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THE  
ARMSTRONG FAMILY

OF WINDHAM, N. H.

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*COMPLIMENTS OF GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.*





## THE ARMSTRONG FAMILY.

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The great and wide-spread Scottish family of Armstrong derives its surname from the following circumstance: An ancient king of Scotland, having his horse killed under him in battle, was immediately remounted by Fairbairn, his armor-bearer. For this timely assistance the king amply rewarded him with lands on the borders, and to perpetuate the memory of so important a service, as well as the manner in which it was performed (for Fairbairn took the king by the thigh, and set him on his saddle), his royal master gave him the appellation of *Armstrong*, and assigned him for crest, an armed hand and *arm*; in the left hand a leg and foot in armor, couped at the thigh all proper.

In 1726, Robert Armstrong, of Portsmouth, deeded land in Londonderry to James Boyd and others.

1. Robert Armstrong<sup>1</sup> was one of the original proprietors of Londonderry, on June 21, 1722. There was a "home lot and 2d division" laid out to him Dec. 21, 1722, and in the charter of the town it was provided, "That the Proprietors of each share shall build a dwelling-house within three years and settle a family therein." The fact that he owned this land after the three years would imply that the conditions were fulfilled.

Aug. 1, 1726, there was one acre of land in "Flat Rock Meadow" laid out to him. In 1738, was laid out to him a

lot of 80 acres at the west end of "Cabages (Cobbett's) Pond," bounding on Golden Brook. This land was subsequently in the possession of a son of the first settler, John Archibald, the first owner of the William-II. Armstrong farm, in Windham. There was evidently an exchange of lands between the Archibalds and Robert Armstrong, for the home farm of the Archibalds was occupied and owned by John Armstrong, and the wild land of Robert Armstrong, at the end of Cobbett's Pond, was owned for many years by the Archibalds. John Archibald died about 1730, his family removed to another part of Londonderry, and his home farm and other lands here passed into other hands. It is reasonable to infer, and strong evidence points in the same direction, that the exchange was made by the heirs of John Archibald, by exchanging their *home* farm for the *wild* land of Robert Armstrong, on Cobbett's Pond; and that Robert Armstrong located his son, John Armstrong, in the early home of the Archibalds. Whom Robert Armstrong married, or when he died, is not known. He undoubtedly was the ancestor of the Armstrongs of Windham. Tradition says that the emigrant ancestor, of Scotch blood, emigrated from the North of Ireland, bringing two children with him. One died upon the passage, which he buried in "the deep, deep sea." He often alluded to this painful experience as the greatest grief of his life. This could not have been John Armstrong, as he was born in 1713; came to America when a boy, and *his* oldest child was born in Windham, Sept. 8, 1738. It must have been Charter Robert Armstrong, the proprietor, who was here with the first settlers in 1722, who lost his child on the passage, leaving an only son, who was John, of Windham, 9 years of age in 1722. If stronger evidence

were needed, it is found in the fact that Charter Robert Armstrong's christian name has cropped out in successive generations, and is now honorably borne by a living representative in Windham.

2. Dea. John<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>). He was a weaver; b. in 1713, in or near Londonderry, Ireland, and emigrated to Londonderry, N. H., while young; succeeded John Archibald on the William-II. Armstrong farm as early as 1738, which is the Armstrong homestead of Windham, having been in the family name nearly one hundred and fifty years. He settled there previous to the autumn of 1738, and at the annual meeting of 1743 he was chosen surveyor of highways, and moderator of a special meeting the same year. He built, in 1762, the house now occupied by William-H. Armstrong (in which are relics brought from Ireland). He was selectman in 1744; moderator at annual meetings in 1751 and '52, and frequently at special meetings. The last time he presided was at a special meeting in 1769. He was a signer of the Association Test in 1776. The different phases of his character are not known, but from the records he seems to have been a trustworthy and respected citizen. He was a religious man, and was active in religious matters. Oct. 9, 1759, John Armstrong was voted commissioner "to make application to the synod of New York or Philadelphia or some of its members or elsewhere to obtain a minister to preach the Gospel to us. Provided he be a Presbyterian minister clothed with good certificates." "Voted to raise sixty dollars to defray the commissioner's *pocket* expenses; if not sufficient the remainder to be paid at his return, if any overplus to be refunded." "Also voted Two pounds old tenor a days wages (33 cts.) Sabbath day excepted." For some cause he failed

