

G. R. Long 12/22/94

Derivation of the name Long

The Long name was derived from stature. A tall person who was one of the family of Pruex, an attendant on Lord Treasurer Hungerford, acquired the name of Long Henry. On his marriage to a lady of quality he transposed this appellation to Henry Long, thereby becoming the founder of the Longs of the Weltshire Camden Long.

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Gray: William and Elizabeth Gray had four children-- Joseph, Elizabeth, Polly and Frazer. Their early life was spent in New Jersey in which state all these children were born. Subsequently the family moved to Sussex County, Delaware. Joseph and Polly never married. Elizabeth married William Robbins and raised a family of eight children, namely: David, William, John, Joseph, Celia, Nancy Elizabeth and George. Seven of these raised families. George, the youngest, died in early manhood. David married a Quakeress whose Christian name was Nancy. Her maiden name was not recalled. She was a very pious and exemplary woman. William's wife's name was also forgotten. John married a woman named Lydia. Joseph married Mary Reynolds, a lady of excellent family. Celia married Abram Lynch. Nancy first married William Talman, then John Sharp. Elizabeth first married a Mr. Robbins, then Ishmel Steel, third Mr. Holland. Frazer Gray was the fourth child. First marriage was to Mary K. Havelow, second to Elizabeth Lockwood. William and Elizabeth Gray were of English origin. We have no details respecting their history, as they disappeared during the Révolutionary War. (From Rufus Gray, Pratt, Kansas.)

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Frazer Gray: Youngest son of William and Elizabeth Gray, was born in New Jersey, July 26, 1761. His boyhood days were spent on the farm in Sussex County. At the age of 18 he joined the Revolutionary Army for six months as a substitute for his brother-in-law. William Robbins was then in the impending War of Independence. At the expiration of this term he enlisted for the war in the Delaware Continentals and served as one of the Blue Hen's Chickens until its close. He was associated with one event of particular note in the history of the conflict and one personal incident of more than ordinary note. He was a private with his regiment on the Hudson at the time Major Andre was captured, was one of the soldiers who guarded him while in confinement and stood near the gallows when the major was hung. The following is his statement of the occurrence:

"Andre was well and neatly dressed, courteous in his manner, never betraying the least emotion. When on scaffold he made a beautiful speech, full of loyalty to his king; denied any intention of enacting the roll of a spy. He claimed under the circumstances he ought not to be hung, but if death was inevitable a soldier's death by shooting should be ordered. As this his last appeal me with no response, he turned to the officer near him, and with a smile on his face signified his readiness to die in any way for his kin and country."

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Frazer Gray at the termination of the war returned with his disbanded comrades to Delaware but the country had been run over by both armies, his home destroyed and his family gone, leaving no traces or clues as to their whereabouts. On March 2, 1785 he married his first wife, Mary Havelow, of whom we know little except the date of her birth in Broadkill Hundred, Sussex County. James, William, Nancy, John and Elizabeth all lived to a mature age and raised families except James. William married Mary Tatman; Nancy married Philip Wingate; John married Mary Ponder; Elizabeth married James Morris and after his death John Long.

Frazer saw Washington and conversed with him. The following incident is related by Frazer:

"A few of the Blue Hen's Chickens, myself among the number, had leave to go outside the lines chestnutting on Sunday. While so engaged Washington and his orderly rode by us and the general said to him, What are you doing here? We are gathering some nuts sir, by permission, I replied. The general answered, It is alright then but remember green chestnuts are very unwholesome-- be careful not to eat too many of them for we cannot spare any Delaware men. And with a military salute he rode away."

Frazer Gray was a man of sound body and good morals, a patriot and though from a slave state and a democrat he was opposed to slavery and had been frequently heard to say all men are born created equal and have certain

inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a lie as long as slavery exists in the United States. He died without a lingering illness, October 11, 1849, age 88 years. His wife, Elizabeth Lockwood Gray survived him nearly four years. She died June 23, 1853, age 82. In January 1796 Mary Havelow, the mother of this family, died. Frazer Gray married his second wife, Elizabeth Lockwood, fourth child of Samuel Lockwood of Wagsboro, born Jan 27, 1771. From this union there were five children: Rachel, David, Samuel, George and Mary. Rachel died in childhood. David married Naomi Lofland.

