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**BENJAMIN ARMSTRONG**

**ESTATE**

**1855**

**HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**



Estate of  
Benjamin Armstrong  
Decd

Estate belongs to the  
estate of Sarah Armstrong

No Complete Record



**Know all Men,** That we, Sarah Armstrong,  
Jesse Benman, Allen Benman and Adam Mc Downard  
are bound unto the State of Indiana in the penal sum of twenty five  
thousand dollars, for the payment of which we jointly and severally  
bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. Sealed and dated the  
7th day of May 1855

The Condition of the above Obligation is, That if the above bound  
Sarah Armstrong shall faithfully  
discharge the duties of her trust as executrix of the last will of  
Benjamin Armstrong deceased, according to law, then the  
above obligation is to be void, else to remain in full force.

Sarah <sup>her</sup> Armstrong  
mark

Jesse Benman

Allen Benman

Adam Downard

Approved by me, the 7th day of May

1855

John Irons  
C. C. C. P. Hendricks County.





STATE OF INDIANA, *Hendricks* County, ss.

I, *Sarah Armstrong* ~~XXXX~~ <sup>affirm</sup> that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my trust as executrix of the last will of *Benjamin Armstrong* deceased, according to law, ~~so help me God.~~ <sup>and this is my affirmation</sup> *Sarah her Armstrong*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *7th* day of *May* 185*5*

*John Brown*  
C. C. C. P. *Hendricks* C

STATE OF INDIANA,

County, ss.

I, *[Signature]* swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness ..... dollars, as I believe, so help me God

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the ..... day of ..... 1855

C. C. C. P.

COUNTY.

STATE OF INDIANA,

County, ss.

I, ..... swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness ..... dollars, as I believe, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the ..... day of ..... 1855

C. C. C. P.

COUNTY.

*Benjamin Armstrong's Estate*

*Filed in my Office 7th May 1855 J. Brown Clerk*



In the name of God; Amen. I Benjamin  
Armstrong of Shelby County and State of Tenn-  
-~~tucky~~ through the abounding mercy of God  
being well in body and of a sound and  
perfect Memory do constitute this my last  
will and testament and Desire it to be  
received by all as such, after giving my  
Soul to God and my body to the earth  
from whence it was taken

I am I will and Desire that after a  
Decent burial all my just debts be paid  
I dispose of all the rest of my estate in  
the following manner

I am I give and bequeath unto my  
beloved wife Sally Armstrong all the  
rest of my Estate both real and personal  
During her life and to be disposed of by  
her at her pleasure I appoint my  
Beloved <sup>Sally Armstrong</sup> wife my sole Executrix

I do constitute this my last will and  
testament in witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this ~~ninth~~ day of November,  
and year of our Lord, eighteen hundred  
and fourteen.

Witness  
John S. Bereman.

Benjamin Armstrong

Seal

James Clayton

John C. Minger

Philip <sup>his</sup> C. Minger  
mark



I Benjamin Armstrong the within named testator,  
do hereby acknowledge, publish, and declare the  
within instrument of writing to be my last and  
testament on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1853.  
in the presence of James M. Gregg & Josiah A.  
Harvey whom I have called and requested to  
attest this as witnesses on the date above written

Benjamin Armstrong

Attest  
James M. Gregg  
Josiah A. Harvey.

W. H.  
Armstrong



State of Indiana 3  
Hendricks County 3

It is remembered that on this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Personally appeared before John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Hendricks County, Josiah A. Harvey, one of the witnesses to the instrument of writing, who being by said Clerk duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he heard Benjamin Armstrong on the 21st day of January 1853, acknowledge and declare the attached instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, that he the said Josiah A. Harvey together with one James W. Gregg subscribed their names thereto as witnesses, at the request of said testator, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, that said testator at the time of republishing said will, to wit: on the 21st day of January 1853, was competent to devise his property and not under Coercion

Josiah A. Harvey.