to go.\* Soon after the installation of Rev. John Kinkead, in 1760, he was made an elder in the church. He m. Janet —, who d. Oct 12, 1776, æ. 70 yrs. He d. May 6, 1795, æ. 82 yrs. In the old cemetery on the plain they sleep side by side. As found upon the records his ch. were b. in Windham :

3. Janet<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1738 ; unm. ; d. in Windham.

4. Agnes<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 15, 1740 ; m. James Anderson ; 6 ch. : all d. in childhood or youth. They lived on the W.-C. Humphrey place. After the death of their children they gave the place to John Armstrong (who m. Eleanor Armstrong) to take care of them. They lived to an advanced age.

5. Ann<sup>3</sup>, b. July 15, 1742 ; she m. James Freeland, of Boston, Mass., where she d. leaving one son, James Freeland<sup>4</sup> ; he res. in Boston : m. his cousin Ann, dau. of David Armstrong, of Windham ; she d. in Boston, leaving seven

#### CHILDREN.

1. David<sup>5</sup>, d. in childhood.
  2. Ann<sup>5</sup>.
  3. Eliza<sup>5</sup>.
  4. Jane<sup>5</sup>.
  5. John<sup>5</sup>, d. young.
  6. James<sup>5</sup>, was drowned.
  7. Joseph<sup>5</sup>, who was the only child who married ; the rest d. in Boston. He m. ; had 3 ch. : 1st, daughter ; 2d, Joseph-Valentine<sup>6</sup>, dec. ; 3d, Albert<sup>6</sup>, res. Boston Highlands.
6. John<sup>3</sup> [10], b. Oct. 8, 1743.
7. Robert<sup>3</sup>, b. June 12, 1745 ; d. in his 19th year.

\* Town Records, Vol. I, p. 114.

8. David<sup>2</sup> [19], b. June 11, 1747; m. Elizabeth Hemphill; d. June 21, 1836, æ. 89.

9. Mary<sup>3</sup>, b. July 21, 1749; d. in the 5th year of her age.

10. John<sup>3</sup>, Jr. [6] (John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was b. Oct. 8, 1743. He was constable in 1776, and signer of the Association Test; surveyor in 1784. He lived and d. on the Caleb-B. Clark farm. He m. Janet —; she d. He m. 2d w. Mrs. Dorothy (Sargent) Griffin. Children b. in Windham:—

11. Robert<sup>4</sup> d. Oct. 10, 1770, æ. 10 mos. 10 days.

12. Robert<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 2, 1775; d. young.

13. John<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1777; d. Sept. 1777.

14. John<sup>4</sup> [31], b. Sept. 26, 1779; d. May 11, 1847, æ. 68.

15. James<sup>4</sup> [34], b. May 27, 1780; d. Dec. 1, 1851.

16. David<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1782; d. young.

17. David<sup>4</sup>[43], b. Oct. 3, 1791; d. Oct. 7, 1853.

18. Peter<sup>4</sup>, b. March 22, 1793; d. in youth.

19. David<sup>3</sup> [8] (John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. June 11, 1747. He succeeded his father on the farm now owned by W.-H. Armstrong; he signed the Association Test in 1776. He was surveyor of highways in 1778; constable in 1784; but his name seldom appears upon the records. He m. Jan. 8, 1775, Elizabeth Hemphill, dau. of Robert Hemphill; she d. Jan. 2, 1839, æ. 85 yrs.; he d. June 21, 1836, æ. 89. Children, b. in Windham:—

20. Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. March 6, 1776; d. young.

