

J. LUTHER LONG. One of the most essential industries in the growth of a town is that of the lumber business, and a leading and representative lumber manufacturer and dealer of Freeport is J. Luther Long. He is a son of William A. and Elizabeth A. (Cunningham) Long, and was born at Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1855. His paternal grandfather, John Long, was of German descent. He came, about 1840, from Westmoreland county to Freeport, where he died in 1868, aged seventy-three years. He was a carpenter by trade and a member of the Lutheran church. His son, William A. Long (father), was born in Westmoreland county in 1820 and came to Freeport in 1840. he is a carpenter and contractor of many years' successful experience, and ranks high as a skilled workman. He is a republican and a Lutheran and married Elizabeth Cunningham, of this county, who was a member of the Lutheran church and died December 16, 1869, at forty-nine years of age.

J. Luther long was reared at Freeport, received his education in the public schools and learned the trade of carpenter with his father. At fifteen years of age he began to work at carpentering for himself and has followed it ever since. For the last ten years he has also been engaged in contracting. In 1885 he started a planning-mill, which burned down on September 23, 1890. In the fall of 1889 he determined to embark in business upon a larger scale, and accordingly opened at first a feed store, which venture was successful, and in September, 1890, he established his present grocery. To these different lines of business, which he conducting very successfully, he gives the most of his time.

In politics Mr. Long is a republican of liberal views and has been serving for some time as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Freeport Lutheran church, of which he is an elder. Mr. Long manufactures and deals in doors, sash, frames, mouldings, brackets, flooring, siding, shingles, lath, standard wall plaster, calcined plaster, lime, cement and other building material. He also deals in all kinds of country produce, grain, flour, mill feed, seeds, baled hay and straw. His office and ware-house are on High street above Seventh, while his general office and mill are on Seventh street and the W.P.R.R. Mr. Long has been the architect of his own fortunes in life, and the valuable property which he owns at Freeport has been honorably acquired by his own determined, persistent efforts.