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Dr. Margaret Long 1873-1957

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LONG, Peirce.

b. December 29, 1887, in North Attleboro, Mass.
d. November 24, 1941, in Gardiner, Maine.

DR. MARGARET LONG
2070 COLORADO BOULEVARD
DENVER, COLORADO

March 30.1943.

Miss Theresa C. Sturat
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss Stuart;

I enclose a circular about The Journal of Zadoc Long, which can be obtained from the Saxton Printers. They have asked me to send out the library notices because their office force is now so short handed.

Yours very truly

Margaret Long

April 3, 1943

Dr. Margaret Long
2070 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dr. Long:

It will please you to know that we already have placed an order for THE JOURNAL OF ZADOC LONG. A book on this famous son of Maine is important, and we look forward with great interest to the arrival of our copy.

It is possible that you do not know of the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit of books written by people born in Maine, resident here, or about the state. The collection is remarkably complete, including books by Madam Wood, John Neal, Longfellow, Edna St. Vincent Millay. These books are inscribed and presented for this purpose; and we also collect all available biographical, critical and photographic material on our authors.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of THE JOURNAL OF ZADOC LONG for this purpose. It seems the sort of book that would be a very fitting addition to such an exhibit. You have our best wishes for the success of the book.

Very truly yours

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DR. MARGARET LONG
2070 COLORADO BOULEVARD
DENVER, COLORADO

April .0.1943.

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Miss Hilda McHoud Jacob
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss Jacob;

I am very glad to present a copy
of The Journal of Zadoc Long to the
Maine Author Collection. I am sending
the inscribed copy under separate cover.

I am so pleased to hear that the State
Library has already subscribed. I hope
the book will be a success for my
brother's sake.

Yours very truly

Margaret Long

April 21, 1943

Dr. Margaret Long
2070 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dr. Long:

The gift copy of THE JOURNAL OF ZADOC LONG has been received, and we are deeply appreciative of your generosity in making it possible to add this distinctive book to the Maine Author Collection.

It is a remarkable picture of a generation and mode of life which has bequeathed to us much of integrity and strength of spirit; and we hope that it may find its way into many libraries.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness, and our cordial invitation to call at the library and see this collection when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

September 18, 1943

Dr. Margaret Long
2070 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dr. Long:

Last spring you very kindly presented an inscribed copy of THE JOURNAL OF ZADOC LONG to the Maine Author Collection.

In checking our files, we find that we do not have biographical facts about Peirce Long, editor of the book. He was, of course, closely identified with Maine; but we can find no record of his birthplace and birthdate. Would you be so kind as to let us have a few such facts about him?

Sincerely yours

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Secretary

Peirce Long was the son of John Davis Long, a native of Maine, who became Governor of Massachusetts and later Secretary of the Navy in McKinley's administration. His mother's maiden name was Agnes Peirce of North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Peirce Long was born in North Attleboro, December 29th, 1887, and died in Gardiner, Maine, November 24th, 1941. He was a graduate of Middlesex School 1906, Harvard College 1910, and the Harvard Law School 1913. He never married. He lived in the home at Hingham, Mass, and spent the summer vacations, and many holidays, on the Long Farm in Buckfield, Maine. He practised law in his father's office in Boston, the office of Long, Hemenway & Barnes, formerly Allen, Long & Hemenway. During the first World War he served as an Ensign on the U.S.S. Aearsarge. He went twice to Europe, and made many motor trips in the western United States as well as all over New England.

He was generous and kindly, helping other boys to get a college education and in many other ways. He belonged to those who love animals and was devoted to the succession of little dogs which which were members of the household. A man of great vitality, with a keen sense of humor, Peirce Long was always entertaining, always keeping a brisk conversation under weigh. He could have gone far in either his music or his writing

Besides studying music, he played the piano by ear and loved to improvise. He composed, several of his songs have been published. He also had a gift for mathematics and excelled in mental arithmetic. But in Harvard he majored in English. All his life he read the ancient classics and modern literature with equal enjoyment. Languages, too, intrigued him and he spoke Italian fluently.

His love and devotion to his family appear touchingly in his comments on his grandfather's Journal, which he edited. He wrote a great deal of both prose and poetry, what little has been published is listed here.

THE PERSIANS. A Play by Peirce Long. A modernized and original version of The Persians of Aeschylus. Produced in Hingham, Mass, and published in 1928.

THE PAGEANT OF BUCKFIELD. Written for the John D. Long Centennial. Peirce Long wrote five of the eight Episodes, and Shirley Prince Hall of Buckfield wrote the other three. Produced on the Long Farm in Buckfield, Maine, by Peirce Long and published at the same time, in the year 1938.

THE JOURNAL OF ZADOC LONG. Edited by Peirce Long. Published, after his death, in 1943.

THE CITY OF SLEEP. Words by Rudyard Kipling. Music by Peirce Long, published in 1905.

AT THE FIRESIDE. Words by John D. Long. Music by Peirce Long, published in 1907.

OH! JOHN HARVARD. Words and music by Peirce Long. Published in 1907.

Margaret Long

September 28, 1943

Dr. Margaret Long
2070 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dr. Long:

Thank you very much for your kindness in supplying for the Maine Author Collection files the biographical data regarding your brother Peirce Long. This is exactly what we want, and we appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours

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Secretary



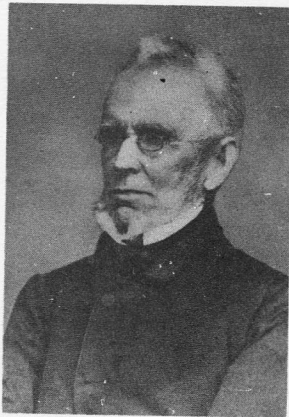
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ANNOUNCE THE PUBLICATION OF

The Journal of Zadoc Long— 1800-1873

Edited by Peirce Long

Americana—\$4.00

Approximately 324 pages, 8vo, illustrated.



The life of Zadoc Long was one typical of many New England gentlemen of his era. In his character he exemplified the homely virtues of honesty, sincerity, and high-mindedness. He sought for his family the best opportunities of education and material progress, and he was ever concerned with the national problems beyond his Maine countryside. In his view of the Civil War we see how that event changed the lives of even the people in this most remote Union state. His journal reveals the state of mind of those who were concerned with the future of democracy, and many of his observations are those made by thinking men of today. Family life, the leisurely tempo of mercantile business in the nineteenth century, the ever-present regard for the land and its output, the early career of his famous son John D. Long—these are the major subjects of his journal. A way of American life is here preserved as a monument to the integrity of character upon which America has based her ideals and institutions.

Peirce Long is the grandson of Zadoc Long, and the son of John D. Long. He was a graduate of Harvard University and practiced law for many years in Boston. He died in 1941.