

## *Descendants of Chief Tarhe*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE was born Abt. 1743 in Near Detroit, MI, and died Bet. 1816 - 1818 in Cranetown, Upper Sandusky, OH. He married (1) MENOMONEE, daughter of CHEVALIER DURANTE. She was born Abt. 1740. He married (2) SALLY SHARPE. She was born Bef. 1800.

More About CHIEF TARHE:

Military service: 1812, Fought on the American side in the War of 1812

Misc: Member of the Porcupine Clan

Child of CHIEF TARHE and MENOMONEE is:

2. i. PRINCESS MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, b. Bef. 1800.

Child of CHIEF TARHE and SALLY SHARPE is:

ii. UNKNOWN SON OF<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, b. Bef. 1800.

### *Generation No. 2*

2. PRINCESS MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE (*CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bef. 1800. She married ISAAC ZANE. He was born 1753, and died 1816 in Zanesfield, OH.

More About ISAAC ZANE:

Misc: Adopted, white captive

Children of MYEERAH/MYREIAH TARHEE and ISAAC ZANE are:

3. i. SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900; d. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- ii. EBENEZER ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- iii. NANCY ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900; m. WILLIAM MCCULLOCH; b. August 1812, Maugaugon.
4. iv. ELIZABETH ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- v. WILLIAM ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
5. vi. ISAAC ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
6. vii. CATHERINE ZANE, b. Bef. 1800, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; d. 13 October 1851, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

### *Generation No. 3*

3. SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE (*MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bet. 1800 - 1900, and died Bet. 1800 - 1900. She married ROBERT ARMSTRONG in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH. He was born 1775, and died 20 April 1885 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH.

More About SARAH ZANE:

Burial: Municipal Cemetery, Bellfontaine, OH

Notes for ROBERT ARMSTRONG:

The Robert Armstrong Story

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Wyandotte Historical Committee

Robert Armstrong was born in 1775 and was captured in 1783 when he was eight years old by a party of Wyandots and Senecas on the Allegheny River about four miles above Pittsburgh. He was in the company of another white person when he was captured. The other was a grown man, and he was killed. Robert was taken by the Wyandots to the Lower Band and adopted into the Big Turtle Clan. He was named O-No-Ran-Do-Roh,

meaning 'hard scalp', and he became a good hunter.

When Robert was about 20, an old chief told him about his real parents and told him where he could visit them. He decided to go see his mother and his father. He remembered once seeing his father kill a bear in a fight. A warrior guided him to their home. When he arrived, he found his father was dead and that his mother was an invalid. He let her know through an interpreter that he was her lost son. The shock was so great for her that she never recovered. He was still there when she died. He then returned home and married.

Robert married a Wyandotte woman and in 1801 had a son with her. They named him George. Robert later separated from his wife. Robert married a second time to Sarah Zane, a half-Indian daughter of Isaac Zane, and settled at Solomon Town (later known as Logan County, Ohio). Robert became a noted interpreter.

Robert and Sarah Armstrong had four children – Silas, Hannah, John and Catherine. Silas was born in January 1809 and died on December 14, 1865. Hannah was born in January 1810 and died in 1824 while attending the Mission School at Upper Sandusky. John McIntyre Armstrong was born on Oct. 7, 1813, and died March 31, 1852. John married Lucy Bigelow – daughter of a Methodist minister. Catherine married J. T. Dawson and had a son – Robert Armstrong Dawson.

During the War of 1812, Robert Armstrong was a courier for Wm. Henry Harrison. When his wife, Sarah, became the owner of a portion of the Isaac Zane land in 1817, Robert moved to Zanesfield, Ohio, and began building a large brick house. When the walls were completed, he became bankrupt and the house was never finished. After the loss of the land, the Armstrong family moved to the Wyandot Reservation at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. There Robert became one of the outstanding helpers in the Methodist missionary work among the Wyandots.

Robert died on April 20, 1825, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He was buried at a place known as "The Reber Farm" about two miles south of Upper Sandusky. Sarah was buried in the Municipal Cemetery in Bellefontaine, Ohio. [http://www.wyandotte-nation.org/history/readings/robert\\_armstrong.html](http://www.wyandotte-nation.org/history/readings/robert_armstrong.html)

More About ROBERT ARMSTRONG:

Burial: 1885, Reber Farm, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH

Military service: 1812, War of 1812 - Courier for Wm. Henry Harrison

Misc: Adopted, white captive

More About ROBERT ARMSTRONG and SARAH ZANE:

Marriage: Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH

Children of SARAH ZANE and ROBERT ARMSTRONG are:

7. i. SILAS<sup>4</sup> ARMSTRONG, b. January 1809, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; d. 14 December 1865, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.
- ii. HANNAH ARMSTRONG, b. 1810, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; d. 1824, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH.
8. iii. JOHN MCINTYRE ARMSTRONG, b. 07 October 1813, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; d. 11 April 1852, Mansfield, OH.
9. iv. CATHERINE ARMSTRONG, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.

4. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> ZANE (*MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bet. 1800 - 1900. She married (1) UNKNOWN ROBITAILLE. He was born Bet. 1800 - 1900. She married (2) UNKNOWN REED. He was born Bet. 1800 - 1900.

Children of ELIZABETH ZANE and UNKNOWN ROBITAILLE are:

- i. JAMES<sup>4</sup> ROBITAILLE, b. Bet. 1820 - 1900.
- ii. ROBERT ROBITAILLE, b. Bet. 1820 - 1900, Adopted, white captive.

More About ROBERT ROBITAILLE:

Misc: Lived near Quindaro

Children of ELIZABETH ZANE and UNKNOWN REED are:

- iii. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup> ROBITAILLE, b. Bet. 1820 - 1900.
- iv. ELIZA ROBITAILLE, b. Bet. 1820 - 1900.

5. ISAAC<sup>3</sup> ZANE (*MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bet. 1800 - 1900. He married HANNAH DICKINSON. She was born Bet. 1800 - 1900.

Children of ISAAC ZANE and HANNAH DICKINSON are:

- i. NOAH<sup>4</sup> ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- ii. HESTER ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- iii. HANNAH ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- iv. ELIZA ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- v. JOHN WESLEY ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.
- vi. ISAAC ZANE, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.

6. CATHERINE<sup>3</sup> ZANE (*MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bef. 1800 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH, and died 13 October 1851 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. She married ALEXANDER LONG. He was born Bet. 1740 - 1770.

More About CATHERINE ZANE:

Burial: 1851, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

More About ALEXANDER LONG:

Military service: 1812, War of 1812`

Children of CATHERINE ZANE and ALEXANDER LONG are:

- i. IRVIN P.<sup>4</sup> LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- ii. JANE LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- iii. ETHAN LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- iv. HENRY CLAY LONG, b. October 1793, Ohio; d. 1886, California; m. UNKNOWN HUNTER; b. Bet. 1790 - 1900.

More About HENRY CLAY LONG:

Burial: 1886, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

- v. MARY LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- vi. ISAAC LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- vii. JANUS LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.
- viii. WILLIAM LONG, b. Bet. 1770 - 1800.

#### *Generation No. 4*

7. SILAS<sup>4</sup> ARMSTRONG (*SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE, MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born January 1809 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH, and died 14 December 1865 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. He married (1) ZELINDA HUNTER. She was born 03 December 1820, and died 10 February 1883 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. He married (2) SARAH PRESTON 08 October 1832. She was born 1811, and died 09 February 1842.

Notes for SILAS ARMSTRONG:

THE RESIDENTS IN 1855-6.

Surveyor General Calhoun was away much of the time - when officially at Wyandotte he stopped at the Gillis House in Kansas City, Missouri.

Robert L. Ream, chief clerk, with his family, lived with Silas Armstrong.

George C. Van Zandt and family lived in Isaac Zane's ("Blind Isaac") one story brick house, near the intersection of Seventeenth street and Haskell avenue.

Oliver Diefendorf and wife stopped with D. V. Clement in a two story frame house located about four hundred

feet north of Virginia avenue and Sixth street.

Colonel William Wear lived in a tent near Jersey creek between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Samuel Parsons boarded with Joel Walker on the northwest corner of Third street and Washington avenue.

Governor William Walker lived in a one story frame and log house on the west side of Hallock avenue about four hundred feet north of Virginia avenue.

Joel Walker lived on the northwest corner of Third street and Washington avenue and there was a cabin about two hundred feet southeast of his residence where his negro man and wife stayed.

Matthew R. Walker lived in a one story brick house where the Baptist Theological Seminary now stands.

Isaiah Walker lived between Ninth and Tenth streets near Freeman avenue.

Silas Armstrong lived in an eight room, two story brick house on the northwest corner of Fifth street and Minnesota avenue.

Lucy B. Armstrong lived near Sixth street, extended, between Walker and New Jersey avenue.

Hannah Armstrong lived near Eighth street about where St. Margaret's hospital now stands.

