

the same John PHILLIPS enumerated in the 1790 census above. Per the New Hampshire birth records, John PHILLIPS, son of Amos and Abigail PHILLIPS, was born 18 March 1760 in Dunstable Township, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. Further research may reveal a relationship between this John and the Joseph PHILLIPS who is the subject of this paper.

A secondary source, *History of Plymouth New Hampshire, Genealogies Vol II*; Ezra S. Stears; p. 527-531 lists the family of Seth PHILLIPS and Lydia, from Groton, Massachusetts. Amos PHILLIPS 1719-1801 is listed as a son of Seth and Lydia, along with their family.

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1. Seth PHILLIPS and wife Lydia lived in Groton, Mass, where ten children were born from 1717 to 1736.
2. Amos PHILLIPS, son of Seth (1), b. Oct. 27, 1719: baptized Apr 24, 1720. He removed to Dunstable before 1745 and there res. over twenty years. He was one of the grantees of Plymouth, and removed to this town, locating at Lower Intervale, 1767. He was an industrious, frugal farmer and a respected townsman. He m. 1746 Abigail Dodge (intentions in Lunenburg, Mass., Feb 8, 1745/46). She was b. in Topsfield, Mass., Dec. 6, 1724, dau. of Noah and Margaret (Crockett) Dodge, of Topsfield, and later of Lunenburg. She was a sister of the wife of Gershm Hobart. He d. Oct. 25, 1801. She d. Feb 15, 1808. The births of seven children are recorded in Dunstable: there is no record of the birth of Abigail and of the three youngest children.
 - i. Sarah, b. May 12 1747, m. Jacob Marsh [Per MA birth records, Sarah, daughter of Amos and Abigail, was born 12 May 1747 in Dunstable, Middlesex, MA].
 - ii. Amos, b. Aug. 3, 1749, was taxed in Plymouth, 1784 to 1790, when he removed to Hancock. He removed, 1803, from Hancock to Vermont. [Per MA birth records, Amos, son of Amos and Abigail was born 3 Aug. 1749 in Dunstable, Middlesex, MA].
 - iii. Benjamin, twin, b. Aug 3, 1749 [Per MA birth records, Benjamin, son of Amos and Abigail was born 3 August 1749 in Dunstable, Middlesex, MA].
 - iv. Noah, b. Oct 31, 1753 [Per NH birth records, Noah, son of Amos and Abigail was born 31 Oct. 1753 in Dunstable, Hillsboro NH].
 - v. Abigail b. 1756. m. John Brown, son of Dr. John. [No birth record found in MA or NH].
 - vi. Seth, b. Mar 5, 1758, d. young. [Per NH birth records, Seth, son of Amos and Abigail was born 5 March 1758 in Dunstable, Hillsboro, NH].
 - vii. John, b. Mar 18, 1760 [Per NH birth records, John, son of Amos and Abigail was born 18 March 1760 in Dunstable, Hillsboro, NH].
 - viii. Nehemiah, b. Mar 3, 1762 [Per NH birth records, Nehemiah, son of Amos and Abigail was born 3 March 1762 in Dunstable, Hillsboro, NH].
 - ix. Paul Dodge, b. 1763. Was honored citizen of Danville, VT., and the founder of Phillips Academy, of Danville. He lived and was taxed in Plymouth until 1790. [Per VT death records, Paul D. PHILLIPS, born 1766, died 22 January 1840 in Danville, VT].
 - x. Joseph, b. 1768. m. 1801, Polly Stanton, b. Sept. 26, 1773, dau of Isaac W. and Ruth (Ayer) Stanton, of Holderness. He lived in Plymouth, Danville, Vt., and Coburg, P. Q. Five children. [No record of birth can be located for a Joseph PHILLIPS, son of Amos and Abigail].

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xi. ^{"Mary"} **Molly**, b. 1771, m. Nov 17, 1791, Jacob Fellows, of Bridgewater. In Bridgewater records he is styled Ensign. Three children b. in Bridgewater. (1) Mary (2) Sally (3) Jacob [No record of birth can be located for a Molly PHILLIPS, daughter of Amos and Abigail].

If this listing is correct, then the Amos, John, Joseph, and Paul D. PHILLIPS enumerated in the 1790 census are likely all children of Amos PHILLIPS and Abigail DODGE. Although Joseph and Polly are placed in "Coburg, P.Q.", Cobourg, Upper Canada would be more correct, as in 1791 Quebec, a colony in British North America, was divided into Upper and Lower Canada. Upper Canada became Ontario. Thus "Coburg, P.Q." should be Cobourg, Upper Canada.

At present, there appears to be no representation of this PHILLIPS family in the Phillips DNA Project. Joseph and Polly reportedly had five children, possibly including at least one male child. It would be interesting if a living male descendant from this PHILLIPS family would come forward and agree to submit a test for Y-DNA.

Guest Column

Man traces ancestry to 1st English King - So what?

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The wire services recently carried a story about a man who traced his ancestry to King Egbert of England as well as all of the royal houses of Europe. The article makes it sound like something rather unusual. My question is, "So what? Almost everyone else theoretically can do the same."

We all have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and so on. To determine the number of ancestors you have, all you have to do is grab a calculator and determine how many generations you wish to go back. That should easy. Or is it?

For instance, here is a simple chart showing the number of ancestors you have, assuming an average of one generation every twenty-five years:

Number of generations	Approximate years	Ancestors in this generation	Total ancestors
1	25	2	2
2	50	4	6
3	75	8	14
4	100	16	30
5	125	32	62

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