

**Armstrong Family Tree: Compiled from the John H. Armstrong
Family Papers Collection, 1828–1957**

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John Hildrich Armstrong was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1809. He was the youngest son of Colonel John Armstrong (1755–1816), a Revolutionary War soldier, and Tabitha (Goforth) Armstrong (1771–1819), who could trace her lineage back to Bristol, England. John married Susannah Lair Beggs (1810–1897) in 1830 and moved to La Porte County, Indiana, where he and his wife raised their family. John did a variety of work, including cabinet making, lumber dealing, and farming, while Susannah was a noted healer and seer within the community. John died in 1885 in La Porte County.¹

This collection contains letters, financial records, real estate deeds, and newspaper clippings, which offer a wealth of information for family members searching for ancestors. Also included are poems and other personal writings concerning the Armstrong family's spiritualist beliefs. The family papers include detailed family histories recording births, deaths, and marriages, which can act as a starting point for other research.

The following compiled tree begins with John Armstrong's fourth great-grandfather. John and Susannah Armstrong had six children, at least eighteen grandchildren, twenty-three or more great-grandchildren, and dozens of great-great- and great-great-great-grandchildren, many of whom are not included here. Within the records, many of the names have multiple spellings that have been noted here.

Notes

1. John H. Armstrong Family Papers, 1828–1957, M 0410, box 3, folder 1, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

Armstrong Family Tree

Generation No. 1

1. John POOL (b. in Bristol, England)

Child:

2. i. Nathaniel POOL (b. in Bristol, England; immigrated to America)

Generation No. 2

2. Nathaniel POOL m. Elizabeth LUCAS

Children:

- i. Elizabeth POOL (m. DODD and moved to England)
 - ii. Rebeca POOL (m. WARDER and settled in Philadelphia)
3. iii. Mary POOL

Generation No. 3

3. Mary POOL m. Aaron GOFORTH (b. in Hull, Yorkshire, England; immigrated to America with son Aaron [b. in Hull])

Children:

- i. Tabitha GOFORTH
 - ii. Elizabeth GOFORTH
4. iii. Nathaniel GOFORTH
- iv. Samuel GOFORTH
 - v. Mary GOFORTH
5. vi. William GOFORTH

Generation No. 4

4. Nathaniel GOFORTH m. a Briton

Child:

- i. Mary GOFORTH

5. William GOFORTH (b. Apr. 1, 1721; d. 1807) m. May 18, 1760, Catharine MEEKS (b. Feb. 26, 1744, daughter of Samuel and Jemima Meeks)

Children:

- i. William GOFORTH
- ii. Mary GOFORTH (m. Jan. 31, 1787, John Style/Stites/Stiles GANO)
- iii. Aaron GOFORTH
- iv. Jemima GOFORTH
- 6 v. Tabitha GOFORTH

Generation No. 5

6. Tabitha GOFORTH (b. Feb. 27, 1774, New York, NY; d. Dec. 12, 1848, Jeffersonville, IN) 1st m. Jan. 27, 1793, Columbia, Hamilton County, OH, John Hildrich/Hildrech ARMSTRONG (b. Apr. 20, 1755, Bethlehem, PA or NJ; d. Feb. 4, 1816, Spring Hill, Clark County, IN); 2d m. July 15, 1819, William LOCKHART

Children:

- i. Ann or Nancy ARMSTRONG (b. Dec. 11, 1793; m. Oct. 10, 1811, Cincinnati, OH, Joseph MORTEN)
- ii. Catherine ARMSTRONG (b. May 23, 1795; m. Oct. 10, 1811, Cincinnati, OH, Henry MORTEN Jr.)
- iii. William Goforth ARMSTRONG (b. Feb. 4, 1797; 1st m. date unknown, Deborah HALLEY; 2d m. Mar. 12, 1840, Mary D. SPEAR; 3d m. Jan. 25, 1853, Anna E. DUNN)
- iv. Mary Gano ARMSTRONG (b. Jan. 7, 1799; m. Mar. 25, 1817, Wm. C. DREW)
- v. John (Gano) ARMSTRONG (b. Sept. 20, 1800; d. Mar. 15, 1808, Columbia, OH)
- vi. Thos. Pool ARMSTRONG (b. Nov. 23, 1802; d. Mar. 6, 1803)
- vii. Eliza ARMSTRONG (b. Feb. 4, 1804; d. Aug. 7, 1874, Cincinnati, OH; m. Aug. 28, 1823, Melanchton S. WADE)
- viii. Viola Jane ARMSTRONG (b. Dec. 14, 1805; d. Dec. 25, [1883?], La Porte, IN; m. Abram/Abraham P. ANDREW Jr.)
- ix. Thos. Pool ARMSTRONG (b. May 6, 1807; d. Nov. 4, 1850, or Oct. 27, 1861, La Porte, IN; m. Margaret BEGGS)
- 7 x. John Hildrich/Hilditch ARMSTRONG

