Chester I. Long Papers

Collection Summary

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Content Note

This collection contains manuscript and memorabilia material pertaining to Senator and Mrs. Chester I. Long (Kansas, 1903-1909). Included in the manuscript material is correspondence from Theodore Roosevelt to Chester Long, from Alice Lee Roosevelt to Mrs. Chester Long, from William Allen White to Chester Long, and from William, Howard Taft to Chester Long. Memorabilia consists of miscellaneous White House invitations and calling cards.

Biography

A Representative and a Senator from Kansas, Chester I. Long was born in Greenwood Township, near Millerstown, Perry County, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1860; moved with his parents to Daviess County, Missouri, in 1865 and to Paola, Kansas, in 1879; attended the country schools and was graduated from the normal school at Paola, Kansas; taught school for several years, studied law; was admitted to the bar March 4, 1885, and
commenced practice in Medicine Lodge, Kansas; member of the State senate 1889-1893, unsuccessful candidate for election in 1892 to the 53rd Congress; elected as a Republican to the 54th Congress (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1896 to the 55th Congress; elected to the 56th, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth Congresses and served from March 4, 1899, until his resignation, effective March 4, 1903, before the commencement of the 58th Congress, to become Senator; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1903 to March 3, 1909; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1908; moved to Wichita in 1911 and continued the practice of law; chairman of the commission to revise the general statutes of Kansas 1921-1923; moved to Washington, D.C., in 1926 and continued the practice of law; died in Washington, D.C., July 1, 1934; interment in Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas. (Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress)

Detailed Description: Series Listing

**Series 1**  
Box 1 FF 1-5  
Correspondence

**Series 2**  
Box 1 FF 6-7  
Memorabilia

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

**Series 1 – Correspondence**

| Box 1 | FF 1 | Letter to Mrs. Chester Long from Alice Lee Roosevelt, 10 February 1906 |
| Box 1 | FF 2 | Letter to Chester Long from Theodore Roosevelt, 31 January 1906 |
| Box 1 | FF 3 | Letter to Chester Long from Theodore Roosevelt, 5 March 1915 |
| Box 1 | FF 4 | Letter to Chester Long from William Howard Taft, 18 September 1913 |
| Box 1 | FF 5 | Letter to Chester Long from William Allen White, 30 January 1925 |

**Series 2 – Memorabilia**

| Box 1 | FF 6 | Calling Cards (24 total) |
| Box 1 | FF 7 | White House Invitations (7 total) |

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