



Rev. W.L. (Parson) Jones married Lizzie, the daughter of Col. Armstrong, in 1898. Visitors at Armstrong Grove near Guerneville have admired the giant redwood named in honor of Parson Jones. Photos from Harry Lapham collection.

ARMSTRONG GROVE IS HIS LEGACY

COLONEL DEFIED THE REBELS, LEFT A REDWOOD TREASURE

This is an excerpt from the book *Colonel James B. Armstrong: His Family and His Legacy* (Guerneville, Calif., Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, 2008), \$20 (est.), authors Carmen J. Finley and Doris M. Dickenson.

James Boydston Armstrong was a man of many talents and a variety

of careers. Born August 20, 1824 in Wayne Co., Ohio, he moved to Urbana, Ohio, as a child and lived there for almost fifty years.

James was elected county surveyor at age 21 and later became county treasurer. He also designed a bridge, drew the first map of Wayne County, and drew the first map for the railroad between Dayton and Columbus, Ohio.

He also was a journalist before his marriage to Eleanor Wilson.

James and Eleanor had two children, Elizabeth, known throughout her life as Lizzie, and a son, Walter, before he went to California as a journalist on assignment in 1856. His third child, daughter Kate, was born after his return.

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