

**A0930****Long, John F. (1816-1888) Papers, 1790-1917; n.d.**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

John F. Long donated a portion of the papers in 1869.

Lillie Bogg Schott donated the majority of the papers, including the autographed letters signed by U.S. Grant, in November 1957.

An unidentified donor donated additional documents in July 1979.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John Fenton Long was born on the White Haven Farm in St. Louis County in 1816. He was the son of William Lindsay Long (1789-1849) and Elizabeth Sappington Long (1789-1849), builders of the original White Haven home, and grandson of Captain John Long, Revolutionary War veteran and early resident of St. Louis. The Dent family purchased White Haven four years after John F. Long's birth and remained closely associated with the Long family.

Long married Frances Pipkin (1820-1863) and the couple had three daughters: Susan, Lillie, and Emaline. After Frances's death, he married Mary N. (Sappington) Vale, widow of Humphrey Vale. John and Mary had no children by birth, but adopted a daughter, Mary Hardesty.

Long was educated in St. Louis and became a schoolteacher. He later served in a number of official offices including police chief of the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County marshal, county judge, and collector of customs of the port of St. Louis. He also served on the St. Louis city council. John F. Long was a close friend of U.S. Grant and served as Grant's St. Louis agent during his presidency.

John F. Long died in 1888.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of correspondence, land records, tax receipts, commissions, property deeds, invitations, and clippings relating to the Long family and John F. Long's personal and business relationship with Ulysses S. Grant. The collection is arranged in chronological order.

**The following abbreviations have been used in this inventory:**

- AL Autograph Letter unsigned (an unsigned letter in the hand of the author)
- ALS Autograph Letter Signed (a letter entirely in the hand of and signed by the author)
- ADS Autograph Document Signed (a document signed by and entirely in the hand of the author)
- DS Document Signed
- n.d. No date

**Folder 1 1794-1814**

- 2 January 1794 ADS Smallwood Coghill and John Miller. Contractual agreement between John Long and Catherine Benson for services of slave named Gabriel for one half year. 1 page
- 5 January 1794 ADS John Birkett to Captain Harris. Please pay bearer Saul for the pilotage of the ship *Success* from Port Royal to Hobbs Hole. 1 page
- 7 January 1794 ADS John Birkett to Captain Jonathan Harris. Please pay the bearer Henry Jackson twenty pounds for the pilotage of ship *Success*. 1 page
- 30 January 1794 ADS William Edwards to Captain Jonathan Harris. Pay unto Henry Jackson the sum of six pounds and David Eddy six pounds for pilotage of the brig *Hero*. 1 page
- 25 August 1795 ADS Magruder to John Long. Receipt for payment of balance due. 1 page
- 1797 ADS Wm. Hinkson to John Long. Tax receipt. 1 page
- 28 August 1797 ADS John Long to Zenon Trudeau. Petition for ten thousand arpents of land; Trudeau's approval of sale on reverse. 2 pages
- 19 February 1798 ADS John Long to Zenon Trudeau. Petition for two hundred and forty arpents of land; Trudeau's approval of sale on reverse. [French] 2 pages
- 5 October 1799 ADS William L. Long to Charles Dehault DeLassus. Petition for four hundred arpents of land; approved by DeLassus. [French] 2 pages
- 23 February 1801 ADS P. Lee to John Long. Received of Mr. John Long [for] Negro boy [a] half pound cotton [a] week. 1 page
- 17 March 1801 ADS Daniel M. Boone & R. Spencer. Received of Mr. F. Howell for the account of Mr. John Long four dollars. 1 page
- 15 April 1801 ADS Jno. Long and Ch. Gratiot. Promissory note to pay C. Gratiot.
- 26 November 1805 ADS Samuel Caldwell to George Gordon to pay fifteen dollars in wheat or peltry at the market price. 1 page
- 17 March 1807 ADS Jeremiah Connor to John Long. Receipt for taxes. 1 page

