although the Armstrong Clan received what was expected to be a death blow in 1530 when James 5th of Scotland treatherously betrayed and hung a number of the Clan chiefs especially John Armstrong laird of Gilnorhie known as the border King the Clan soon recovered because it is recorded that in the year 1588 the Armstrongs clan defied the Earl of Angus head of the Douglas Clan and warden of Liddisdale, because he was a partie with James 5th in sending the ~~base~~ letter that traped the Laird of Gilnorhie causing his death along with a number of the clan in 1530

In the year 1376 Sir James Douglas ~~[illegible]~~ who married a daughter of Robt. 2nd of Scotland mentions in a list of Squires and landowner a number of Armstrong's this Douglas raided England with a numerous following of the border Clans and was killed at the battle of Otterburn also special mention is given to a John Armstrong who was ~~[illegible]~~ killed at this battle see History of Northumberland Vol. 2 page 128

In the year 1482 Nov 2nd Thomas Armstrong of his ~~own~~ free will without force or fear resigned his lands of Manqerton to the Earl of Angus (a Douglas) the said Earl of Angus on Nov. 12th 1482 transferred said lands of Manqerton to David Scott ancestor to the present Duke of ~~Buccleuch~~ see Scotts of Buccleuch Vol. 2 page 77-78-80