

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Archibald Thomas ARMSTRONG 1

**Birth Date:** 4 March 1844

Location: Little Calf Pasture, Augusta County, Virginia

**Death Date:** 1 March 1940

Location: Orange, CA

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: L-53-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 18.52777" W117° 50' 33.42682"

(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location



### Side Served - Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 1ST Cavalry

State: Virginia

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father: Archibald Armstrong**

Birth Date/Location: 23 January 1797, Craigsville, Augusta County, Virginia

Death Date/Location: J17 January 1853, Craigsville, Augusta County, Virginia

**Mother: Elizabeth "Betsey" McCutcheon**

Birth Date/Location: 27 October 1806, [Virginia](#)

Death Date/Location: 18 November 1864, L. C. Pastures, Augusta County, Virginia

### Spouse: Martha Jane "Mattie" Firebaugh

Birth Date / Location: 27 October 1846, Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge County, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 18 June 1927, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 5 September 1871, Rockbridge County, Virginia

### Children –

**Name: Minnie Armstrong (Baxter)**

Birth Date / Location: 18 April 1873, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 17 November 1976, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Berta L. Armstrong**

Birth Date / Location: 17 November 1875, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 24 November 1977, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: William Wallace Armstrong**

Birth Date / Location: 12 August 1877, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 1958, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Frances Armstrong (Tedford)**

Birth Date / Location: 13 August 1879, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 19 January 1978, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Ruth L. Armstrong**

Birth Date / Location: 21 July 1892, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 18 August 1978, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Enlisted 8 December 1861 at Fairfax Court House, Virginia in Co B, Virginia 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment  
Mustered Out 15 July 1864 at Martinsburg, WV

Archibald Armstrong was a well-known farmer and rancher who farmed land in what is now the South Coast Plaza area of Santa Ana. He was neighbors with the Sergestroms. In the early days the area was called Newport and then Greenville.

Archibald Armstrong's wife Martha Firebaugh is the half sister of Virginia Firebaugh wife of Civil War Veteran John Y. Anderson also buried in Orange County.

## Sources

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  - Kerrs Creek, Rockbridge County, Virginia, M593\_1675, Page 442B, Family 128, Line 39 & 40, record for A. T. Armstrong
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## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Photograph of tombstone for Archibald T. Armstrong, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/9/2007. Retrieved 4 June 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal