Guide to the Austin O. Long Papers

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 146

**CREATOR:** Long, Austin O., 1888-1967

**TITLE:** Austin O. Long Papers

**DATES:** 1918–1929

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters and diaries document Long’s YMCA work in Tientsin and Mukden and shed light on the political situation in China during the 1920s. Austin O. Long was a YMCA worker in Tientsin, China from 1919 to 1923 and in Mukden, Manchuria from 1924 to 1928.

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Requesting Instructions

To view manuscript and archival materials at the Yale Divinity Library, please submit the request form at [https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/form/yale-divinity-library-mss-request-form](https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/form/yale-divinity-library-mss-request-form).

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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**Conditions Governing Access**

Open to qualified researchers.

**Preferred Citation**

Austin O. Long Papers (RG 146), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.
## Biographical / Historical

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<td>1888</td>
<td>Born in Buffalo, New York</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>Graduated from Hiram College, OH</td>
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<td>19xx</td>
<td>Ordained minister, Church of Christ, Buffalo, NY</td>
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<tr>
<td>1918</td>
<td>Went to China, attended North China Union Language School, Peking</td>
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<td>1919-23</td>
<td>Served YMCA in Tientsin; family vacationed in Peitaho during summers</td>
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<td>Furlough</td>
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<td>1924 Nov-1928</td>
<td>Served YMCA in Mukden, Manchuria</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>Returned to U.S. for education of children; served YMCAs in Brooklyn and Flushing N.Y., Scranton, PA. Worked for United China Relief during early part of World War II; opened and operated U.S.O. in Pensacola, FL during 1940s.</td>
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<td>1967</td>
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## Scope and Contents

Regular and detailed letters from Austin O. Long to his family members in the United States provide valuable documentation of YMCA work in Tientsin [now tianjin] and Mukden [now Shenyang]. Letters are weekly for the first several years but decline in frequency to biweekly or monthly towards the end of his term. Long describes his daily activities in detail; he comments on the political situation, on relations with Chinese YMCA staff, on Masonic activities in his community, etc. An interesting letter of January 23, 1927 discusses the disruption of denominational cooperation in North China caused by Canadian missionary Goforth. The diaries or appointment books provide extremely detailed documentation of Long’s daily schedule. They are factual rather than introspective in nature.

Many of the letters are carbon copies typed on both sides of thin paper. They are legible but cannot be easily photocopied or scanned.

## Arrangement

I. Correspondence, 1918-1928
II. Diaries, 1919-1929
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Missions -- China
Young Men’s Christian Associations -- China

Names
Long, Austin O., 1888-1967