- 10 October 1807 ADS Jeremiah Connor to John Long. Received five dollars and five cents for taxes.
- 7 March 1809 ADS Gabriel Long. Received of John Long payment in full. 1 page
- 15 August 1809 ADS Thos. Riddick certifies that Bartholomew Herrington attended as a grand juror two days at a court of oyer and terminer. 1 page
- 11 April 1810 DS Polly Cordell. Note to Steptoe Cordell for four hundred dollars. 1 page
- 13 November 1811 ADS William Sullivan. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 16 December 1811 ADS A. McNair. Receipt to William Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 27 December 1811 DS Benjamin Howard and Frederick Bates. Commission appointing William L. Long ensign in the 4<sup>th</sup> Co. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the militia. 1 page
- July 1812 ADS List of merchandise sold to Christian Wilt by William L. Long. 1 page
- 3 September 1812 ADS A. McNair certifying that William Long served as a corporal in the St. Louis Independent Troop called out under my command by the executive of the territory. 1 page
- 16 February 1813 DS D.P. Sullivan. Receipt to William Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 24 February 1813 DS Frederick Bates. Commission appointing William L. Long ensign of the 4<sup>th</sup> Co. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment. 1 page
- 15 May 1813 DS Matthew Kerr. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 25 March 1814 DS J.W. Thompson. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 25 March 1814 DS A. Carr. Receipt to William L. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 29 August 1814 DS John Long to B. Pratte. Receipt for money due on loan. 1 page

- October 1814 Account of John Long with Daniel M. Boone for \$2.78.  
1 page
- 15 October 1814 DS Joseph Charless. Receipt to John Long for payment of  
subscriptions. 1 page
- 20 October 1814 DS Michael Ely. Receipt to John Long for business account. 1  
page
- 29 December 1814 DS B. Pratte. Receipt to John Long for three deer skins. 1 page
- Folder 2 1815-1854; n.d.**
- 25 March 1815 DS Joseph Browne. Receipt to John Long for payment of account.  
1 page
- 26 May 1815 DS Alexander McNair. Obliges himself to take of John Long one  
hundred acres of land being on the waters of St. Johns. 1 page
- 2 June 1815 DS A. Carr. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 10 October 1815 Settlement of account of C. Wilt. 1 page
- 15 June 1815 DS Joseph Timberlake. Receipt to John Long for the account of  
James Mackay. 1 page
- 25 August 1815 DS A. Carr. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 22 December 1815 DS Christian Wilt. Received of John Long payment in full. 1 page
- 1816 DS A. Carr. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1816 DS A. Carr. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 2 November 1816 DS C. Wilt. Delivered Wm. L Long for account of Mr. Mackay. 1  
page
- 12 November 1816 DS William L. Long. Promissory note to pay James Glenn. 1 page
- 12 November 1816 DS Bill of sale of one Negro Sam to John Long purchased from  
James Glenn. 1 page
- 15 March 1817 DS Charles Stuart. Receipt to unidentified person for payment of  
taxes for 1816. 1 page

- 5 July 1817 DS Kerr & Bell. Receipt of John Long by Wm. Long payment of fifty dollars for account. 1 page
- 21 March 1818 DS J.W. Thompson. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes for 1817. 1 page
- 8 May 1818 DS Henry Gratiot to John Long. Received of your black man twenty-six bushels of wheat. 1 page
- 4 June 1818 DS Henry Gratiot to John Long. Received of your black man twenty-four bushels of wheat. 1 page
- 24 September 1818 DS John Long. Account with Kerr & Bell. 1 page
- 1819 DS John K. Walker. Tax assessment list of John Long. 1 page
- 22 May 1819 DS Joseph Charless. Received from John Long three dollars in full for the *Gazette* up to October 1819. 1 page
- 23 November 1819 DS John K. Walker. Received of William L. Long for payment of taxes for 1819. 1 page
- 30 November 1819 DS John K. Walker. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1820 DS John K. Walker. Receipt to John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 22 April 1820 DS Kerr & Bell. Receipt for John Long account to Kerr & Bell. 1 page
- 14 July 1820 DS Isaac C. McGirk. Receipt to John Long for payment of territorial and county tax for 1820. 1 page
- 20 April 1821 DS St. Louis Circuit Court judgment for Gabriel Long v. Alexander McNair. 2 pages
- 5 July 1821 DS Kerr, Bell & Co. Receipt for John Long account to Kerr, Bell & Co. 1 page
- 2 October 1821 DS Joseph C. Brown. Receipt of Wm. L Long for taxes. 1 page
- 13 October 1821 DS Joseph C. Brown. Receipt of John Long for taxes. 1 page
- 9 August 1822 DS Jn. Timonds. Receipt of John Long for taxes. 1 page