21. Hannah<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1777; d. in young womanhood.

22. Robert<sup>4</sup> [47], b. April 6, 1779; lived in the Range; d. Aug. 29, 1849.

**23.** Ann<sup>t</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1780; m. her cousin, James Freeland<sup>t</sup> (see No. 5); d. July 31, 1858.

**24.** John<sup>t</sup> [54], b. Aug. 30, 1782; res. in Bedford; d. Dec. 2, 1842.

**25.** Jennie<sup>t</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1784; m. James Armstrong; d. June 11, 1849.

**26.** Eleanor<sup>t</sup>, b. Sept. 1, 1786; m. John Armstrong; d. Nov. 8, 1859.

**27.** Betsey<sup>t</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1789; m. Dea. Samuel Anderson. (See Anderson family.)

**28.** Samuel<sup>t</sup> [57], b. July 11, 1791; d. Sept. 9, 1859.

**29.** Nathaniel<sup>t</sup> [60], b. Oct. 16, 1793; d. in Bedford, April 6, 1856.

**30.** Joseph<sup>t</sup> [66], b. Feb. 22, 1796; res. Windham; d. Feb. 5, 1877.

**31.** John<sup>t</sup> [14] (John<sup>s</sup>, John<sup>s</sup>, Robert<sup>t</sup>), b. Sept. 26, 1779; lived on the farm at present owned by William-C. Humphrey; he m. Nancy Anderson; she d. 1802, leaving two ch.; he m. July 25, 1817, 2d w. his cousin Eleanor Armstrong. According to a relative, he was a strong, plain, unpolished man, conservative in his feelings and jealous of innovations. During the greater part of his life people wore *cues*, but the custom changed, and they were discarded. He refused to part with his; he clung to it with as much tenacity as would a son of the "Celestial Empire." He wore it to the end of life, and it was buried with him. With him perished the *last of the cues in Windham*. His last w. died Nov. 8, 1859, æ. 73. Children b. in Windham:—

**32.** John<sup>s</sup>, b. Sept. 1802; blacksmith; res. in Windham (1838), and rem. to Peoria, Ill., several years ago. He m. May 31, 1838, Eliza Anderson.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nancy A.<sup>5</sup>, m. Mr. Frieze; res. Salem, Mass.
  2. Edwin Newell<sup>5</sup>; res. Peoria, Ill.
- 33.** James<sup>5</sup> [75] b. July 13, 1805; d. Sept. 2, 1869.
- 34.** James<sup>4</sup> [15] (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. May 27, 1780. He succeeded his father on the Caleb-B. Clark farm. He m. Dec. 29, 1803, his cousin, Jennie Armstrong; she d. June 11, 1849; he d. Dec. 1, 1851. Children, b. in Windham:—
- 35.** Silas<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1805; d. Oct. 14, 1808.
- 36.** Hannah<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1806; m. Enoch Webster, of Pelham, who d. Sept. 6, 1844. Ch.: 1, Hannah-E.<sup>6</sup>; 2, Ann-F.<sup>6</sup>; 3, James-E.<sup>6</sup> She m. 2d, Moses Robinson, of Greenfield, N. H.; no ch. She d. 1881.
- 37.** Eliza-J.<sup>5</sup>, b. July 15, 1809; d. April 5, 1855.
- 38.** Ann<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1811; d. March 13, 1831.
- 39.** Alva<sup>5</sup>, b. May 17, 1816; d. Sept. 17, 1819.
- 40.** Oliver<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 26, 1818; d. Jan. 26, 1826.
- 41.** Mary<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1824; m. June 27, 1847, J.-R. Welch. Ch.: 1, Mary-F.<sup>6</sup>; 2, Hannah-E.<sup>6</sup>; 3, Ida<sup>6</sup>; 4, Ada-E<sup>6</sup>; res. Salem, N. H.
- 42.** James-F.<sup>5</sup>; b. July 18, 1828; d. Jan. 29, 1834.
- 43.** David<sup>4</sup> [17] (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 3, 1791. He was a teacher in Windham and Derry in early life. He lived on the farm known as the Dr. York farm. He m. April 17, 1818, Rebecca, dau. of Joseph Cottle. She d. Nov. 28, 1847. He was selectman in 1820, '21, '22, '23, '27, '28, '39, '40; treasurer in 1837. He was a prominent member of the church during the pastorate of Rev. Calvin Cutler, and teacher in the Sunday-school, and for five years never was absent a Sabbath. He was active

in educational matters, and was a much respected citizen, In 1846 he removed to Dracut, and to Lowell in 1848. He d. Oct. 7, 1853. Children:—

