

John C. Armstrong, who for many years was one of the best known agriculturists of Madison Township, a substantial landowner and one of the leaders in community affairs thereabout, who died at his home in that township in the fall of 1921, left a good memory at his passing and it is regarded as but fitting that some modest tribute to that memory be paid here.

Mr. Armstrong was a native of the old Buckeye State, but had been a resident of Jay County for more than a half century and had thus been a witness to the development of this county since what might be considered as pioneer days. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, July 19, 1843, and was a son of John V. and Leanna (Trout) Armstrong, who later became residents of Franklin County, Ohio.

John C. Armstrong was ten years of age when his parents moved to Franklin County and there he grew to manhood and received his schooling. He married there and about two years later, in 1867, came over into Indiana and settled on a farm in Madison Township, this county. Mr. Armstrong's first investment here was in a tract of forty acres in Madison Township, but as his affairs prospered he added to his holdings until he became the owner of 160 acres and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood. He created a good farm there and continued to make that his home until his death, which occurred on October 28, 1921.

Mr. Armstrong was a Democrat and was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Ft. Recovery. John C. Armstrong was twice married. On October 18, 1865, while living in Franklin County, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Celia Ann Artman, of that county, who died in Jay County on January 18, 1872, leaving one child, a son, Charles A. Armstrong, who is now farming in the vicinity of Versailles, Ohio. Charles A. Armstrong married Mrs. Jennie (Cramer) Stevens and has two children, Celia and Gerald, and a stepson, George Stevens. On November 27, 1873, John C. Armstrong married Asenath Money, of Madison Township, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Jay County, and to this union five children were born, all of whom are living save Nicholas, who died on January 29, 1908, at the age of twenty-two years, three months and two days, the others being William R., Nellie, Grace G. and Arrah A., the latter of whom married Melva Money and is now employed in the office of the American Express Company at Hartford City, Ind. The late Nicholas Armstrong, who at the time of his death was employed as a railway brakeman, making his home at Logansport, Ind., married Rilla Ford and left one child, a son, Willard. William R. Armstrong, who is now proprietor of a book and stationery store at Portland, married Catherine Cope and has five children, Helen, Roger, Lucile, John and Catherine. Nellie Armstrong married George M. Foster, a well-known and progressive farmer of Madison Township, living on rural mail route No. 3 out of Ft. Recovery (Ohio), and has two children, Dalton and Gordon. Grace G. Armstrong married Charles Frazier, a farmer in the neighboring county of Wells, and has three children, Eldon, June and Keith.

Mrs. Asenath Money Armstrong, widow of John C. Armstrong, is a daughter of William and Asenath (Denney) Money, the latter of whom was born in North Carolina. William Money was born in the vicinity of Steuben, Ohio, October 27, 1809, a son of William and Anna (Anderson) Money, and was reared in Mercer County, Ohio, his parents having been among the pioneers of that county. The elder William Money was a Virginian and a soldier of the War of 1812. In the days of his young manhood, even before Jay County was organized as a separate civic unit, the junior William MONEY came over here into Indiana and settled on a pioneer farm in what later came to be organized as Madison Township. Here he married Asenath Denney, a daughter of one of the first settlers of that section, and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives here, useful and influential members of the community which they helped to develop from the days of the beginning of a social order hereabout. William Money not only was an influential factor in getting schools started in the community, but was ordained a minister of the Church of Christ and was for many years a leader in the services of that communion in that part of the county. His wife died in December, 1882, and he survived until June 15, 1893, he then being in his eighty-fourth year. This earnest pioneer couple had eight children, those besides Mrs. Armstrong having been Mrs. Anna Denniston, William Money, Mrs. Mary Jane Hillfiker, Alexander Money, Mrs. Sarah D. Davis, Nicholas J. Money and James Alpha Money.