- 1823 DS R. Simpson. Receipt of John Long for taxes. 1 page
- 1823 DS R. Simpson. Receipt of William L. Long for taxes. 1 page
- 8 January 1823 DS John K. Walker. Notice of fine against William L. Long for failing to attend the regimental muster in the fall of 1822. 1 page
- 30 January 1823 DS Bill of sale of one Negro woman named Clary and her two children, Louis and a two-year-old girl, plus one boy named Dom sold to John Long by Isabella Mackay. 1 page
- 1824 DS L. Brown. Assessment of taxes for 218 acres of land, 8 Negroes, 4 horses, 10 cattle. 1 page
- 1824 DS R. Simpson. Receipt of Wm. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1824 DS R. Simpson. Receipt of John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 21 May 1824 DS John Sappington. Receipt for amount received of John Long for James Mackay for schooling his three children. 1 page
- August 1824 DS Silas Bent. Court order appointing members of a St. Louis County patrol with William L. Long, captain. 1 page
- 1825 DS R. Simpson. Received of Wm. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1825 DS R. Simpson. Received of John Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 28 March 1825 DS John Long. Bill of sale for one Negro boy named Lewis sold to Louis Guion. 1 page
- 8 February 1826 DS John Long. Deed of gift of four Negroes named Clara, Margret, Mary and Isabella to Isabella Mackay from her father John Long. 1 page
- 27 August 1829 Promissory note of William Long to pay Richard Sappington. 1 page
- 1830 DS G. Paul. Received of Wm. L. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- circa 1830 Bill of sale of two Negroes named John and Nancy to Jonah Park by John Long. 1 page

- circa 1830 Bill of sale of two Negroes named John and Nancy to Jonah Parks by John Long. 1 page
- circa 1830 DS Thomas Caulk. Assessment list for taxes on 1930 acres of land, 10 Negroes, 4 horses, 11 head cattle. 1 page
- 1833 DS Frederick Hyatt. Received of William L. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1834 DS Jos. Conway. Received of Wm. L. Long for payment of taxes. 1 page
- 1836 DS Jos. Conway. Received of Wm. L. for payment of state and county taxes. 1 page
- 17 June 1836 DS M.P. Leduc. Probate receipt for payment in full on judgment regarding estate of John Long. 1 page
- 17 May 1838 DS John Sappington. Account of John Sappington. 1 page
- 18 September 1840 DS John M. Niles appointing William L. Long postmaster of Sappington, Missouri. 1 page
- 9 October 1844 DS Tesson & Son. Received of Wm L. Long for payment of account with Tesson & Son. 1 page
- 3 October 1849 ALS John F. Long to Susan Long expressing his happiness that she and her aunt are doing well in school. 2 pages
- 1850 DS J.M. Brown[?] to John F. Long ordering Long to take Gonzalve de Montesquiou in your custody and deliver him on board the *Duchess de Orleans*.
- 7 January 1850 DS Harrison L. Long. Deed of conveyance of William L. Long, deceased, to John F. Long. 1 page
- 16 December 1850 ALS John F. Long to Susan Long regarding plans for Susan's homecoming for Christmas. 2 pages
- 24 October 1850 DS John How, mayor, and James M. Hawken. Deed of sale of land from St. Louis city common to James M. Hawken. 2 pages
- n.d. DS Receipt John Long for account with Kerr & Bell. 1 page
- n.d. DS Wm. Long account with Kerr. 1 page