44. Rebecca-Rhoda<sup>s</sup>, b. May 12, 1819. She was a teacher in the public schools, and in the Sabbath-school for several years; d. Nov. 28, 1847.

45. Louisa<sup>s</sup>, b. July 6, 1822; d. Sept. 8, 1828.

46. Dora-Cottle<sup>s</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1824; m. 1828, George-Washington Haseltine; res. in Lowell, Mass. He d. July 10, 1879. (See Haseltine family.)

47. Robert<sup>t</sup> [22] (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. April 6, 1779. He m. July 28, 1803, Alice, dau. of Alexander and Sarah (Maxwell) Park. As there were no sons in the family he became a son of Mr. Park, and resided on the farm with his wife's parents in Windham Range. She d. there Nov. 10, 1830; he d. Aug. 21, 1849. Children:—

48. Sarah<sup>s</sup>, b. April 25, 1804; res. 1882 on the homestead.

49. David<sup>s</sup> [81], b. Nov. 8, 1806; d. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 14, 1851.

50. Alexander-P.<sup>s</sup>, b. April 28, 1809; m. Sarah Moore, of Eastham; res. in Boston, and d. Nov. 25, 1857; she d. May 20, 1866; no ch.

51. Robert<sup>s</sup> [87], b. Feb. 21, 1812; res. Windham.

52. Samuel<sup>s</sup>, b. March 3, 1815; d. Oct. 7, 1825.

53. Silas<sup>s</sup>, b. May 20, 1818; unm.; res. Windham.

54. John<sup>t</sup> [24] (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 30, 1782; res. in Bedford, N. H. He m. Nov. 11, 1810, Anna, dau. John and Mary (Lancaster) Davidson. She was b. Nov. 30, 1787, and d. Aug. 17, 1854. He d. Dec. 2, 1842. Children:—



**55.** Eliza-Ann<sup>5</sup>, m. Nathaniel Clough; rem. to Nunda, N. Y. One ch.: Harriet-Ophelia<sup>6</sup>; all dec.

**56.** John-D.<sup>5</sup> [93], b. Oct. 8, 1813; m. Sarah-G. Atwood; res. Bedford, and d. June 17, 1838.

**57.** Samuel<sup>4</sup> [28] (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. July 11, 1791; res. on the Armstrong homestead; m. Dec. 26, 1833, Margaret, dau. of Robert and Mary (Hemphill) Clark, who was b. 1793; d. Sept. 28, 1849. He m. 2d w. Feb. 14, 1850, Sarah-W. Gregg, of Derry; she was b. 1797; res. on the farm; he d. Sept. 9, 1859. Two ch. by 1st w., b. in Windham:—

**58.** Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1836; m. W.-H. Armstrong. (See No. 94.)

**59.** Mary-Ann<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1840, dec.

**60.** Nathaniel Armstrong<sup>4</sup> [29] (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 16, 1793; m. April 17, 1823, Polly Adams; b. Aug. 14, 1801, in Derry, dau. of William Adams; rem. to Sutton, N. H.; trader and farmer, and was selectman of the town. He d. in Bedford, April 6, 1856; she d. in Sutton, July 18, 1853. Children:—

**61.** Orson-H.<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1824; d. June 12, 1841.

**62.** William-A.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1827; d. Aug. 4, 1828.

**63.** Joseph<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1830; carpenter; went to Minnesota Terr. in 1854. During the war, in 1863, '64, '65, he was in the employ of the Government as carpenter, and accompanied the expeditions against the Sioux Indians to the Missouri River in 1863, and across the Yellow Stone in 1864, after the Sioux massacre. Followed his business in St. Anthony till opening of the Northern Pacific R. R., when he was appointed route mail agent, and now runs from St. Paul, Minn., to Fargo, Dakota Terr. July 1, 1859, he m. Ann-M. Dudley, of Me. She d. July 5, 1860.