Subscribed and sworn to before me March 30th 1855.  
Witness my hand and seal of said Court  
at Danville the date above.  
John Irons Clerk  
J. A. Harvey

State of Indiana 3  
Hendricks County 3

I John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, hereby Certify that the attached will was this day, duly admitted to probate before me, that a complete record of it, and the testimony of Josiah A. Harvey, the witness by whom the same was proven, has been duly recorded in Will record No 2



of the record of will in Hendricks County Indiana  
at page

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand  
and affix the seal of said Court at Newville  
this 30th day of March A.D. 1855  
John Irons Clerk

No 101.

Benjamin Armstrongs  
Will

Recorded in Will Record  
No 2.

Filed in my Office 30  
March 1855

John Irons Clerk



**Know all Men,** That we, Allen Bereman  
and Allen P. Burk  
are bound unto the State of Indiana, in the penal sum of two  
hundred dollars, for the payment of which we, jointly and severally,  
bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. Sealed and dated the  
4th day of July 1856

The Condition of the above Obligation is, That if the above bound  
Allen Bereman shall faithfully discharge the  
duties of his trust as administrator of Lewis Allen of the estate of  
Benjamin Armstrong deceased, according to law, then the above  
obligation is to be void, else to remain in full force.

Allen Bereman

Allen P. Burk



Approved by me, the 4 day of July 1856

John Irons  
C. C. C. P. Henrieville

County.



STATE OF INDIANA, *Hendricks* County, ss.

I, *Allen Bereman* swear that I will faithfully discharge  
the duties of my trust as administrator *Mc Louis Stew* of the estate of  
*Benjamin Armstrong* deceased, according to law, so help me God.  
*Allen Bereman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the *4* day of *July* 18*56*

*John Jones*  
C. C. C. P. *Hendricks* COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA, \_\_\_\_\_ County, ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ swear that I am worth over and above my  
indebtedness, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, as I believe, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 185

C. C. C. P. \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

STATE OF INDIANA, \_\_\_\_\_ County, ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ swear that I am worth over and above my  
indebtedness, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, as I believe, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 185

C. C. C. P. \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

*Benjamin's Armstrong  
Estate*

*W.D. D.*  
*Bond*

*Filed in my Office 4th  
July 1856  
John Jones Clerk*



Benjamin's Armstrong's  
Estate

Appraising Oath

Filed in my Office &  
May 1855  
John Snow Clerk

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County 305

185

No 26



State of Indiana Hendricks County Set

We Abraham Bland and Samuel A Verbrake, of the said County and State. Swear that we will honestly appraise such property as may be exhibited to us, belonging to the estate of Benjamin Armstrong, deceased,

A Bland

Samuel A Verbrake

Subscribed & Sworn to before me, May 8, 1855

John Irons Clerk

No. 51

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Danville, Ind., Dec 25 1858

Received of Allen Bernyman Ackm B Armstrong the sum of  
Twentytwo dollars, Five cts. in full for  
State, County, School, Township, Specific School, Library, Sinking  
Fund and Road Tax for the year 1858, on Real and Personal  
Property, and on Lots No 4, 5, 6 in 13 6 & Lot 2 & 3 in 13  
21 in Danville

\$ 22.05

Daniel B South Treasurer of Hendricks Co.



Benjamin Armstrong  
To £ Estate  
William A. King

Claim 11.00  
as per Voucher  
No 16

Filed in my Office 26th  
February 1856  
John Irons Clerk.

2 25  
as per Voucher  
No 16  
11.00  
Wm. A. King



Sanville Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Estate of Benjamin Armstrong  
To D. L. Hawkins Dr

To making 1 fine coffin and shell \$11.00

State of Indiana Hendricks County Let

I Samuel Hawkins swear that the above claim  
against the estate of Benjamin Armstrong deceased is just and  
true and remains wholly unpaid as I believe so help me God  
D. L. Hawkins

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 26 February 1856  
John Rows Clerk

Pay the above claim to Wm A King  
D L Hawkins



Received of James M Gregg, for Sarah Armstrong  
Administratrix of the Estate of Benjamin Armstrong, deceased,  
One Dollar for advertising notice of Letters of administration  
on said Estate

May 11, 1855.