- Folder 3**                      **1874-1886; n.d.**
- 16 February 1874              ALS Ulysses S. Grant to Judge John F. Long stating that a Mr. Fox asked about reappointment. 1 page
- 26 February 1874              ALS Linton Sappington to John F. Long relating information regarding Sappington's desire to move into Grant's old home. 1 page
- 24 March 1874                Telegram from U.S. Grant to John C. Dent c/o John Long notifying Dent that Judge Lewis Dent remains are being shipped back to St. Louis. [glued to paper] 1 page
- June 1874                      Invitation to the citizens of St. Louis to attend the formal opening of the Illinois and St. Louis Bridge on July 4, 1874. 2 pages
- 1 December 1874              ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long enclosing \$1,000 for payment of Missouri taxes. 1 page
- 13 July 1875                  AL U.S. Grant to John F. Long regarding sale of his St. Louis property. [letter is incomplete] 2 pages
- 30 November 1876            ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long expressing his wish that Long find a position in his office for C.C. Fouke. [glued to paper] 1 page
- 28 January 1877              AL U. S. Grant to John F. Long regarding his immediate plans after leaving office. [signature removed] 4 pages
- 19 August 1880              ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long stating that he will not have time to visit St. Louis. 1 page
- 12 November 1880            ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long regarding national election and selling his property. 4 pages
- 4 Janury 1881                ALS John F. Long to Edwin Harrison requesting the use of historical documents from the Missouri Historical Society. 1 page
- 12 January 1881              ALS John F. Long to Oscar Collet expressing his impatience at not receiving a reply regarding his request to borrow papers. 1 page
- 15 January 1881              ALS John F. Long to Edwin Harrison regarding the donation of some papers to the Missouri Historical Society. 1 page
- 17 January 1881              ALS John F. Long to Oscar Collet regarding the requested papers and controversy over the request. 1 page

- 30 November 1881 ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long regarding Long's request to President Garfield to be reappointed surveyor of the port of St. Louis. 2 pages
- 16 December 1881 ALS U.S. Grant to John F. Long stating that a trip to Washington to meet with Garfield would neither help nor hurt Long's chances for reappointment. 2 pages
- 8 April 1882 Invitation to Otis Hawken's surprise birthday party.
- 15 April 1882 ALS U. S. Grant to John F. Long describing Grant's meeting with the secretary of treasury concerning Long's reappointment. 2 pages
- 5 July 1884 ALS L. Harrigan to John F. Long expressing his wish to speak with Long sometime about days past. 1 page
- 7 July 1884 Bond for St. Louis Agricultural & Mechanical Association stock signed by Grant, Long, and E. S. Rowse. 1 page
- 30 September 1884 ALS Marcus Wolff, administrator of James Hawken estate, regarding power of lease of Hawken's land. 1 page
- 6 May 1885 ALS John F. Long to Oscar Collet donating a letter written by U.S. Grant to Long dated 25 October 1873. 1 page
- 20 June 1885 Receipt St. Louis Gas-Light Co. to O.D. Hawken. 1 page
- 21 January 1886 ALS J.D. Grant to John F. Long noting that he is glad that Long liked his father's book and stating that Grant's last letter was written to Long. [glued on paper] 1 page
- 23 February 1886 ALS Samuel Treat to John F. Long expressing his understanding that Long's health is poor. 1 page
- 22 March 1886 ALS John Fenton Long to Fentie (J. Fenton Hawken), accompanying the letter is a scrapbook that Long is presenting Hawken as a gift. 1 page
- n.d. Sketch of U.S. Grant property on Gravois Turnpike. 1 page
- n.d. Sketch of plat of addition bordered by Noeme and Mercer Streets and Gamble Avenue. 1 page
- Folder 4**  
circa 1903 **circa 1903-1917; n.d.**  
Clipping: "Childhood Friend of Mrs. Grant Dead." 1 page

- circa 1903 Clipping: "Will of Schoolmaster of Mrs. U.S. Grant." 1 page
- circa 1903 Clipping: "Mrs. Grant's Friend's Will." 1 page
- 16 September 1916 Invitation for reunion of the Long family. 1 page
- 3 September 1917 Clipping: "Old County Families in Reunion at Railways Club." 1 page
- 29 September 1917 Invitation: Long-Sappington-Pipkin family reunion. 1 page
- n.d. Clipping: Long family descendants. 1 page