Frazer and Elizabeth Gray are buried in Union Cemetery $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Scott Town. George, Jane and David Gray at Pleasant Hill 3 miles east, Samuel Gray at Scott Town Cemetery, 1 mile south, Marion County, Ohio.

James Gray, son of Frazer and Mary Havelow, never married. He went to sea at 14. At 21 he was given command of a vessel. He was very successful and became part-owner of two vessels, schooner William and Mary and sloop Ann Marie. At age of 35 he became intemperate, sold his vessels and migrated to Ohio, became interested in fur trade. In 1820 his family was attracted by newspaper account of James Gray, passenger on a flat bottom boat to New Orleans, owned by E. and H. Stone, containing a cargo of slaves. On certain night moored on Kentucky shores slaves murdered four white men.

Nothing ever heard from James Gray afterward and his identity not doubted. (Taken from family history, J.E. Gray.)

John Postles, January 12, 1831. They had five children: Eliza Jane, George H., Hester Ann, Mary Elizabeth, Rachel Ann. Eliza Jane married Irvin Wheeler; George H. married Ann Waples; Hester Ann died in infancy; Mary Elizabeth was married twice, to R.R. Cameron, to Henry Dalebohn. Rachel married J. A. Lappington.

Samuel Gray, son of Frazer and Elizabeth Lockwood Gray, was born in Sussex County, Aug. 1, 1803. He was a bachelor and lived a quiet, secluded life. Highest aim was to make money. He took good care of his aged father and mother. They lived on his farm near Scott Town. He hired a girl, Mary Jones, to keep house for them so they had no care. When John Postles died he took care of his sister Mary. Samuel Gray was buried on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1881. He had a large funeral. His estate netted \$17,000 after bills had been paid. His brother George's heirs received \$5200 each. George Gray married Jane Barr. Mary married John Postle.

George Gray was born in Sussex County, Delaware, May 18, 1806. He worked on a farm with his father until 17 when he left to learn carpenter's and joiner's trade. February 13, 1827 he was married to Mary Jane Barr. After his marriage he worked two years in a shipyard near his home in Delaware and May 20, 1829 he emigrated to Ohio with his brother David, the latter coming to

Zanesville and George going to Marion County. Here he worked awhile as carpenters were much needed in 1835. The legislature elected him Associate Judge of Marion County in which capacity he served 7 years. Next elected Justice of Peace of Montgomery Township and in 1836 was appointed postmaster at Cochranon. 1860 he was elected Probate Judge of Marion County and reelected in 1863. He was chosen Mayor of Marion but resigned soon afterward. Of the many offices of ^hwoner and trust he held the last was Justice of Peace of Grand Township where he lived. De died in Scott Town December 25, 1880, having been an active man all his life and much loved by all who knew him. His wife was Mary Jane Barr. Issue seven children: William Henry, David, James, John, Sarah, Amos and Mary. William Henry never married. Born Sussex County Jan. 21, 1828, died 1854 and buried near Keosaaku, Iowa. James and Sarah single. David married Lucinda Van Houton. John married Alinda Riley. Amos married Elizabeth Gutherie. Mary married David Humphrey. David died Sept. 11, 1866 leaving widow and two children. Mary the fifth child of Frazer and Elizabeth Lockwood Gray was born April 9, 1810.

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Elizabeth Gray daughter of Frazer Gray, born in Broadkill Hundred December 13, 1794, died February 15, 1851. Her second husband was John Long, whom she married in 1825. John Long was born March 24, 1778, died July 11, 1846. Henry Wells Long (2/1/1826-4/25/1890) was the son of John Long. In 1848 he married Sarah Jane Hickman (10/31/1830-11/4/1900) in Frankford. Mary C. Long was the daughter of Henry W. Long. She was born January 26, 1853. December 14, 1881 she married Richard L. Miller (1/23/1851-3/5/1907) in Philadelphia. Ivy Hall Miller (11/5/1884) was the daughter of Richard L. Miller. May 17, 1905 she married Asa Bennett (10/10/1880) in Frankford.