He m. 2d w. July 15, 1875, Mary-E. Drew, of N. H.; res. St. Paul, Minn.

**64.** Solon<sup>5</sup>, b. May 15, 1834; left Sutton in 1852; graduated at Wesleyan Univ., Middletown, Ct., in 1856; went to St. Paul, and was admitted to the bar in 1857; was elected city justice, which office he held till 1864. In that year was in the expedition against the Sioux Indians, and was in Government employ during 1865. In 1871-72 was city clerk, city justice, and treasurer of board of education of St. Anthony. In Minneapolis he was five years member of city council, and two years was its president. Now in grocery business. He m. Feb. 17, 1874, Mrs. Sarah-B. Redfield, dau. of Capt. John Rollins, of Minneapolis, a native of Me. She d. April 14, 1879. He res. at Minneapolis.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Bessie-Rollins<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 21, 1875.
2. Solon<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1877.
3. Joseph<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1878.

**65.** Milon<sup>5</sup>, b. July 25, 1839; d. July 12, 1842.

**66.** Joseph<sup>4</sup> [30] (David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 22, 1796. He was a hatter by trade; res. at one time in Salem; returned to town and purchased the place on which his son now lives, of James-C. Clyde, in 1827, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a worthy man and good citizen. He acted as moderator in town-meeting in 1847, '48, '49. He m. Debora Corliss, of Salem; she d.; 2 ch. He m. 2d, April 19, 1829, Mrs. Margaret (Nevins)Belcher, of Windham; she d. Dec. 20, 1875; he d. Feb. 5, 1877. Children:—

**67.** Malinda-Ingalls<sup>5</sup>, b. in Salem, N. H., Sept. 12,

1823; m. May 6, 1846, William-G. Crowell, a leading citizen of Salem, N. H. He was b. in Methuen, Mass., Dec. 20, 1816.

## CHILDREN.

1. John C.<sup>6</sup> b. Feb. 22, 1847; m. June 6, 1876, Rebecca-Francis Pool, of Windham; res. Salem; 2 ch.
2. Annie-G.<sup>6</sup> b. Aug. 20, 1848; d. April 1, 1870.
3. Margaret-Abbie<sup>6</sup>, b, Sept 10, 1850; m. Feb. 6, 1873, Charles-M. Vittum; he d. Oct. 12, 1876.

**68.** Deborah-E.<sup>5</sup>, b. in Salem, Jan. 14, 1826; m. Dec. 10, 1846, Joseph-S. Clark.

**69.** George-O.<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Jan. 13, 1830; dec.

**70.** Milton-W.<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Oct. 22, 1831; m. Dec. 5, 1858, Martha Page, of Rindge, N. H., b. Aug. 17, 1824; res. in East Jaffrey.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles<sup>6</sup>, b. in Rindge, July 13, 1861.
2. Mary-Abbie<sup>6</sup>, b. in Ashburnham, Mass., July 3, 1867.

**71.** Sarah-Ann<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Nov. 9, 1833; res. Windham.

**72.** Betsey-Jane<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Jan. 18, 1836; m. May 14, 1863, William-D. Cochran.

**73.** Mary-R.<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Sept. 2, 1839; d. Dec. 27, 1862, in Windham.

**74.** Joseph-C.<sup>5</sup>, b. in Windham, Sept. 4, 1841. Resides upon the home farm, a useful citizen: was a member of the parsonage building committee.

**75.** James<sup>5</sup> [33] (John<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. 1805; d. Sept. 1869; lived on the Wm.-C. Humphrey

place : was treasurer in 1848 ; selectman in 1854. He m. Alice Kidder, b. Sept. 30, 1803 ; d. Dec. 3, 1851. He m. 2d w., Betsey Burbank, Dec. 23, 1852. Children :—

**76.** Nancy-Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, b. in Derry, April 26, 1834 ; m. Nov. 23, 1855, John-A. Moore.