W. H. H. Lewis

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Allen Bertram Adm<sup>r</sup> of Sarah Armstrong  
Estate One dollar for the money by me above paid Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1855

J. M. Gregg



W. L. King

as per Voucher

No 15



Estote of Beny armstrong  
In account with W-A King  
April 11 1855 Paid John Baker 3.40  
" 7 11/2 Berryman's widow 5.00  
\$ 8.40

Paid David Todd 3.50  
\$ 11.90

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set  
I William A King swear that  
the above account against the estate of  
Benjamin Armstrong deceased is just  
and true and remains unpaid so help  
me God. W-A King

Subscribed & Sworn to before me June 14/56  
John Brown Clerk



W. A. King

as per Voucher  
No 18



Estate of Benj armstrong  
in account with Russell & Co

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1854. 4/4 yds Roberson 10

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1855, 4/4 yds Roberson,

4/4 yds Jacksonett 50. 4.13

2 3/4 " Blk cloth, Hawkins 275 7.33

3/4 " Bleeding muslin " 18 . 71

3/4 " Swiss " " 60 . 45

1<sup>th</sup> Baling " " . 17

5/8 yds Blk silk fringe " 50 2 67

1 Piece Tape . . 5

April 10<sup>th</sup> Paid Alvey Keeney 5 00

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set \$ 20 67

I William A King swear that the above  
account against the Estate of Benjamin  
Armstrong deceased is just and true and  
remains wholly unpaid so help me God  
waking

Subscribed & sworn to before me 14 June 1856  
John Irons Clerk



Benjamin Armstrong  
Estate

Inventory

Filed in my office  
May 10. 1885  
John Houselick



An Inventory of the Personal estate of Benjamin  
Armstrong, deceased, taken by Sarah Armstrong  
Executive, and appraised by Samuel A. Verbrille  
and Abraham Bland On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May  
A.D. 1855.

1	One Clocks prep	10 00
2	One Mattie Clock	5 00
3	Three set silver spoons	18 00
4	One Rifle gun	10 00
5	One bedstead, bed & bedding.	15 00
6	One Stand Table	4 00
7	One Do Do	1 00
8	One set Common Chairs	6 00
9	One Day Do Do, 50	6 00
10	3 Rockers	7 00
11	1 Settee	5 00
12	1 Side board & 1 brok chair	28 00
13	1 Bureau	21 00
14	1 Sugar chest	4 00
15	1 Bureau	18 00
16	1 Bedstead & bedding	40 00
17	1 Lot carpeting	34 00
18	1 Lot Blankets & coverlets	20 00
19	1 Bedstead & bedding	15 00
20	1 Do Do	26 00
21	1 Bureau	10 00
22	2 Breakfast Tables	5 00
23	1 Dining Table	4 00
24	1 Bedstead & Bedding	10 00
25	1 prep & Lot bed clothing	40 00
26	1 Lot carpeting	15 00
27	One small parlor stove	6 00

\$382.00



	Am <sup>t</sup> B <sup>ut</sup> Over	382 10
28	One Cook Stove & furniture	10 00
29	One Copper Kettle	3 00
30	One Lot Kitchen furniture, pots & kettles	5 00
31	One safe	2 00
32	One Iron bedstead	1 00
33	One gravestone	2 00
34	Two Bee Hives 4.00	8 00
35	Two Looking glasses	1 00
36	One Lot cupboards ware	6 00
37	One Carriage & Harnes	40 00
38	One cow	10 00
39	One Apple Mill	5 00

To which may be added the following  
Amount of Rail Road stock.

