

# A Guide to the Samuel William Long Diary, 1931-1935 SC 0283

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1931-1935



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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 0283

### Unit Date

1931-1935

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The Samuel William Long Diary, 1931-1935, consists of Long's diary and financial receipts that detail a standard year of a shopkeeper's life in Sangerville, Virginia.

### Creator

Long, Samuel William, 1869-1961

**source**

Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates

**Extent**

0.12 cubic feet 2 folders

**Repository**

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**Acquisition Information**

The diary was acquired at Jeffrey S. Evans and Associates' Winter Americana and Variety Auction on February 16, 2019.

**Processing Information**

Documents in the back pocket of the diary were removed and housed in a separate folder.

**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical Note

Samuel William Long was born in Orange County, Virginia on February 15, 1869 to Emanuel and Elizabeth Miller Long. He married Ida Rebecca Click (1876-1951) on December 14, 1899 and moved with her to Bridgewater, where they had two sons, DeWitt (1900-1997) and Arie (1904-1978). Until his death on March 14, 1961, he worked as a farmer and broom-maker and attended the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. He is buried alongside his wife at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia.

## Scope and Content

The Samuel William Long Diary, 1931-1935, measures 4.75" x 3" x 1" and is divided into three sections. The first section includes information one might find in an almanac, including dates of eclipses, populations of principal cities in the United States, dates of holidays differentiated by state, tide tables, and other practical information. The second section comprises the diary entries and spans the entire year of 1931. In this section, Long comments on how many brooms he's made (and the customers), outings with his wife Ida and other friends, the weather forecast, and events that unfolded at church. The last section is a headed with "Cash Account. January" and is a record book for his personal finances throughout the year. This section also includes a small address book section, in which he lists four contacts at the very back of the diary. A pocket at the back of the diary contained numerous receipts, checks, and a vehicle registration card for a 1930 Chevrolet Coach.

## Keywords

Diaries

Receipts (financial records)

Farmers -- Virginia -- History -- 20th century

Retail trade -- Virginia -- History -- 20th century

Receipts (Acknowledgments) -- Virginia -- History -- 20th century

Business records -- Virginia -- History -- 20th century

Sangerville (Va.) -- History -- 20th century

Bridgewater (Va.) -- History -- 20th century

Virginia -- Economic conditions -- 20th century  
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## **Bibliography**

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## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged chronologically in two folders.

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **Diary**

**Unit Date** 1931

**Mixed Materials [1000886406]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Ephemera**

**Unit Date** 1931-1935, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886406]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)