Generation No. 6

7. John Hildrich/Hilditch ARMSTRONG (b. Apr. 5, 1809, Columbia, Hamilton County, OH; d. Sept. 22, 1884/1885, La Porte, IN) m. May 6, 1830, Susannah Lair BEGGS (b. May 29, 1810, Spring Hill Farm, Clark County, IN; d. Apr. 14, 1897, La Porte, IN)

Children:

8. i. Thomas Beggs ARMSTRONG
ii. Viola Jane ARMSTRONG (b. Apr./Dec. 25, 1838, La Porte, IN; d. Feb. 9, 1881, La Porte, IN) m. May 8, 1856, La Porte, IN, Capt. James Alexander CRAWLEY (b. May 18, 1831, TN; d. Nov. 3, 1896, Crown Point, IN)
9. iii. John William ARMSTRONG
10. iv. Mary Susan ARMSTRONG
11. v. Margaret Betheny/Bathena/Batheny ARMSTRONG
12. vi. James Stephen ARMSTRONG (b. Nov. 27, 1851, LaPorte, IN)

Generation No. 7

8. Thomas Beggs ARMSTRONG m. Sept. 13, 1856, La Porte, IN, Clara Jane (Josephine/Josephus) COCHRAN (b. June 22, 1837, Liberty, Tioga County, PA; d. Oct. 8, 1924, La Porte, IN)

Children:

13. i. Charles John ARMSTRONG
ii. William Warren/Wallace ARMSTRONG (b. Apr. 18, 1859)
14. iii. Edwin/Edward Rathbun ARMSTRONG
9. John William ARMSTRONG m. Nov. 11, 1866, Letitia/Lutitia Alice CRAWLEY (b. Jan. 15, 1845/1847, Greencastle, IN; d. 1928, La Porte, IN)

Children:

15. i. Wm. Abram Joshua ARMSTRONG
ii Frank J. ARMSTRONG (b. Aug. 31, 1870; m. Blanche CARALL)
16. iii Don Carlos ARMSTRONG

10. Mary Susan ARMSTRONG m. May 6, 1867, La Porte, IN, Alphonso Delos ADKINS (b. May 18, 1845, Riga, NY; d. Aug. 30/31, 1910, La Porte, IN)

Children:

17. i. Irvin Ryan ADKINS
ii. Alta Viola ADKINS (b. May 8, 1872)

11. Margaret (Retta) Betheny ARMSTRONG 1st m. Nov. 2, 1865, Wm. BROWN (b. Mar./May 13, 1841; d. May 2, 1899)

Children:

- i. Carrie/Cara BROWN (b. Oct. 28, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1872, Omaha, NE)
18. ii James William BROWN
19. iii. Etta/Carretta Agnes BROWN
iv. Oleeta/Oleta May BROWN (b. May 15, 1874, Omaha, NE; d. Mar. 1875, Omaha, NE)
v. Harry Charlton BROWN (b. Dec. 2, 1875)
vi. Fred Armstrong BROWN (b. Mar. 1, ca. 1880s)

12. James Stephen ARMSTRONG, m. Dec. 10, 1879, Omaha, NE, Emma NYE (b. July 14, 1851, La Porte, IN)

Children:

- i. James Mortimer ARMSTRONG (b. May 1, 1882; m. Bess OVESON[?])
20. ii. Anna/Annie ARMSTRONG
21. iii. Clare Retta ARMSTRONG
22. iv. Nellie ARMSTRONG m. [WULLSCHLAIGER?]