40	Indiana & Illinois Central Rail Way	
"	116 shares \$5.80	3,900 00
41	Certificate No 104 60 shares \$3.00	1,500 00
42	Terre Haute and Richmond Rail. Way Comp	
"	-any. Certificate No. 300, 22 shares, \$11.00	1,100 00

With the above the following notes  
may be added

43	One Note on Daniel Pearson, \$50.00	
	Paid on the above	7.25
		\$40.75
	Interest on same	9.22
		49.97
44	One Note on Daniel Pearson \$50.00	
	Interest on same	32.05
45	One Note on D <sup>r</sup>	50 36.86
	Interest on same	4.07
		71.93
		6627.97



	Am't Brought down		6627 97
46	Two Notes on Robert Trals, <sup>(not due)</sup> \$2100 each		400 00
47	Balance Note on Wm King \$52.54		
	Interest on same	287	53 43
48	One Note on Do \$65.00		
	Interest on same	780	72 80
49	One Note on Richard Martin \$58.45		
	Interest on same	10.52	68 97
50	One Note on Jo <sup>s</sup> S. Jones \$71.00		
	Paid on on same	46 00	\$25 00
	Interest on same	681	31 81
51	One Note (Not due) on Benj. Rouse		22 00
52	One Note on H. H. Marvin \$10.00		
	Interest on same	1.65	11 65
53	John Irons (Judgment)		250 00
	Whole Amount.		\$1540 63

Danville May 8. 1855

A. Bland  
Samuel A. Vothke

State of Indiana Hendricks County.

I, Sarah Armstrong Administratrix  
of the Estate of Benjamin Armstrong deceased  
affirm that the above and foregoing is a true and  
complete inventory of all the personal property  
belonging to the Estate of said Decedent which  
has come to my knowledge and this is my affirmation  
Ye.  
Sarah <sup>her</sup> Armstrong  
mark.

Subscribed and affirmed before May 10. 1855

John Brown clerk



87. Mally  
Receipt  
\$14.  
No 45

Bew Armstrongs Est

John Irons Ret

31.80.

No 39

Bew Armstrongs Est

John Irons Receipt

5.85.

No 38



Received January 13<sup>th</sup> 1862 of Allen Bereman  
Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Armstrong  
deceased for taking a judgment in favor of said  
Administrator and against Daniel Pearson the  
sum of Fourteen Dollars

S. T. Headley atty

Received December 10<sup>th</sup>. 1861. Of Allen Bereman  
thirty one dollar and eighty five cents in full of  
my fee in Settlement Benjamin Armstrongs Estate  
John Irons

Received Allen Bereman. December 10. 1861. five  
dollars and eighty five cents in full of the Cost  
made by him as defendant in the case of Joseph  
Lee vs. Benjamin Armstrongs Estate.  
John Irons.



L. Ritter  
Receipt  
\$12,00

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No 44

S. K. Thacker  
Jax Receipt  
\$40.52  
No 44

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Recd of Allen Berreman Adm of Benjamin Am  
 strong sum of Twelve Dollars in full of Clerk's  
 fees due in the Estate of said Dec'd to said Rutter  
 Dec 10/61 \$12.00  
 C. D. Rucker  
 D.C.

No 460

TREASURER'S OFFICE, \$ 40.52  
 Danville, Hendricks County, Ind., Dec 11 1861

Received of Allen Berreman for B. Armstrong the sum of  
 Forty dollars and 3-2 cents, in full for  
 State, County, School, Special School, Township, Sinking Fund and Road Tax, for the  
 year 1861, on full and personal property, and on the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

DESCRIPTION OF LAND.				Acres.	Hand	Name of Town.	Lot.	Blk or Sq.
						Danville	4	6
						Do	5	6
						Do	6	6
						Do	2	21
						Do	3	21

S. A. Hardin  
 Treasurer of Hendricks Co.



Count Common Pleas  
Aug. Term 1856

Joseph Lee

<sup>vs</sup>  
Allen Beremans Admr.  
of the estate of  
Benjamin Armstrong decd

All Witnesses

- x Dr. Th. Cox
- x S. A. Verbrake
- x Cecilia Verbrake
- Wm A. King, &
- x John R. Armstrong

Ret. forth with.