**77.** Helen-M.<sup>6</sup>, b. in Springfield, N. H., Nov. 21, 1836 ; res. Manchester, N. H.

**78.** James-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. in Sutton, N. H., Oct. 2, 1837 ; m. Aug. 16, 1860, Esther-M. Johnson.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank-H.<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 18, 1867.

2. Arthur-W.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1873 ; res. Harvard, Mass.

**79.** John-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. in Windham ; res. Hudson.

**80.** Oscar-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. in Windham ; m. March, 1877, Nellie-J. Titcomb.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ada-E.<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 1878.

2. Ola-B.<sup>7</sup>, b. July, 1879.

3. Alice-K.<sup>7</sup>, b. July, 1881 ; res. Hudson.

**81.** David<sup>5</sup> [49] (Robert<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>), b. Nov. 8, 1806 ; m. Mahalia Lovering, of Loudon, N. H. She was b. Feb. 4, 1810. He was a ship-carpenter, and res. in Boston, Mass., where he d. Sept. 14, 1851. She res. in Stoneham, Mass. Children, b. in Boston :—

**82.** Ann-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 7, 1833 ; d. Sept. 4, 1849.

**83.** Sarah-J.<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1834. She m. Aug. 19, 1852, William-H. Hill, of New York. He was orderly sergent of Co. K, Seventh Mass. Regiment, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. No children.

84. George-W<sup>6</sup>, b, Aug. 11, 1836.

The record of the Armstrong family would be incomplete if it omitted a notice of George-W. Armstrong. An old Scotch proverb was, that "a Scotchman, Highland or Lowland, makes his own mark in the world without fear or favor." Mr. Armstrong, with that great energy which springs full grown from the native heather, and from the lochs and mountains of "Old Scotia," the home of his ancestors, has been the arbiter of his own success in life, and which has placed him in the front rank of enterprising young men.

He commenced his business career in 1852, as a news-boy on the Boston and Worcester Railroad, where he remained nine years. For eighteen months he was employed in various positions, as brakeman, as baggage-master, as sleeping-car conductor, and as conductor on the regular trains. He then left the employ of the company and became manager of the news business on that road. Three years later he became half-owner of the restaurant and news-room in the Boston & Albany station in Boston, and in 1871 became sole proprietor, which business he still retains. In 1865 he bought King's baggage express, and immediately organized "Armstrong's Transfer," which has attained such magnitude and importance. He added passenger carriages, and perfected a system for the accommodation of railroad travellers which is unsurpassed. It is his pride that no just claim against the Transfer for delay or loss of property was ever the subject of litigation. With a courtesy to all parties rarely exceeded, he has won the friendship and kindness of the travelling public, which at all times is reticent in giving its approbation and confidence.

In 1882 he organized the Armstrong Transfer Company,

becoming its president, E. A. Taft, general manager, and which does a large business in Boston. The company is destined to attain the leading position among those facilities which will make travelling in the United States a perfect system of accomodation, thus rendering journeying not a burden, but a decided pleasure. Perhaps the highest tribute to the subject of this sketch is the fact that he has won the confidence of the large and wealthier railroad corporations in New England.

In 1869 he purchased the news business on the Fitchburg Railroad, and in 1877 extended it over the entire Hoosac Tunnel line. In 1875 he extended his restaurant and news business over the Eastern Railroad, being owner of all dining-rooms at Boston, Lynn, Salem, Portsmouth, Wolfborough Junction, N. H., and Portland, Me., and recently he assumed control of the restaurant at Springfield, Mass., on the Boston & Albany Railroad. His newsboys are upon every train, and all trashy or impure literature is rigorously excluded from their sales. His life has been full of business activities, and Dame Fortune has smiled kindly upon him. He has always held in the highest esteem the people and town of Windham, the friends and the early home of his father. Some of our enterprises and public institutions have profited by his unostentatious gifts. Mr. Armstrong is a man of strong character, strictly upright in his business relations, urbane in his manners, kind and sympathetic in his nature, has a wide circle of acquaintances, and a strong corps of personal friends. He lives on a fine estate in Brookline, Mass., in the suburbs of Boston, where none are more welcome than his friends from Windham.