Revolutionary War Records: Colonel Davis Hall
commanded for the month of April, 1780, Sergants John
Long (March 7, 1778) and David Long, 22, who mustered *done 1758, 2*
and joined the army under George Washington, December
26, 1776. Congree^s voted a sum of twenty dollars for
each officer or private who enlisted (unless discharged).
Congress granted lands for non-commissioned officers
and soldiers, 100 acres.

Privates recruited in 1758: Solomon Long, 30, Irish,
April 15th; laborer, formerly with Ye Royal Americans.
Samuel Long, muster roll, Delaware Regiment #1, Company
of the Second Battalion in Colonel Williams army serv-
ing the southern army of the United States, on guard
three years. Samuel Long was sick at Petersburg in May
and June, 1780. (Data from Pennsylvania Historial Society.)
Frazer Gray, Delaware Regiment, 21 years old, 5 feet,
six inches, fair haired. He held an occupation as wheel-
wright from Sussex County. He was mustered March 22, 1782.
He was placed on the roll of Revolutionary Pensions under
law of March 1818. He was transferred to Ohio. Received
from Frazer Gray \$20 in fines, August 28, 1879. (Data
from Delaware Historical Society.)

War of 1812 Records: Armwell Long, Lieutenant Colonel of the 10th Regiment, commissioned October 12, 1807. Sixty-three dollars was allowed Colonel Long for regimental and incidental expenses, January 9, 1817. The colonel was in charge of Regiment of Detached Militia at Lewistown, December 27, 1816. Privates in the 10th Regiment: John Long, Isiah Long, John Gum, Noah Lockwood. *correct*

David Long was donated the sum of \$2.82 May 29, 1813 and served in the company commanded by Captain Rodney at Lewistown for the defense of the Delaware. In 1814 he was fined a dollar in Captain Rodney's company. Delinquencies were returned by West, collector of Rehobeth and Lewistown. *which*

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Miscellaneous: Tradition states that three men came from England, brothers Joseph, Benjamin, and David. Joseph settled at Focomoke City, Benjamin at Selbyville and David at Frankford. David brought his son, then 12 years old.*

Among David Long's children were Benjamin and Armwell. His will was probated by Armwell. John Torbart Long was part owner in the schooners John S. Long and the Drammond. George Long lived at Freeman's Farms. He went to war but his neighbors carried on his farm during his absence. Ship Nancy reached Philadelphia August 31, 1750 with two hundred immigrants. Ship Welcome sailed from Deal, England, September 1, 1682, and arrived at New Castle, Delaware, November 28, 1682.

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* (This record does not tally with the deed held by Alice Gum.)

Items: Joshua Robinson (son of George and Mary Robinson) and Rachel Lockwood were married 1783. Rachel Lockwood, daughter of Samuel and Leah Lockwood, born August 24, 1765. William Sheppard Lockwood, son of Benjamin and Mary, was born October 8, 1813. Armwell Long married Elizabeth Robinson. Nathaniel Lockwood was the son of Benjamin James. Bethuel Lockwood was the father of Charles. Catherine Waples, Hickman Townsend's grandmother on father's side was a Christopher. Peter R. Waples had a brother, J. S. Waples, a sister Mary, who married Captain Henry Hickman, a sister Kitty who married Job Derrickson, who died on Staten Island, leaving one son. Her second husband was Philip Short.

