

Finding aid to the  
Francis Joseph Long Collection  
circa 1890 - 1919

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**Reference code**

US NNEC FJL

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**Level of description**

Collection

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**Extent and medium of the unit of description**

0.5 linear feet.

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**Name of creators**

Francis Joseph Long

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**Biographical note**

Francis Joseph Long (1852-1916), was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and appears in so many episodes of American polar history he becomes a kind of 19th century Zelig. As an enlisted man in the U.S. Cavalry, he was one of the last to see Lt. Col. G.A. Custer alive at the Battle of the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876. Five years later, he joined the Lady Franklin Bay expedition under the command of Lt. Adolphus Washington Greely, and with Greely was one of only six of twenty-five men rescued alive in 1884 after a disastrous three year expedition.

Long served as meteorologist to the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition to Franz Josef Land in 1901-1902 under the command of Evelyn Briggs Baldwin, and in a similar capacity during the Ziegler Polar Expedition of 1903-1905 under the command of Anthony Fiala.

Long named his son Adolphus after his old commander, and gave his daughter the name Cape Sabine, after the place where he and Greely were rescued.

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**Scope and content note**

Collected here are photographs, books, material culture, and newspaper clippings related to the life and adventures of Francis Joseph Long. The majority of the material concerns the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition of 1902-1903 and the Ziegler Polar Expedition, 1903-1905. Three files of newspaper clippings also include articles on Polar expeditions led by Robert E. Peary and Frederick A. Cook.

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**System of arrangement**

The Francis Joseph Long Collection is divided into four series according to material type. Materials are arranged chronologically within series.

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**Archival history**

Materials were processed by P. J. Capelotti of Penn State University at some point prior to 2002. Since processing most of the materials have gone missing. Of the some 65 folders listed by Capelotti only 7 remain.

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**Immediate source of acquisition or transfer**

Materials were donated to by Mrs. Aline Hutzelman, daughter of Cape Sabine Long, and granddaughter of Francis Long.

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**Conditions governing access**

Collection is open to the public by appointment. To make an appointment or request permission to publish, please contact Curator of Research Collections. Contact information is available on The Explorers Club website: [www.explorers.org](http://www.explorers.org)

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**Languages of material**

English  
German

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**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Majority of materials are extremely fragile.

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**Finding aids**

Finding aid prepared by P.J. Capelotti, undated.

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**Related Collections/Units of Description**

The following collections are known or believed to contain related information:

- Lady Franklin Bay Collection (at The Explorers Club)
- Spencer W. Stewart Collection (at The Explorers Club)
- *Papers of Ernest deKoven Leffingwell*, Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
- *Papers of Charles L. Seitz, 1901-1905*, Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
- *Papers of George Shorkley*, Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
- *Papers of Anton Marius Vedoe, 1895-1963*, Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

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**Access points****Name**

Baldwin, Evelyn Briggs, 1862-1933

Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940

Fiala, Anthony, 1869-1950

Greely, A. W. (Adolphus Washington), 1844-1935

Long, Francis Joseph

Peary, Robert E. (Robert Edwin), 1856-1920

Ziegler, William, 1843-1905

## Subject

Arctic regions -- Discovery and exploration.  
Expeditions & surveys -- Arctic regions -- 1890-1910.  
Explorers -- Arctic regions.  
Explorers -- Pictorial works.  
Photograph collections.  
Polar regions -- Discovery and exploration.

## Place

Arctic regions  
Norway  
Scotland

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## Series descriptions

### Series 1 – Photographs

circa 1900, 1 folder.

The ten photographs collected here focus on members of the Ziegler Polar Expeditions. Photos 5-8 are of members of the Ziegler Polar Expedition of 1903-1905. It is possible that photos 1-4 also relate to this expedition or to the earlier Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition, 1902-1903. Some of the same men, including Francis Long participated in both expeditions. The majority of the photos are undated.

### Series 2 – Books

Undated and 1918, 1 folder.

Series 2 consists of a copy of the Holy Bible and a very small 1918-1919 address book. The cover of the Holy Bible is embossed "Sabina Long." This may refer to Francis Long's daughter who was named Cape Sabine Long. The address book was likely also owned by Long's daughter as it is dated after Long's death. In between the pages of the address book are short death announcements from newspapers. A clipping announcing the death of Adolphus Greely is found in the "G" pages.

### Series 3 – Material culture

circa 1913 and undated, 2 folders.

Material culture includes a United States flag bearing 48 stars and four cloth napkins embroidered with a capital "L". The napkins belonged to Francis Long and were passed down to his daughter and granddaughter. The flag is made of a very delicate material, its history is unknown.

### Series 4 – Newspaper clippings

1890-1916, 3 folders.

The three folders in this series contain newspaper clippings on Arctic expeditions. Most of the articles concern the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition of 1901-1902 and the subsequent rescue mission. Also included are articles on Polar expeditions led by Robert E. Peary and Frederick A. Cook.

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## Container list

### Series 1: Photographs

File	Title	Date
1	Photographs.	circa 1900

**Series 2: Books**

<b>File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
2	Books.	Undated and 1918

**Series 3 – Material culture**

<b>File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
3	U.S. flag made of gauze, bearing 48 stars.	circa 1913
4	Set of four white dinner napkins, monogrammed with Long's "L".	Undated

**Series 4 – Newspaper clippings**

<b>File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
5	Clippings on Baldwin-Zeigler Polar Expedition, 1901-1903.	1899 - 1905
6	Clippings related to various Arctic expeditions, 1 of 2.	circa 1890 - 1905
7	Clippings related to various Arctic expeditions, 2 of 2.	circa 1890 – 1905