Ransom Long  
Pioneer of 1852  
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Ransom Long  
b. 24 Dec 1812 Kanawha County, Virginia  
d. 05 Apr 1898 Garfield County, Washington  
buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington  
s/o Gabriel Long (1786-1829) and Sarah Whitten (1790-1828)  
m. 21 Aug 1833 Fulton County, Illinois  
Bertha Rosetta Clark  
b. 10 Apr 1818 Hamilton County, Ohio  
d. 27 Jun 1886 Garfield County, Washington  
buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington  
d/o John Clark and Anar Gibbs

1850: Township 14 N R3W, Mercer County, Illinois, Ransom Long, 37, farmer, $300, VA; Rosetta, 32, OH; Cyrus, 12, IA; Cynthia Anar, 10, IA; John C., 8, IA; Mary A., 5, IL; Joel M., 2, IL; Frances, 3/12, IL

1860: Springfield Pct, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 23, 1860; Ransom Long, 47, farmer, $2500 $1000, VA; Rosetta, 42, housewife, OH

1870: Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, July 1, 1870; Ransom Long, 56, farmer, $3000 $1010, VA; Rosetta, 52, keeps house, OH; Charles A., 15, at home, OR; Malvina E., 11, OR; James O., 5, OR; William O., 5, OR

1880: District 3, Columbia County, Washington, June 4, 1880; Ransome Long, 67, farmer, VA VA VA; Rosetta, 62, wife, keeping house, OH NY CT; Jas Otto, 15, son, at home, OR VA OH; William O., 15, son, at home, OR VA OH

1883; Washington State and Territorial Census; R. Long, 72, farmer, VA; R., 70, OH; OW, 20, OR; James Otto, 20, OR

1885; Washington State and Territorial Census; Ransom Long, 70, farmer, VA; Rosetta, 65, OH

1887: Washington State and Territorial Census; Ransom Long, 74, farmer, VA; William Oscar, 21, OR; James Otto, 21, OR

Children of Ransom Long and Bertha Clark:
1. Matilda Long  
   b. 23 Sep 1835 Fulton County, Illinois  
   d. 1840 Louisa County, Iowa

2. Cyrus Jefferson Long [Pioneer of 1852]  
   b. 23 Jan 1838 Fulton County, Illinois  
   d. c1910 Grant County, Washington

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   farmer, $300, VA; Rosetta, 32, OH; Cyrus, 12, IA; Cynthia Anar, 10, IA; 
   John C., 8, IA; Mary A., 5, IL; Joel M., 2, IL; Frances, 3/12, IL

   1860: Springfield Pct, Eugene City PO, Lane County, Oregon, July 23, 1860; 
   Cyrus J., 22, farmer, $0 $800, IA; Joel M., 13, IL; Charles A., 5, OR; 
   Efria A., 2, OR

3. Cynthia Anar Long [Pioneer of 1852]  
   b. 27 Jan 1840 Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois  
   d. 11 Oct 1922 Garfield County, Washington

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   farmer, $300, VA; Rosetta, 32, OH; Cyrus, 12, IA; Cynthia Anar, 10, IA; 
   John C., 8, IA; Mary A., 5, IL; Joel M., 2, IL; Frances, 3/12, IL

4. John Clark Long [Pioneer of 1852]  
   b. 10 Apr 1842 Mercer County, Illinois  
   d. May/June 1852 Nebraska [on Oregon Trail]

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   farmer, $300, VA; Rosetta, 32, OH; Cyrus, 12, IA; Cynthia Anar, 10, IA; 
   John C., 8, IA; Mary A., 5, IL; Joel M., 2, IL; Frances, 3/12, IL

5. Mary Amanda Long  
   b. 01 Feb 1845 Sugar Grover, Mercer County, Illinois  
   d.

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   farmer, $300, VA; Rosetta, 32, OH; Cyrus, 12, IA; Cynthia Anar, 10, IA; 
   John C., 8, IA; Mary A., 5, IL; Joel M., 2, IL; Frances, 3/12, IL

   b. 06 Oct 1847 Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois  
   d. 14 May 1917 Yakima County, Washington

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7. Frances Helen Long [died prior to emigration]
b. 11 Feb 1850 Fulton County, Illinois
d. Oct 1851 Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois

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8. Charles Albert Long
b. 11 Jun 1855 Harrisburg, Linn County, Oregon
d. 25 Feb 1925 Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

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9. Melvina Efariah Long
b. 15 Dec 1858 Harrisburg, Linn County, Oregon
d. 16 Jan 1877 Pataha Flats, Garfield County, Washington

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10. James Otto Long
b. 15 Aug 1864 Lane County, Oregon
d. 14 May 1932 Garfield County, Washington

buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington

m. 01 Oct 1895 Garfield County, Washington
Mettie Rhodena Williams
b. 19 Feb 1870
d. 13 Aug 1944
buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington

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11. William Oscar Long
   b. 15 Aug 1864 Lane County, Oregon
   d. 10 Mar 1951 Walla Walla County, Washington
   buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington
   m.1890
   Margaret "Maggie" R. Hand
   b. 30 Jun 1856
   d. 17 Aug 1916
   buried Pataha Flat Cemetery, Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington
   d/o Stephen Hand and Mary Long
   (married his cousin, daughter of his father's sister, Mary Long Hand)

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"HON. WILLIAM OSCAR LONG is an extensive farmer and successful stock man residing about five miles south from Pomeroy. He is one of the leading men of Pataha Flat and shows by his achievements his ability to be of high order. Mr. Long owns five hundred and twenty acres and farms in addition to this one thousand acres making him one of the leading wheat producers
of this part of the county. Mr. Long gives considerable attention to handling stock and owns about fifteen thoroughbred Shorthorns in addition to other animals. He has some very fine specimens and takes great pride in them.

William O. Long was born in Lane county, Oregon, in 1864. His father, Ransom Long, was born near Charleston, Virginia, in 1812, and died in 1899. He participated in the Black Hawk war and crossed the plains in early days. In 1833 he married Miss Rosetta Clark, who died in 1887. She was born in Ohio. Our subject attended the common schools in Oregon until eight years old, when the family removed to Dayton, Washington, and one year later came where he now resides. There he continued his education until he was old enough to take part in the work for himself when he began the stock business and general farming and later bought five hundred and twenty acres of choice land. Since that time he has given his attention to the cultivation and improvement of the estate and is known as a man of industry and excellent habits.

In 1890, Mr. Long married Mrs. Maggie R. Stringer, who was born in Illinois, in 1856. Her parents are Stephen and Mary (Long) Hand, and are dwelling on the farm in Illinois. The mother was born in Indiana, in 1819, and is still living. She was an aunt of the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Long three children have been born, Sherman E., Lottie and Ruth.

Mr. Long is identified with the Republican party and has always taken the interest that becomes a leading citizen in political matters as well as in local affairs. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and is known as a genial and affable man. In 1904 Mr. Long was chosen to represent his constituents in the state legislature and has shown himself a man of firmness, keenness and integrity in the halls of legislation." [An Illustrated History of Southeastern Washington, including Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties]