

The Long family ancestors were believed to have worked in the potteries in Glasgow, Scotland and later moved to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, where there was a thriving industry in both plain and fancy earthenware. The family was large and was told there were opportunities galore in America.

Census data consistently shows James Long to have been born in Maryland in 1785. This is combined with the approximate date for the Newcastle potteries suggests that his grandfather perhaps immigrated from England to Maryland around the middle of the eighteenth century.

By 1805 a James Long was living in Washington County, Georgia and had participated in the land lottery of that and subsequent years. The census of 1820 seems to confirm that the James Long living in Washington County was the same James Long who later established a shop in Crawford County, for the information given on the family members (one of whom probably James-is listed as “engaged in commerce” and their ages generally conforms to the known facts about the potters family. The 1825 tax digest for Washington County shows James Long had 100 acres on Williamson swamp creek but is

listed as a defaulter owing \$1.15 in taxes. It may be that by then he had already moved or anticipated the move to Crawford County.

In 1826 James and his wife Nancy (surname unknown) settled in Crawford County on 172.5 acres near the Echeconnee creek. He wasted little time in setting up shop, for in 1829 the Reverend Adiel Sherwood's (Gazeteer of the State of Georgia) reported: "There is a pottery in eastern Crawford County near the Icheconnough, where large quantities of earthenware are manufactured."

Long kept the tradition alive by teaching his children the art of pottery making. Long's sons Jesse Bradford "J.B" Long, Joseph Long and Francis "Frank" Long were all listed as potters. All were successful potters and were the start of a long line of potters in Crawford County. Long also had six other children, Mahulda, William, Alford, Elijah, Martha Jane, and Elizabeth.

James Long died in 1869. It is unknown exactly where he is buried but his legend lives on through the historic pottery that the Long family produced through many generations.