

# A Guide to the Melchoir M. Long Obituary and Notes, 1864; 1893

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Language

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### Abstract

This collection contains a handwritten copy of an obituary written 15 November 1864 from a Camp near New Market, VA, by a friend (Amicus) for Melchoir Mason Long. Appended to the copied obituary are notes made concerning the 12 August 1893 removal by his sisters of Long from Strasburg, VA and re-interment at Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA.

### Creator

Unknown

**Extent**

1 item (2 leaves) and photocopy

**Repository**

Thomas Balch Library

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection open for research .

**Use Restrictions**

Physical characteristics and conditions affect use of this material. Photocopying not permitted.

**Acquisition Information**

Unknown, transferred to Town of Leesburg by Loudoun County in July 1994.

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## Accruals

1989.0005

## Alternative Form Available

None

## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

None

## Bibliography

AncestryLibrary.com Loudoun Cemetery Database, Thomas Balch Library, Town of Leesburg. Mathews-Williams Family Genealogy, Mathews Communications, 2007 accessed 1 July 2009:  
<http://www.mathewscommunications.com/mathews/mw4g22.htm> Philadelphia Inquirer Richmond Examiner A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations 1861-1865 (Rev 2nd ed) \_\_\_\_\_. 1st Virginia Infantry. Lynchburg, VA: H. E. Howard, 1985.

## Other Finding Aid

None

## Technical Requirements

None

## Biographical Information

Melchoir Mason Long (1838-1864), a son of Burgess Ball Long (1796-1873) and Sarah Ann Thompson (d. 1841) was born in Union County, KY and died during the Battle of Cedar Creek 19 October 1864. Little is known of his childhood, education or early adulthood. According to available records on the Civil War, Long

enlisted, 27 May 1861, at Manassas, serving first as a Private before appointment as Sergeant, 27 August 1861, in Company F (Williams Rifles), 1st Virginia Infantry. Subsequently he is listed as Sergeant, Company C (Beauregard Rifles), 1st Virginia Artillery and, 22 January 1862, in Command as Captain of Infantry. By 30 April 1864 he is listed as a 1st Lieutenant, Confederate Engineers. He was killed at Cedar Creek, 19 October 1864, while acting as an aide de campe to Brigadier General Gabriel Colvin Wharton (1824-1906) an 1847 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. Initially buried in the Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Strasburg, VA, Long's remains were removed by his sisters, Virginia Mason Long (1834-1925) and Eleanor Long (1836-1900) and reinterred, 12 August 1893, in the Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA, next to his father, Colonel Burgess Ball Long. Long's Mother, Sarah Ann Thompson, died and was buried in Union County, KY as was a younger brother William Allen Thompson Long (1840- ca. 1842). Virginia and Eleanor Long are interred in Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA.

## Scope and Content

This collection contains a handwritten copy of an obituary written 15 November 1864 from a Camp near New Market, VA, by a friend (Amicus) for Melchoir Mason Long. It was published 25 November 1864 in the *Richmond Examiner*, a copy of which has been added to the collection. Appended to the copied obituary are notes made concerning the 12 August 1893 removal by his sisters of Long from Strasburg, VA and re-interment at Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA.

## Contents List

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