He m. Dec 10, 1868, Louise, dau. of John-B. Marston,

of Bridgewater, N. H. Her mother before marriage was Eliza-A. Dow, of New Hampton, N. H. Mrs. Armstrong d. of consumption, Feb. 17, 1880. Married for his second wife, Dec. 12, 1882, Flora-E., youngest daughter of Dr. Reuben Greene, a leading physician and surgeon of Boston; her mother was Lydia Waist, of Whitingham, Vt.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mabelle<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 21, 1870.
  2. Louise<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1871; d. Dec. 22, 1876.
85. Margaret-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 1837; d. Jan. 16, 1839.
86. Ellen-A.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 13, 1839; m. May 2, 1858, William-A. Field, of Boston; res. Stoneham, Mass.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank-M.<sup>7</sup>, b. in Boston, 1859; d. in Stoneham, June 20, 1882, of consumption; he was an exemplary young man, and stood very high with his employers.
2. Sarah-L.<sup>7</sup>, b. July 23, 1866.
3. Nellie-A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1867.

87. Robert<sup>5</sup> [51] (Robert<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 21, 1812; he lives in the Range, and succeeded his father on the original homestead of the Park family. A portion of this farm was laid out to Samuel Allison, of Londonderry, in 1728. He m. Nov. 2, 1841, Mary-B., dau. of Peter Emerson, of Manchester, N. H. She was b. Jan. 15, 1814. A farm not naturally productive has been made to yield abundant harvests, and together in quietness they have followed habits of industry, and with their son and daughters are doing their work in life, doing

it well, and meeting with commendable success. Children, b. in Windham :—

**88.** Alice-A<sup>6</sup>, b. July 21, 1842; m. Jan. 11, 1876, Moses-W. Bowen, of Methuen, Mass.; he d. Dec. 22, 1876, æ. 66 yrs. She res. in Windham.

**89.** Lorana<sup>6</sup>, b. July 18, 1844; res. Windham.

**90.** George-F.<sup>6</sup>, b. June 22, 1846; res. Windham.

**91.** Emma-J.<sup>6</sup>, b. April 22, 1851; res. Windham.

**92.** Mary-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. March 24, 1854; res. Windham.

**93.** John-D.<sup>5</sup> [56] (John<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>). He res. in Bedford, and m. Sarah, dau. of Thomas Atwood, of Bedford; she d. Aug. 1849; 2 ch. He m. 2d w. Jane-M., dau. of Thomas Wells of that town; 5 ch. He d. Nov. 14, 1868, æ. 54 yrs. 1 mo. 6 days. Children, b. in Bedford :—

**94.** William-H.<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 29, 1840; m. May 5, 1861, Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Armstrong, of Windham. He resides on the original homestead of the family in Windham. He has relics which the emigrant ancestor brought from Ireland, which are of value and interest.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN WINDHAM.

1. Urvin-S.<sup>7</sup>, b. March 24, 1862.

2. Eugene-W.<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1865.

3. Ednah-M.<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 30, 1872.

4. Almaya<sup>7</sup>, b. April 19, 1876.

**95.** John-A.<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1842; member Co. K. Third N. H. Vols.; killed at Drury's Bluff, Va.

**96.** George-D.<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1851; res. Amherst, N. H.



- 97.** Edward-F<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 20, 1852 ; res. Milford, N. H.
- 98.** Sarah-J.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1854 ; m. May 1, 1874,  
Frank-E. Kendall ; res. Amherst, N. H.
- 99.** Clara-Almy<sup>6</sup>, b. April 16, 1859 ; d. July 24, 1861.
- 100.** Elmer-E.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 1, 1863 ; res. Milford, N. H.













