

ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL JOSEPH



EARLY LIFE

Feb 1, 1889

Born in King Township, Ontario to George and Marcella (Thornton) Armstrong.

1891 Census

Age 2

At the age of 2, Samuel Joseph Armstrong lived in Etobicoke, Ontario with George Armstrong as the head of house (father, age 38), Marcella Armstrong (mother, age 36), Anne Armstrong (sister, age 15), Marcella Armonstrong (sister, age 13), George Armstrong (brother, age 11), Francis Armstrong (brother, age 9), William Armstrong (brother, age 7), Julia Armstrong (sister, age 3), Robert Aller (lodger, age 40) and George Arnold (lodger, age 40).

1901 Census

Age 12

Lived in Etobicoke, Ontario with George Armstrong (head of house – father, age 48), Marcella Armstrong (mother, age 46), George Armstrong (brother, age 22) and Francis Armstrong (brother, age 19).

MILITARY SERVICE

Dec 16, 1916

Attested to the 123rd Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 766118
- **Present address:** 25 River Street, Toronto, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** George Armstrong (Father) of King, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Steamfitter
- **Married:** No
- **Previous Military experience:** No
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 26 years, 10 months
 - **Height:** 5'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ''
 - **Complexion:** Dark
 - **Eyes:** Grey
 - **Hair:** Black
 - **Distinctive marks:** Scar on left collar bone

April 10, 1917

Age 31

Suffered a gunshot wound in his right buttock.

Aug 28, 1918

Age 31

Left arm amputated because of a gunshot wound.

Jun 3, 1919

Age 33

Samuel Armstrong (age 30) married Jane Hilliard (age 30), daughter of James and Sarah (Garttan) Hilliard of North York, Ontario.

Dec 4, 1919

Age 33

Private Samuel Joseph Armstrong was discharged because he was medically unfit. He was in the service for 3 years and 336 days.

AFTER THE WAR

Dec, 7 1951

Age 62

Samuel Joseph Armstrong died in house at 8th Line in King Township, Ontario. He is buried in St. Patrick's, Lloydtown, Ontario.

MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches

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IN THE NEWS

Obituary

The Toronto Star

Saturday, December 8, 1951 pg. 31

ARMSTRONG, Samuel John -- At his home, 8th Line, King township, on Friday, Dec. 7, 1951, Samuel John Armstrong, beloved husband of Jennie Hilliard, in his 63rd year, dear father of Edward and George. Resting at his home. Funeral on Monday to St. Patrick's church, Schomberg, for requiem mass at 10 a.m. Interment St. Patrick's cemetery, Lloydtown.