

that time resided in Jefferson, Texas. Entered the A. and M. College in 1881 and graduated with rank of senior captain in 1886. Immediately upon arrival at home after graduation, commenced the study of law under Camp & McKay, attorneys at Jefferson. Was admitted to the bar in June 1887, soon after which I went to the University of Virginia and took the summer special law course under John B. Minor. Went directly from the University of Virginia to the University of Texas and took the law course there. Returned home and formed a law co-partnership with Hon. G. T. Todd, which lasted until January 1, 1893. In the fall of 1889 was elected county attorney of Marion county. Served two years and was not a candidate for re-election. From 1889 to 1891 was chairman of the democratic executive committee of the Third representative district. In 1891 was appointed city judge of the City of Jefferson by the board of Aldermen of that city. In November 1892 was elected to the legislature to represent the Third district, which position I now hold. In legislature was chairman of the committee on military affairs, and member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 1, Finance, Revenue and Taxation. Was the author of the bill proposing the Australian system of balloting for the entire State.

In 1889 was elected Captain of Jefferson Light Guards, and in 1889 was appointed Adjutant of the Fifth regiment of the T. V. G's., and held successively the offices of adjutant, major and lieutenant colonel, and in 1892 was elected colonel of the Fifth regiment which position I now hold. On February 8, 1893 was married to Miss Fannie Brooks of Jefferson.

M. F. ARMSTRONG.

I am a native Texan, born in Austin county on July 1, 1863. My father, William Tucker Armstrong, was raised in Alabama and his father and mother, who was a Miss Tucker, came from Virginia. My father came to Texas about 1845 and fought in the campaign from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico under General Scott, serving as First Lieutenant. My father married my mother, Miss Margaret E. Francis, in November 1856. My mother is also a native Texan. Her grandfather, Joel Lakey having come to Texas from Louisiana with Austin's colony and settled in Austin county near where we now live. My grandfather Miller Francis came from Missouri about 1832. He fought for Texas' independence and was in the San Jacinto battle.

I was the third child in a family of seven children. I had the advantage of a moderately good country school and in October 1879 attended the A. & M. C. of Texas, and after three years graduated with honor in every department in June 1882. Since then I have taught school two years. One year I taught the country school in my own neighborhood. The next year, 1886, my old friend and teacher Prof. J. W. McNeely, A. M., and the trustees offered me a position in Soule College of Chapel Hill, which I accepted. Gave complete satisfaction to all, but having had the misfortune to lose my father on February 7, 1887, and my other business requiring my attention did not follow the profession after fall of 1887, though offered a very desirable position in the College again, and also at other places.

In the meantime I had formed a partnership with my brother, W. T. Arm-