Lieutenant Harry Norman Huxford: son of Mary Ella Long and Norman Huxford, was born 1878 in Frankford. He died in the U.S. Navy Hospital, Philadelphia, January 26, 1927, age 48 and was buried in the Colonel Armwell Long Cemetery at Frankford, Delaware. He is survived by a widow, Elizabeth McColly Green and two children, Mary Elizabeth and Harry Norman. At 16 Lieutenant Huxford joined the Navy and served in the Spanish American War, at Tampico Mexico, and the Boxer Uprising in China. During the World War he was promoted to lieutenant and was made commanding officer of the U.S.S. Lebanon of the Atlantic Fleet, was cited for bravery and received the Navy Cross. His citation read:

"The Navy Department having carefully considered all reported instances of meretorious- conducted officers and enlisted men of the Navy through the World War, takes pleasure commending Lieutenant Harry N. Huxford, U.S.N., for the following service which is required as according with the vast traditions of the Naval Services-- the commanding of the U.S.S. Lebanon serving in the Train U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He rendered meretorious service showing energy and skill as well as good judgment and discretion. Joseph Daniels, Sec. of the Navy, Nov. 11, 1920."

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Calendar of Maryland Wills: Samuel Long, Somerset Co.
November 26, 1695- To wife Ann, daughters Ann, Jane and Elizabeth who was the wife of Isaac Boston, all household goods. To sons Jeffrey, William, Daniel, John, and David the plantation, to be divided equally. Son Randolph to have "Long's Lot." Son John executor. John Moore, Jeffrey Mitchell, John Heath, proved October 10, 1695.¹

David Long, Somerset County, November 26, 1716. To brothers John, Daniel, Randolph. Sister Ann Wood personally. Brother Jeffrey executor. All realty in remainder to Jeffrey, son of Jeffrey and Mary Long Leste. William Long Sectster, Edward Stockdall, John Benson, proved March 18, 1716.²

Jeffrey Long, somerset County, July 1, 1731. To son Samuel dwelling plantation and 68 acres. He to pay David Sewell and daughter Mary 5 pounds each. To son Jeffrey land at Morrimsco. He to pay son David at 21, and daughter Mary at 18, five pounds each. Sons Sewell and David, daughters Mary and Jane, personally. To six children: Jeffrey, Samuel, Sewell, David, Mary and Jane, the residue. Leste, Samuel Long, Edward Stockdall, John Benson, proved June 17th, 1732.³

1- Vol.2, page 105
2- Vol.4, page 104
3- vol.6, page 225

David Long, Sussex County, April 25, 1785, to son David Long, the land he lives on called "Huffy and Long's Partnership," and to son Benjamin 20 shillings. To son John part of tract called "Forest Flower" on which he lives. To son Armwell the residue of "Forest Flower." Said son and my wife Ann to have use of Cedar Swamp. Residue to wife Ann for life, remainder to nine of my children, David, John, Armwell, Mary Houston, Elizabeth Newport, Nancy Scudder, Rachel Holloway, Myron Gray, Joyce Chamberlain. Son Armwell executor. Joseph Derrickson, Isaac Collins, Benjamin Lockwood. Proved May 4, 1791.

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Armwell Long deceased report on the land division and valuation March 15, 1836, on the application of Noah Lockwood and Elizabeth, his wife. It is represented to the court that Armwell Long, late of Sussex County, deceased, died intestate about 22nd day of November, 1834, being at the time of his death seized of 850 acres in Baltimore Hundred adjoining John Long. Also a tract in Dagsboro Hundred containing 150 acres adjoining land of Lemuel Long. That the said Armwell left six children, to wit: James, John, Lureana, wife of Isaac Christopher, Lydia, married to Thomas Waples, Elizabeth, married to Noah Lockwood, Lemuel Long, and several grandchildren, to wit: George R. Long, Ann, married to Joshua West, Jenette, married to Selby Hickman, William and Charles, Elizabeth Maud, married to Peter R. Waples, Mary Long, Robert S.,

Jeremiah, Isiah and Stephen, children of Isiah, deceased son of Armwell Long and Manea, Albert Rentus, Arena Perer, Ann C., and Elizabeth Gum, children of Martha Gum who is the deceased daughter of Armwell Long. Court appoints five freeholders to divide: Edward Dingle, William Dunning, Stephen Hill, William D. Waples and Paul Waples. The commission performed their duties.

