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# 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 Tianjin (Tientsin) and Shenyang (Mukden) and shed light on the political situation in China during the 1920s. Austin O. Long was a YMCA worker in Tianjin (Tientsin), China from 1919 to 1923 and in Shenyang (Mukden), Manchuria from 1924 to 1928.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.146>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.146>.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Minette Long Munson

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

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

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## Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1888	○ Born in Buffalo, New York
1908	○ Graduated from Hiram College, OH
19xx	○ Ordained minister, Church of Christ, Buffalo, NY
1918	○ Went to China, attended North China Union Language School, Beijing (Peking)
1919-1923	○ Served YMCA in Tianjin (Tientsin); family vacationed in Beidaihe (Peitaho) during summers
1924 January- November	○ Furlough
1924 November-1928	○ Served YMCA in Shenyang (Mukden), Manchuria
1928	○ Returned to U.S. for education of children; served YMCAs in Brooklyn and Flushing NY, 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.
1967	○ Died

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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 Tianjin (Tientsin) and Shenyang (Mukden). 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.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1918-1928
- II. Diaries, 1919-1929

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1918-1928

b. 1, f. 1-27	Letters from Austin Long to family in U.S.; first folder includes index to 1918 letters and eight page narrative by Austin Long re: trip to China and arrival in Beijing (Peking)	1918-1923
b. 2, f. 1-9	Letters from AOL to family in U.S	1924 Nov-1928

## Series II: Diaries, 1919-1929

b. 2, f. 10-15

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