

## Abraham Cauffman Long information

**Below extracted from Richard Nickels *History of the Seventh Day Church of God* (ch 67). Giving & Sharing, 1999:**

"According to S.J. Kauer, the change in editorship and office occurred in the summer of 1889. A.C. Long's health was bad, and it was thought best for him to move to a warmer climate. So W.C. Long, who lived in Stanberry, bought the equipment from his brother and moved it to Stanberry, where he began publishing the Church of God paper. "At this time - 1889," Kauer reports, "Stanberry was the center of the rapidly growing work of the Church of God in Missouri. It was also the location of the home of W.C. Long. There seem to be the reasons for the move from Marion, Iowa."

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**Below extracted from: Below extracted from Richard Nickels *History of the Seventh Day Church of God* (ch 6). Giving & Sharing, 1999:**

"A.C. Long wrote a letter to the Hope office from his home in Missouri, dated July 6, 1866, requesting a visit from Snook. Apparently Snook went there, and the Church of God in Missouri thus began. Another source indicates that the Sabbath was proclaimed in Hatfield, Missouri before the Civil War. This was the home of the staunch Sabbath-keeping family of the Moores (D.P. Moore, Jasper Moore, and others), the Davises and the Ayres...

"Also in 1871 there began to appear reports of A.C. Long doing missionary work in Missouri and Kansas. In 1872 he preached in Harrison and Worth counties, close to Stanberry (Gentry County). ... Apparently, much of the Missouri growth was due to the preaching efforts of A.C. Long. In early 1874, he held three months of meetings in Harrison and Worth counties. At Martinsville, he garnered seventeen converts and began a church. ...

In the year 1900, A.C. Long, perhaps the leading Church of God minister since the 1870's, died ... A Church of God member since the 1860's, Long was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1846."

"With these several meetings, in Missouri, Iowa and then Michigan, the subject of a more unified body was brought forth. And during the Michigan Conference, it was voted to organize a General Conference, made up of the state conferences of Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska. The first officers were:

A.C. Long President

A.F. Dugger Vice-President

Jacob Brinkerhoff Secretary

I.N. Kramer Treasurer

A.C. Long, W.C. Long, John Branch, General Conference Committeemen”

### **A.C. Long's Missouri Efforts**

“Apparently, much of the Missouri growth was due to the preaching efforts of A.C. Long. In early 1874, he held three months of meetings in Harrison and Worth counties. At Martinsville, he garnered seventeen converts and began a church. In a series of meetings at Denver, Missouri, four more began the Sabbath, including S.C.B. Williams, owner of a large grist and saw mill. Williams posted an ad in the local paper stating that henceforth his mill would be closed on the Sabbath.

Long's July 30, 1874 meeting at Denver was a "Grove Meeting," one held out of doors in a grove of trees. This was a common practice of itinerant ministers, as the trees acted as a canopy and sound shell magnifying the voice. Church of God ministers in the 1920's were still continuing this practice.

Other evangelistic efforts in Missouri, such as that by W.C. Long in 1881, were done with the use of "Gospel Tents."

### **Moores of Missouri**

Jasper Moore and his family moved from Iowa to Missouri in about 1867. In 1873 or 1874, his son Samuel (S.A.) Moore, of Harrison County, Missouri was baptized by Elder A.C. Long on one of his evangelistic campaigns. Moore claimed that "The Spirit of the Lord fell on me, and I felt the power of that Spirit so much so that I hurried over to Brother Long, and gave him my hand . . . . While this was all going on, my heart was just burning like fire. Oh, I never felt so good in my life. But that was all the Lord's work . . . . Chosen elder of a local church about 1879 at the age of twenty, Seth Munger, and Jasper Moore became leading Church of God ministers and officials.

Moore distributed tracts, and it may have been his urging that caused A.C. Long to travel to Missouri. Long organized two churches, one in Denver, Worth County, with sixty members. Here many of the new converts had been Seventh Day Baptists, and had believed in the immortality of the soul. However, tracts from Moore convinced them otherwise. The second church Long organized was near the Moore place, with about forty members.”

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**Below extracted from Clifton L. Holland, General Editor, *A Classification System of Religious Groups in The Americas by Major Traditions and Family Types, Prolades, Liberia, Guanacaste, Costa Rica, p. 137:***

“General Conference of the Church of God, Seventh Day (1884, the independent state conferences of Michigan, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska were organized

under the name General Conference of the Church of God, with A. C. Long as president and Andrew F. Dugger as vice-president; this body was incorporated in 1889 in Stanberry, Missouri; since 1950, its headquarters have been in Denver, Colorado ..."

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Mention is made of Abraham Long through out John Kiesz's booklet *History of the Church of God (Seventh Day)*, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry Missouri, 1965.

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**Below from <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/K2XH-C4Y/abraham-cauffman-long-1845-1900>**

Abraham Cauffman Long (1845-1900)

Elder. A. C. Long died at his home Browns dale, MO September 21, 1900 of brain fever age 54 years, 6 days. He was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania September 15, 1846. Several months ago he spent several months preaching in San Francisco and other points on the west coast. He moved to Marion, Iowa where he printed the Advocate until his wife's health forced them back to the west coast. He married twenty years ago near Cameron, Missouri to Mary A. Earle. To this union seven children were born, only two living. He leaves his wife, son and daughter, three brothers and two sisters.

He was President of the Missouri State Conference. !

CENSUS: 1850 Federal Census Perry Co PA. CENSUS: 1860 Federal Census Perry Co PA. CENSUS: 1870 Federal Census Davies Co MO

The above picture of Elder. A. C. Long will be readily recognized by many of the readers of the Bible Advocate, for the greater part of his life he was closely connected with the work of the Church of God, and he was well known among our people. He was born near Donnelley's Mills, Perry County, Pennsylvania, Sept. 15, 1846, and died Sept. 21, 1900.

After securing a good common education, in the year 1864 he left Pennsylvania and located in Michigan where he remained several years, and then joined his parents in Missouri, and spent several years in teaching and attending school. After being converted under the preaching of Elder. B. F. Snook he engaged in preaching and organized churches in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska, and California. He was a deep thinker, a profound reasoner, interesting as a speaker and an able debater. He was one of the pioneers of the church, and stood high in the estimation of not only his brethren, but with all who were acquainted with him.

At one time he had charge of the publishing work and continued in that capacity some seven months, but his health and the health of his wife failing, he gave it up and traveled a short time through parts of California, after which with his family he returned to his farm in Daviess County, Mo., where he lived to the time of his death. During his farm life he labored in the ministry as much as the

duties of his farm life would allow. He was one of the contributing editors of the Bible Advocate, and the author of quite a number of tracts which are quite clear on the points of faith upon which they treat. He will be remembered as one among the ablest of our ministers, and as a meek, conscientious, tender-hearted Christian, always acting from principle rather than impulse and having the welfare and good of everybody at heart.

Source: Church of God Seventh Day "*Sabbath Advocate*" Vol. XXXV Stanberry, Missouri, 2 Oct 1900 #15 page 117, page 120 and *Bible Advocate*, Stanberry, Missouri, 27 Jan 1903."