Mathias Splitlog lived near Barnett avenue and Dugarro avenue,

Clay Long lived between Thirteenth and Fourteenth on the south side of Tauromee avenue.

Isaac Brown's home was on the southeast corner of Fourth street and State avenue.

Matilda Hick's was on the north side of the Quindaro Boulevard between Eighth and Ninth street.

George I. Clark's home was three hundred feet north of the Quindaro boulevard between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

Isaac Zane ("Blind Isaac") lived near where Seventeenth street and Haskell avenue cross.

Jared S. Dawson on the southeast corner of Cleveland and Tenth streets.

Charles B. Garrett on the east side of Seventh street, one hundred and twenty feet north of Chelsea Park "L" road.

D. V. Clement on the west side of Sixth street four hundred feet north of Virginia avenue.

"Irish" Mary near Third street and State avenue.

H. M. Northrup lived in Minnesota avenue, near the south side, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Lucy Charloe lived about Fifteenth street and Parallel avenue.

John Barnett lived near Seventeenth street and Reynolds avenue.

There was a blacksmith shop near Third and Nebraska avenue. The Wyandot Indian council house was on the east side of Fourth street, between State and Nebraska avenues. There was a small cabin on bank of the river at the foot of Ann avenue where ferrymen stopped. These houses with the surveyor general's office and "Catfish Hotel" were all the houses and the families of those mentioned as occupying them, were all the inhabitants, that were at Wyandotte in the winter of 1855-6. The surveyor general's office was moved to Wyandotte in August, 1855, and from there to Lecompton, in 1857.

Home at 5th & Minnesota later bought by Eldridge Family of Lawrence and made into a hotel. Burned after the

Civil War.

1858 - Legislature of 1858 granted a charter to Silas Armstrong, W Y Roberts, S W Eldridge, James McGrew and James D Chestnut, to operate a ferry across the Missouri river under the name of the Wyandott City Ferry Company for 21 years.

More About SILAS ARMSTRONG:

Burial: 1865, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

More About ZELINDA HUNTER:

Burial: 1883, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

More About SILAS ARMSTRONG and SARAH PRESTON:

Marriage: 08 October 1832

Children of SILAS ARMSTRONG and ZELINDA HUNTER are:

- i. CATHERINE<sup>5</sup> ARMSTRONG, b. 15 June 1843, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; m. UNKNOWN SHAFFENBERG; b. Bet. 1800 - 1825.
- ii. MINARRH C. ARMSTRONG, b. 12 July 1846, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.
- iii. DUNCIN ARMSTRONG, b. 23 January 1849, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; d. 22 February 1850, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.
- iv. MCINTYRE ARMSTRONG, b. 15 July 1852.
- v. ELIZABETH U. ARMSTRONG, b. 27 November 1854, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

Children of SILAS ARMSTRONG and SARAH PRESTON are:

- vi. TABITHA<sup>5</sup> ARMSTRONG, b. 06 February 1834, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; m. (1) E. T. VEDDER, 05 August 1856; d. January 1867; m. (2) SEYMOUR THORN/THOMAS, 1870; b. 1840, New York.

More About E. VEDDER and TABITHA ARMSTRONG:

Marriage: 05 August 1856

Notes for SEYMOUR THORN/THOMAS:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/wyandott/history/1911/volume1/262.html#026501>

In a cottage at No. 527 Central avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, resides one of the oldest living descendants of the Wyandot Indians. She is Mrs. Tabitha N. Thomas, a widow and a daughter of Silas Armstrong, the Wyandot Indian chief. Silas Armstrong came west from Ohio in 1843. Mrs. Thomas was then ten years old. Her father built a log cabin on the north bank of Jersey creek, now Seventh street and Virginia avenue. At the celebration of her seventy-sixth birthday Mrs. Thomas gathered around her a circle of eleven friends who heard her tell of the early days in old Wyandotte. They were greatly interested as they listened to her remarkable narrative of the Wyandot Indians' invasion of Kansas.

"What is now Kansas City, Kansas, in those days was a solid wilderness," she said. "We crossed the Kaw river at the mouth, which was then near the Armour packing plant. It took us more than an hour to paddle across the stream. The current was swift and the river was much wider than it is now. Then we climbed the hill on the crest of which Minnesota avenue now lies. It was a long and hard climb, but when we reached the summit we could get a fine view of the valley beneath us. My father was so impressed with the sight that he immediately decided to settle there."

