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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hazel (Mable) Day Longden (1894–1990) was born in Ripley County, Indiana, graduated from DePauw University in 1916, and married Grafton Longden (1890–1968), the son of Dr. Harry Boyer Longden, around 1917.

Doctor Harry B. Longden (1860–1948), who was born in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana, graduated from DePauw University (then Indiana Asbury) in 1881. He had originally intended to be a physician, but returned to DePauw to teach languages. He served as professor of the German Department from 1892 until his retirement in 1935, and held several administrative positions within the university.

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DePauw University, A Pictorial History

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The item is a transcription of an audio recording of Mable Longden reflecting on her father-in-law, Dr. Harry Londgen's, interactions with four Japanese students at Indiana Asbury (DePauw) University in the late 1870s. In it, she describes how the boys got introduced to American culture and how they eventually were enrolled in the university. She goes on to talk about the four young men through the eyes of her father-in-law and speaks about his close relationship with one student in particular, Shindo, who went on to give the best commencement speech at their graduation. She ends the conversation by talking about what the men went on to do, and the few times the men were able to meet up with graduates from DePauw University.
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