

A Complete Genealogy Report For

**LADDIE J PHILLIPS**

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+Cecelia Wackuth "Celia" Mudge<sup>5</sup>

└── William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>2</sup>

+Gertrude M Livesay<sup>3</sup>

└── William Richard Phillips<sup>1</sup>

## 2. DIRECT RELATIONS

### Generation of Grandchildren

1. WILLIAM RICHARD PHILLIPS (Laddie's grandson via an adoption,) was born in 1910 to William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>2</sup> and Gertrude M Livesay<sup>3</sup>.

### Generation of Children

2. WILLIAM THADEUS "BUTCH" PHILLIPS (Laddie's son), also recorded as William Mudge and George Cassidy, was born on 22 June 1865 in Sandusky, Sanilac Co, MI to Laddie J Phillips<sup>4</sup> and Cecelia Wackuth "Celia" Mudge<sup>5</sup>. William became generally known as "Butch". Between 1908 and 1937, from the age of about 43, he was a Mechanical Engineer. Butch died on 20 July 1937, aged 72, of Rectal Cancer, in Broadacres, Spangle, Spokane, WA.



Note: *William Thadeus Phillips was born in Sandusky, Sanilac Co., Michigan on June 22, 1865 to Celia Mudge and Laddie J. Phillips. Gertrude Phillips, his widow, stated that "both she and her late husband had known Butch Cassidy, but that William T. Phillips was not the famous outlaw from Utah. Instead, she wrote, Phillips had been born and raised in an eastern state until he reached the age of 14 years, at which time (owing to dime novel influence) he ran away and headed for the Black Hills [along the South Dakota/Wyoming state line]. She wrote that Phillips had met Butch Cassidy at the time of the Johnson County War [1892 in Johnson County, Wyoming where the Hole-in-the-Wall hang-out for the robbers is located]. He thought he knew Cassidy very, very well ....." (Meadows, pages 115 & 123)*

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*Actually, Robert LeRoy Parker, better known as Butch Cassidy, was part of an infamous group of train and bank robbers, called the Wild Bunch.*

*SPOKANE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, July 22, 1937, p. 13*

*William T Phillips Obituary*

*His home was at W828 Glass. He was a member of Oriental Lodge No. 74 F & A. M and Scottish Rite bodies. He was a consulting engineer. Husband of Gertrude, at the home, father of William Richard Phillips of Spokane.*

*Funeral Thurs., July 22, at 7:30 p.m. from the Alwin Chapel at the Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home. Cremation will follow.*

*William Mudge or Phillips, which would have been the son of Celia, born in 1865, has not been found in the 1870-1930 Michigan Census.*

3. GERTRUDE M LIVESAY (Laddie's daughter-in-law) was born in 1875 in Morenci, Monroe Co, MI to Richard M Livesay and Mary J Locke. Gertrude died on 16 April 1959, aged about 83, in Spokane, Spokane Co, WA. William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>2</sup>, aged 42, married Gertrude M Livesay, aged about 32, on 14 May 1908 in Adrian, Lenawee Co, MI. They assumed parenthood of one son: William Richard Phillips<sup>1</sup> by adoption

*Note: Marriage witnesses were Alice C Corbett and Lila M Corbett Married by Dwight H Ramsdell, Minister.*

*William T Phillips was previously married, unknown wife.*

Generation of Peers

## 4. LADDIE J PHILLIPS (The subject of this report).

Note: "Laddie" may have been William J. Phillips who was never married to Celia Mudge. Laddie & Celia were claimed to be the parents of William T Phillips on his marriage and death certificates.

## 5. CECELIA WACKUTH "CELIA" MUDGE (Laddie's via a relationship), also recorded as Celia Wackum Mudge and Delia Mudge, was born on 20 October 1852 in Sanilac Co or Monroe Co, MI to Stephen Meddaugh Mudge and Margaret E Elder. Cecelia became generally known as "Celia". Celia died on 8 April 1916, aged 63, in Levi Bardwell farm, Sanilac Co, MI. She was buried in April 1916 in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City, Tuscola Co, MI.



Notes:

- Note per Dale Randall  
William Thadeus Phillips b:06-22-1865 d:07-20-1937  
claimed that he was Butch Cassidy & that he was her son. (probably not true).

*Celia Wackum (Mudge) Snell Obituary in  
CASS CITY CHRONICLE newspaper  
CASS CITY, MICH., FRIDAY, APRIL, 14 1916*

*MRS, CELIA SNELL*

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*For Thirty Years a Resident in and near Cass City.*  
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*The funeral services of Mrs. Celia Snell, who died on Saturday, April 8, were held from the M. E. church on Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment was made in Elkland cemetery.*

*Celia Mudge was born October 20, 1852, at Monroe, Michigan. She was married to Hezekiah Snell at Tyre on February 1, 1873. The family have made their home at various places but for the past thirty years have lived in or near Cass City, so the deceased is no stranger to people of this vicinity. Mr. Snell died 13 years ago at Minden City but his body is interred in Elkland cemetery. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snell, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. C. W. Houghton, Mrs. C. A. Fay and Mrs. John Atfield of Detroit, Mrs. W. R. Weber of Minden City, Mrs. A. H. Stone of Gilford and Roy Snell, who with the mother, had recently moved to the Levi Bardwell farm, where Mrs. Snell's death occurred.*

*Deceased has been a faithful attendant of the M. E. church and was a kind and willing neighbor and friend, who is mourned by a host of friends as well as her family. Two sisters, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Thibodeau, of Marine City survive her.*

*Note: by Dale Randall*

*Her brother Sylvester Mudge was also still alive and lived in Idaho until 1929.*

- Other possible names: Delia, Cecelia, Ceciela, Wakath (Name).
- Celia was 18 per 1870 Census (Name).
- Delia was 10 per 1860 Census (Name).

Laddie J Phillips<sup>4</sup> married Cecelia Wackuth "Celia" Mudge, aged about 11, about 1864. They had one son: William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>2</sup> in 1865

Note: Their is NO MARRIAGE RECORD of Laddie J Phillips being married to Celia Mudge. Their are no BIRTH, CENSUS, or DEATH RECORDS for Laddie J Phillips.

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Hezekiah George Snell<sup>o</sup>, aged 38, married Cecelia Wackuth "Celia" Mudge, aged 22, on 1 February 1875 in Minden City near Tyre, Sanilac Co, MI. They had seven children:

Mable Snell in 1874

Clarissa A "Clara" Snell in 1876

Catherine E "Kittie" Snell in 1879

Bessie Pearl Snell in 1883

Laura May Snell in 1886

George Leroy "Roy" Snell in 1889

Gladys Norine Snell in 1893

*Note: Celia Obituary placed marriage at Tyre on Feb 01, 1873*

*Actual Michigan Marriage Record indicates at Minden on Feb 01, 1875.*