

Guide to the Carroll Summerfield Long Personal Papers 1863-1931



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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers; followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear.

The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long, D.D., PhD. (1850-1890) American Methodist Episcopal Church missionary was born on January 2, 1850 in Athens, Tennessee. He was the oldest son of Reverend William R. Long (February 18, 1819-November 4, 1847) and Sarah Elizabeth (Atlee) Long (April 4, 1829-December 5, 1889). He attended East Tennessee Wesleyan College (Athens, Tennessee) with the intent of practicing medicine. However, he had a change in plans and wanted to live a more religious lifestyle. He became licensed to preach on June 22, 1872 under Reverend J. W. Mann. Higher education was important to Long, and he would return to East Tennessee Wesleyan College to complete his studies, receiving a B.A. in the classics in 1878, a M.A. in 1881, followed by an PhD in 1886.

In October 1875, Long was admitted to the Holston Conference and was stationed in Asheville, North Carolina where he would serve for four years as the pastor of the church. During which he would also serve as the president of Candler College for two of those years. In August 1879, he was elected as the principal of Powells Valley Seminary (Well Spring, Tennessee), where he would hold the position for a short five months before accepting an appointment as missionary to Japan. Long and his wife sailed from San Francisco, California on February 28, 1880 and arrived in Nagasaki March 20, 1880. Long was determined to become emerged within the Japanese culture, and took up to the study of the language and customs upon his arrival. Within less than 13 weeks, Long was able to give his first sermon in the vernacular of the people. Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long would serve a total of eight years as a missionary to Japan. Some of his many accomplishments include founding Cobleigh Seminary (1881), becoming the presiding elder of the Nagasaki and Nagoya districts, as well as founding a school for girls in Nagoya (October 1888).

His missionary experiences were not experienced alone, and in many aspects, could not be completed without his family. On June 3, 1879 he married Flora Isadore Smith (1861-1952), the daughter of Reverend William Conway Smith (1830-1881) and Mary Eliza (Hemens) Smith (1835-1929). They met through "Pen Pal," as Flora loved to read "The Children's Corner" and began an relationship through the correspondence that the two would have. During their time in Japan, Carroll and Flora would have 4 children: Mary Elizabeth Long Dayharsh (1880-1975), Flora Hortense Long Harrison (1881-1968), Pauline "Haru" Atlee Long (1883-1931) and "Michi" Geraldine Long Bailey (1888-1985).

Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long made his last return trip to the United States on August 17, 1890, and due to bad health, passed away at the home his friend Reverend J.D. Robertson in Asheville, North Carolina on September 4, 1890 and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery (Athens, Tennessee).

Scope Note

This collection reflects the missionary work of the Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long and the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan. The material ranges from 1863 to 1931, and includes multiple record types. The collection provides an insider's point of view towards a missionary's life in 19th century Japan.

Correspondence from the Reverend Long has been recorded in two copy letter books (1881-1885). They include copies of business and personal letters written by Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long, which documents his role as missionary and Presiding Elder in the Nagasaki Conference. Included are financial information describing salaries, grocery lists and other expenses kept by the Japan Mission. Also included is a documented account of the newly established Cobleigh Seminary (1881), as well as the joys and concerns of running a Christian seminary in a foreign land. Personal correspondence is between his friends and family. He keeps his loved ones updates on his life abroad, describing the benefits and challenges he and his family gain while in Japan. One issue which he speaks of often is that of ill health. He writes to his family doctor in one letter, "Our mission is almost broken up by sickness...the few missionaries who are left here...to carry on the work in absence of the sick members" (March 2, 1882). Nearly all the letters are written in English, with a handful written with Japanese characters. In addition, both copy letter books include an index, where the Rev. Long as organized and recorded his letters alphabetically in reference to the respondent.

