, born in Huntingdon County, and a daughter of **David** and **Agnes (Mooney) Isenberg**. To this marriage one child was born **David I.**, residing on the homestead. **Mr. Long** has filled various offices. He was for one term a school director of Fayette Township, Juniata County; for two years he was a justice of the peace in Liverpool Township, Perry County, and in 1891 he was elected to the same office in Delaware Township, Juniata County, which he filled for a term of five years, his judgments always giving satisfaction to the community, and never being reversed by the higher courts. While holding this office he united several couples in the bonds of matrimony. In politics **Mr. Long** is a Republican. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was also for many years identified with the Sunday school work. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F.

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