More About SEYMOUR THORN/THOMAS and TABITHA ARMSTRONG:

Marriage: 1870

- vii. ROBERT ARMSTRONG, b. 19 August 1835, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH; d. 15 July 1858, Kansas River, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

More About ROBERT ARMSTRONG:

Burial: 1858, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

- viii. CAROLINE ARMSTRONG, b. December 1837, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH.
- ix. WINFIELD SCOTT ARMSTRONG, b. 01 December 1840, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH.
- x. SILAS ARMSTRONG, b. 01 February 1842, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH.

**8.** JOHN MCINTYRE<sup>4</sup> ARMSTRONG (*SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE, MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born 07 October 1813 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH, and died 11 April 1852 in Mansfield, OH. He married LUCY BIGELOW 20 February 1838 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH, daughter of REV. RUSSELL BIGELOW. She was born 31 July 1818 in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH, and died 01 January 1892 in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

Notes for JOHN MCINTYRE ARMSTRONG:

First to build a house in the "Wyandot Purchase". Taught the first public school in KS, built on 4th Street between State Avenue and Nebraska in Kansas City, KS.

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/wyandott/history/1911/volume1/68.html#006902>

John McIntyre Armstrong is said to have been the first of the Wyandots to erect a dwelling, although he was only a few days in advance of others in completing it. It was built of logs and stood about fifty yards northeast of what is now the intersection of Fifth street and Freeman avenue. It was occupied by the Armstrong family until 1847. A more imposing residence was built among forest trees on the sloping hillside about one hundred and fifty yards to the southwest of the Fifth street freight depot of the Kansas City-Northwestern Railroad, and for many years it was the center of culture and religious influence. While John McIntyre Armstrong was a man of education, his wife, Lucy B. Armstrong - the daughter of the Rev. Russell Biglow, one of the early Methodist missionary preachers in Ohio - was a Christian woman of refinement and influence.

More About JOHN MCINTYRE ARMSTRONG:

Burial: 1852, Municipal Cemetery, Bellfontaine, OH

Misc: 1844, Jul 1 - opened 1st free public school in KS - on 4th St bet. State and Nebraska

More About LUCY BIGELOW:

Burial: 1892, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

More About JOHN ARMSTRONG and LUCY BIGELOW:

Marriage: 20 February 1838, Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte Co., OH

Children of JOHN ARMSTRONG and LUCY BIGELOW are:

- i. ETHAN MCINTYRE<sup>5</sup> ARMSTRONG, b. 24 August 1839.
- ii. CAROLINE AMELIA MEAD ARMSTRONG, b. 09 August 1841; m. L. L. HARTMAN, 02 September 1862; b. Abt. 1840.

More About L. HARTMAN and CAROLINE ARMSTRONG:

Marriage: 02 September 1862

10. iii. RUSSELL BIGELOW ARMSTRONG, b. 20 October 1843.
- iv. HENRY JACQUIS ARMSTRONG, b. 06 May 1846.
- v. ELLEN CLARISSA GURLEY ARMSTRONG, b. 09 August 1848; m. JAMES EDWIN HOWIE, 25 August 1871; b. Bet. 1840 - 1848.

More About JAMES HOWIE and ELLEN ARMSTRONG:

Marriage: 25 August 1871

- vi. WILLIAM SILAS ARMSTRONG, b. 30 January 1851; d. 26 March 1851, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

More About WILLIAM SILAS ARMSTRONG:

Burial: 1851, Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS

**9.** CATHERINE<sup>4</sup> ARMSTRONG (*SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE, MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup> TARHE*) was born Bet. 1800 - 1900. She married T. J. DAWSON. He was born Bet. 1800 - 1900.

Child of CATHERINE ARMSTRONG and T. DAWSON is:

- i. ROBERT ARMSTRONG<sup>5</sup> DAWSON, b. Bet. 1825 - 1875.

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**10.** RUSSELL BIGELOW<sup>5</sup> ARMSTRONG (*JOHN MCINTYRE<sup>4</sup>, SARAH<sup>3</sup> ZANE, MYEERAH/MYREIAH<sup>2</sup> TARHEE, CHIEF<sup>1</sup>*

*TARHE*) was born 20 October 1843. He married RACHEL BROWN 17 May 1868. She died Bet. 1800 - 1900.

More About RUSSELL ARMSTRONG and RACHEL BROWN:

Marriage: 17 May 1868

Child of RUSSELL ARMSTRONG and RACHEL BROWN is:

- i. ANNA<sup>6</sup> ARMSTRONG, b. Bet. 1800 - 1900; m. CHARLES YOUNGMAN; b. Bet. 1800 - 1900.