Deed September 4, 1750, John Long, Jeffrey Long, planter David Long, Colbourne Long, Taylor Long, all of Somerset County to David Long Jr. shipwright for 1 shilling. All their title to land on Mormans County Creek in Somerset County part of three tracts called "Bostoris Adventure," "Long's Purchase," and "Long's Prevention," 110 acres.

David and John Long enrolled in Captain Paul Raulston's
company of Colonel David Hall's regiment in the western
district of Brandywine Hundred in New Castle County, March
7, 1778.¹

Frazer Gray, private of the Delaware Divisions, received
the pay of \$8 per month, was transferred to Ohio in 1839.
Placed on the Delaware Roll of Revolutionary Pensioners
under the law of March 18th, 1818.²

Samuel Long, son of Armwell Long, served one year in
the war on guard. His name appeared in the muster roll
of privates of the late Delaware Regiment now First
Company of Second Battalion in Colonel William's Regiment
serving in the Southern Army of the United States in the
War of 1812.³

Another Samuel Long was listed in the Revolutionary
War. Muster Roll of Captain James Moors' Company in the
Delaware Regiment of Foot in the service of the United
States, commanded by Colonel David Hall, February 9th, 1777.⁴

Colonel Armwell Long commanded a regiment of Delaware
Guards during the War of 1812 and was stationed at Lewis-
town, Delaware. His son, James Long born at Frankford
March 17, 1776, served under him.⁵

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- 1- Delaware Archives, Vol. 2, Page 756
2- Vol 2, Page 728
3- Vol. 1, Page 116
4- Vol. 1, Page 265
5- Genealogical History of Delaware, Vol. 2, Page 1021

Solomon Long, 30, born in Ireland, date of inlistment
in the French and Indian Wars (1754-1763) April 15, 1758,
was a laborer, formerly with Ye Royal Americans.

The Governor of Delaware appointed Armwell Long
Lieutenant Colonel of the 10th Regiment, October 12, 1807.
The Governor issued general orders for organizing the
detached militia pursuant to the requisition of the
President on the 15th of April, 1812.

On October 15, 1814 the Governor recommissioned the
following militia officers: Armwell Long, Esq., Lieutenant
Colonel, Commandant of 10th Regiment, et cetera.

February 1, 1823 the Governor approved a bond given
by Henry W. Wells, Secretary of State, himself \$2,000
and two sufficient securities, namely: Armwell Long and
William H. Wells, \$1,000 each for the due and faithful
discharge of secretarial trusts to him.

December 7, 1824 the Governor signed a patent in
favor of Armwell Long for 140 acres of land called
"Long's Conclusion," situated in Baltimore Hundred,
Sussex County.

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- 1- Delaware Archives, Vol. 1, Page 19
2- Governor's Register, Vol. 1, Page 63
3- Page 109
4- Page 127
5- Page 197
6- Page 213

Armwell Long was elected to the House of Representatives¹
in 1800; reelected in 1803.

Frankford is a small village situated at the border of Baltimore Hundred on a portion of land known as Dagsworthy's Conquest. The first indications of business in this place was the opening of a store by Isiah Long in 1808. He was succeeded by Manaem Gum who carried on the mercantile business in the same store for 33 years. In 1877 Charles H. Treat established the largest business that town had ever known, commencing with the manufacture of patent barrels. He decided to enlarge his business and with James M. and Norman B. Huxford, under the name of Huxford & Company, erected extensive works, supplied with the proper machinery² for making plaques and boxes.

Nathaniel Bennett was a constable in Sussex County, Baltimore Hundred, until Uriah Thomas was appointed in his place by the Governor on May 16, 1876.

John S. Waples, 23, was a private in third class under John Evans in the 10th Regiment with Lieutenant Ebe Walter in the War of 1812.

1- Conrad's History of Delaware, Vol. 1, Pages 281-82
2- Vol. 2, Page 734

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