Served August - 19th 1856, on said witnesses by  
reading to and within their hearing,

Two Service - 150  
Return - 10  
\$1.60

W. Chauncey M. D.



# THE STATE OF INDIANA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF HENDRICKS COUNTY:

You are hereby commanded to summon Henry Cox, Samuel  
A. Verbrake, Cecilia Verbrake, John R. Armstrong, &  
William A. King

to appear before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of  
Said County on the 19 day of August  
1856, at the Court House in Danville, then and there to testify  
in behalf of the Ply in an action wherein

Joseph Lee is  
plaintiff and Allen Bereman Admr. Benjamin's Arm-  
strong's Estate defendant, and this shall not omit, and have  
you then and there this writ.

Witness John Irons the Clerk of said  
Court this 19 day of August  
A. D. 1856.

John Irons Clerk.



No 5-

Benjamin & Sarah  
Armstrong

Deport of Adm.

Filed in open court

18. July 1860

John Evans & K





Allen Burman Adm<sup>r</sup>.  
 of Benjamin & Sarah Armstrong  
 (Would report to the court,  
 that since his last report, he has rec<sup>d</sup>.  
 the following sums of money, to-wit.  
 From Daniel Pierson for \$300.00  
 Interest thereon 146.55

For rent of C. O'haver on town property 50.00  
 " Dividend on rail Road stock 65.65  
 " O'haver for rent 50.92  
 " Larry dividend Land 1860 rail R stock 65.00  
 " Only dividend 1860 on same 65.00

Making the sum of \$742.12

He has paid out the following  
 sums for which he claims credit

To D. V. South for tax No 27. \$29.57

" C. O'haver share of lost 16 " 28. " 50.92

" Vestals for rent (notice 16 " 29 " 2.00

" Jesse Burman (Legacy) " 30 \$446.55

" Thomas Nichols " 31 1.00 \$530.04

Refund of debt \$213.58

Since his last report, He has also sold the  
 rock Road <sup>& gravel</sup> stock belonging to said estate as  
 follows, to-wit. (on credit of six months.

To Ed Clark 26 shares in Ind & Ill Central

Rail Road for \$1277.25

To Wm. Hinson & D. V. South 96 shares

" in Ind & Ill central Rail Road Company 341.50

" L. S. Shuler 14 shares in Danville & White

" Lick Gravel Road 15.00

" Simon T. Hadley 6 shares <sup>Ind &</sup> Springfield R.R. 50

Total amt with which he is charged \$1634.25

Given to in open court. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 Allen Burman Administrator  
 John Davis clerk



27  
H. H. Marvin's  
Account against  
Allen Burman  
Administrator of  
Benj Armstrong  
Dec. 2

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Am't \$20,00

A. D. Nov. 7. 1838

Filed Nov 8. 1838

John Cronwell

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No 25



Common Pleas Court November 8<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Allen Burrum Administrator of Benjamin Armstrong  
Estate in account with Henry H. Marvin  
for services rendered in the Hendricks Common  
Pleas Court in two several cases of Joseph  
Lee <sup>vs Benjamin Armstrong</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~finally~~ <sup>pleading & filing</sup>  
interrogatories and other service and advice  
as attorney at law in and about the defense  
of said suits which said Marvin says is  
worth ten Dollars each case total \$20, 00  
for which services he claims that the said  
sum may be allowed by this Court

H. H. Marvin,

Attorney at law.

Read the above account in  
full of Allen Burrum Administrator of  
Benjamin Armstrongs Estate. This  
11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1858

W. H. Marvin



BENJAMIN ARMSTRONG

ESTATE

1855

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA