In the rebellion headed by the 9th Earl of Douglas in the year 1455 the Armstrong Clan declined to fight against the King nor would they fight against the Douglas Clan although Douglas had an army of 40.000 he was overthrown –

The above mentioned Earl of Douglas son of the well known Sir James who married the daughter of King Robert 2nd of Scotland

In the year 1610 Archibold Armstrong laird of Mangerton was ordered to appear before the Scottish Council in January. he declined to appear, and with his branch of the clan made a raid on the lands and Castle of the Earl of Home after much trouble his lands in 1632 were confiscated by the crown and are now in the possession of Scott Duke of Buccleuch

From 1500 to the year 1530 John Armstrong laird of Gilnockie Castle was well known as the Scottish border King see Keiths History of the S. Borders also Hume Browns history of Scotland also Lang's history of the Scottish Borders page 189 and 194 on June 8th 1530 James 5th King of Scotland wrote inviting Armstrong to meet him on the Borders near Jedburgh accepting the invitation in good faith Armstrong with a number of his followers appeared were trapped and hung on trees, all history's of Scotland record this foul deed also many poems appeared describing this meeting between King James and the Armstrong chief one poet tells us that Scotlands heart was never so sore to see so many good men die