

Susannah Wells Armstrong
November 2, 1761 - May 29, 1833

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Susannah Wells was born in Maryland on November 2, 1761. On October 28, 1779 she married to James (Trooper) Armstrong, a Revolutionary War patriot from Virginia. They were married at St. Thomas Church, Garrison Forest, Maryland. In 1804, James Armstrong was listed in the tax records for Knox County, Tennessee. After the death of her husband in 1813, Susannah continued to live in Knox County and was listed as a resident in the 1830 U.S. Census.

In 1833, she was visiting her sons and their families in Nashville. At the time Robert Armstrong was serving as the Postmaster and William had just concluded his fourth year as the Mayor of Nashville. On her visit, she became ill and died on May 29th. Two days later her daughter-in-law's father Josiah Nichol died. Both were struck down by the dreaded disease Cholera on its first visit to Nashville. Of 355 deaths during the Year 1833 in Nashville, 174 people died of Cholera. Mrs. Nichol's obituary observed that that she "was in the enjoyment of her usual health on the evening before her death."

Her son Robert died in 1854. Twenty years before, his wife Margaret Nichol Armstrong had preceded him in death. Both are buried in the Josiah Nichol lot at City Cemetery.

In 1835 President Andrew Jackson appointed William Armstrong to be the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Western Territory. He died and was buried in the Choctaw Territory on June 12, 1847. Three years later he was re-buried, next to his wife Nancy, in the Swallow Rock Cemetery, Fort Coffee, Arkansas..

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