The collection includes Long's diary (1881-1883). In which he describes his responsibilities as a minister to the Methodist Episcopal Church, as well as his responsibilities as a father, husband and son to his family. He records his day to day experiences including visitations from various missionaries, his relationship to his students and teachers at Cobleigh Seminary, as well as his reaction and criticism towards his sermons and preaching abilities. He also writes of his personal inspirations to why he joined a religious life and how it has effects his daily routine as a missionary overseas. The collection also includes an excerpt from the diary of the Reverend Long's daughter Flora Hortense Long Harrison (1908). She describes how her Japanese teacher, Mr. Chiga, became to be a Christian and a Methodist, and the role that her father played in his religious transformation.

The role which the Reverend Long played in the Methodist Episcopal Church can also be seen in the Presiding Elders Manual which he kept for both North Carolina (1886-1888) and Japan (1888). Both manuals give a detailed account of the different conferences he was involved with. The manuals include the names of pastors, number of church members, attendance for Sunday school, as well as the financial information regarding each organization. The role of Carroll Summerfield Long, as well as other missionaries, are depicted in the collection's thirty-one photographs. These include portraits of Long, his family, members of the Nagasaki Conference. The photographs also include some buildings, including the Wistorua of Kwassui Joyakko and Kwassui Joen, Girls Home Omura.

The collection also includes a number of publications which showcase Long's writing and descriptions of a life in Japan to his American audience. Included in the publications are pieces written by missionary Elizabeth Russell, the history of Evangelization of Japan, as well as some biographical writings, including an obituary for the Reverend Carroll Summerfield Long.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Materials are arranged by record type.

Related Materials

Mission Biographical Files

Long, Carroll. Holston Annual Conference. Kelly Library, Emory and Henry College

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No restrictions.

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Index Terms

Subject Topics

Education
Missions-Japan, Nagasaki

Subject Geographic

Japan
North Carolina
Tennessee

Genre

Diaries.
Journals
Letter books
Newspapers
Pamphlets
Periodicals
Photographs
Reports

Subject - Personal Names

Asuga, T.
Davison, John Carroll
Haigaski, Mrs.
Harrison, Flora Hortense Long
Kubo, Mrs.
Long, Flora Isadore Smith
O Sawa San
Smith, Lida B.
Smith, William Conway
Suguki, Ai
Wilson, Mary
Yamada, Mr.
Yamaka, Mrs.
Yamaka, Y.

Additional Creators - Personal Names

Harrison, Flora Hortense Long



Russell, Elizabeth

Additional Creators - Corporate Names

Cobleigh Seminary

Methodist Episcopal Church

Subject - Corporate Names

Methodist Episcopal Church

Container List

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1607-3-3:1	Local Preacher's License	1872
1607-3-3:2	Presiding Elders Manual - North Carolina	1886-1888
1607-3-3:3	Presiding Elders Manual - Nagoya, Japan	1888
1607-3-3:4	Letters Book 1 October 20, 1881 - July 10, 1883	1881-1883
1607-3-3:5	Letters Book 2 December 15, 1882 - February 13, 1885	1882-1885
1607-3-3:6	C. S. Long's Nagasaki Diary December 7, 1881 - August 18, 1883	1881-1883
1607-3-3:7	Letter in Diary to Brother Long from Brother C. Bishop June 12, 1887	1887
1607-3-3:8	Flora Hortense Long Harrison's Diary Excerpt November 3, 1908	1908
1607-3-3:9	Photographs 1887-1898	1887-1898
1607-3-3:10	Pioneer Days in My Beloved Japan by Elizabeth Russell	Undated
1607-3-3:11	The Evangelization of Japan: A Story of the Evangelistic Activities of the Japan Mission	1931
1607-3-3:12	Gospel in All Lands July 1900	1900
1607-3-3:13	The Florida Methodist July 15, 1889	1889
1607-3-3:14	Chattanooga Daily Rebel June 28, 1863	1863
1607-3-3:15	The Christian Advocate: Tokyo March 20-July 16, 1889	1889