Generation No. 8

13. Charles John ARMSTRONG (b. Oct. 26, 1856/1857; d. July 27, 1932, Austin, TX), m. Jan. 31, 1885, Denver, CO, Susan COFFEE/COFFEY (b. May 9, 1861, Arthur, Canada)

Children:

- i. Clara Ellen ARMSTRONG (b. Dec. 1, 1881, Hamilton, Canada; m. Ernest Aloysius WOLF)
ii. Thomas Edwin ARMSTRONG (b. Aug. 21, 1883, Hamilton, Canada; m. Lucy ROBISHER)
iii. Charles John ARMSTRONG Jr. (b. Feb. 4, 1885, Austin, TX; m. Leah ROBISHER)

- iv. Lucy ARMSTRONG (b. Apr. 15, 1888, Austin, TX; m. Charles SUMNER)
 - v. Mary Florentine ARMSTRONG (b. Aug. 22, 1890, Austin, TX; m. Eldon W. SIEGMAN)
 - vi. Stephen Beggs ARMSTRONG (b. Feb. 6, 1893, Austin, TX; m. Viola HUGHES)
 - vii. Susan Elizabeth ARMSTRONG (b. June 1, 1895, Austin, TX; m. J. M. CONNERS)
 - viii. Marguerite Bessie ARMSTRONG (b. Jan. 29, 1898, Austin, TX; m. J. W. PALMQUIST)
 - ix. William Boyd ARMSTRONG (b. June 1, 1900, Austin, TX; m. Dora PALMQUIST)
 - x. James Leo ARMSTRONG (b. July 15, 1903, Austin, TX; m. Belle BILLINGSLEY)
 - xi. Frances Rose ARMSTRONG (b. Aug. 23, 1908, Austin, TX; m. Lannie STOKES)
14. Edwin/Edward Rathbun ARMSTRONG (b. Feb. 25, 1869, La Porte, IN; d. 1941), m. June 28, 1894, Fannie Catharine PAXTON (b. Feb. 9, 1874)

Child:

- i. Dorothy Jeannette ARMSTRONG (m. Charles REMPA)
15. Wm. Abram Joshua ARMSTRONG (b. Nov. 21, 1867; d. Jan. 13, 1901) m. Anna FOSTER (b. Feb. 7, 1876; d. Sept. 7, 1913)

Child:

- i. Robert ARMSTRONG (b. Mar. 29, 1898)
16. Don Carlos ARMSTRONG (b. Jan. 22, 1872) m. Daisy LILLY (b. Aug. 7, 1872?)

Child:

- i. Viola ARMSTRONG (b. Jan. 8, 1899)
17. Irvin Ryan ADKINS (b. Dec. 23, 1868) m. June 6, 1900, Jane ARNOLD (b. June 19, 1867)

Children:

- i. Winifred Jane ADKINS (b. Aug. 27, 1902)
 - ii. Edith Mary ADKINS (b. Mar. 23, 1905)
 - iii. John Arnold ADKINS (b. July 22, 1910)
18. James William BROWN (b. Mar. 5, 1868) m. Lenora/Nora LARKIN (b. Mar. 17, ca. 1864)

Child:

- i. Gould BROWN (b. July 31, 1904)

19. Etta/Carretta Agnes BROWN (b. Feb. 14, 1873) m. Wm. GOULD

Children:

- i. Harry GOULD (b. May 21, 1893)
- ii. Marjorie GOULD (b. Jan. 21, ca. 1897; d. 9 mos. old, Omaha, NE)

20. Anna/Annie ARMSTRONG (b. Mar. 1, 1884) m. B. S. PETERSON

Child:

- i. Jas. PETERSON (b. ca. 1913, Omaha, NE)

21. Clare Retta ARMSTRONG m. [Thermopolis MENDER?]

Child:

- i. Clare Ruth [MENDER?]

22. Nellie ARMSTRONG m. [WULLSCHLAIGER?]

Child:

- i. Emma Jane [WULLSCHLAIGER?]