

A Complete Genealogy Report For

**WILLIAM J PHILLIPS**

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## 4. DIRECT RELATIONS

### Generation of Grandchildren

1. WILLIAM RICHARD PHILLIPS (William's grandson, via 2 adoptions,) was born in 1910 to William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>7</sup> and Gertrude M Livesay<sup>8</sup>.

### Generation of Children

2. ALONZO PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in 1860 in Ontario, Canada to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
3. ELLA MAE ALVORD (William's daughter-in-law).  
Alonzo Phillips<sup>2</sup> married Ella Mae Alvord.
4. WILLIAM JOHN PHILLIPS (William's son) was born on 16 October 1862 in Forester Twp, Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>. William died on 26 April 1927, aged 64, in Forester Twp, Sanilac Co, MI. He was buried on 29 April 1927 in Downing Cemetery, Deckerville, Sanilac Co, MI.
5. LILLIAN VIOLA SHERWOOD (William's daughter-in-law) was born on 22 August 1870 in Chatham, Ont, Canada. Lillian died on 7 August 1925, aged 54, in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co, MI. She was buried on 9 August 1925 in Downing Cemetery, Deckerville, Sanilac Co, MI.  
William John Phillips<sup>4</sup>, aged 25, married Lillian Viola Sherwood, aged 17, on 5 May 1888 in Sanilac Co, MI.
6. MELISSA ANNE PHILLIPS (William's daughter) was born in 1864 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
7. WILLIAM THADEUS "BUTCH" PHILLIPS (William's son via an adoption,), also recorded as William Mudge and George Cassidy, was born on 22 June 1865 in Sandusky, Sanilac Co, MI to Laddie J Phillips and Cecelia Wackuth "Celia" Mudge. 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)*

*"Bob Phillips of Sandusky, Michigan said that his great grandfather, William J. Phillips reared (and may even have sired the imposter. He said his great grandparents lived across the street from Celia Mudge's family. Upon noticing that thirteen year old Celia was unable to provide proper care for her illegitimate son, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips - who had 15 children of their own - volunteered to take the baby in and give him a name (as well as the nickname "Butch") The boy lived with his adoptive family until he was fourteen, then went north to work in logging camps. After throwing an axe at a man during a fight, "Butch" Phillips lit out for the West, and his family never saw him again." (Meadows, pages 126 & 127)*

*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.*

8. GERTRUDE M LIVESAY (William's daughter-in-law via an adoption,) 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>7</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.*

9. DUNCAN PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in 1866 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
10. EPHRAIM WELLINGTON PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in 1867 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
11. GEORGE PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in 1869 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
12. ROBERT ARTHUR PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in 1871 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
13. MARY PHILLIPS (William's daughter) was born in 1873 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
14. FRED A PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in July 1875 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
15. PRISCILLA PHILLIPS (William's daughter) was born in 1875 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
16. EDGAR F PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in January 1878 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
17. EMERSON PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in February 1879 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.
18. ELMER R PHILLIPS (William's son) was born in May 1880 in Bridgehampton Twp, Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>. Elmer died in 1966, aged about 86, in Farwell, Surrey Twp, Clare Co, MI.
19. JESSIE SAMANTHA FRIZZELL (William's daughter-in-law) was born on 14 June 1883 in Surrey, Clare Co, MI. Jessie died on 21 March 1980, aged 96, in Deckerville, Sanilac Co, MI.  
Elmer R Phillips<sup>18</sup>, aged 24, married Jessie Samantha Frizzell, aged 20, on 17 May 1904 in Farwell, Clare Co, MI.
20. FLORA MABEL PHILLIPS (William's daughter) was born in February 1882 in Dowington, Bridgehampton Twp, Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>. Flora died on 20 February 1939, aged 57, in Detroit, Wayne Co, MI.
21. DAVID GERNARD CAMPBELL (William's son-in-law) was born on 2 May 1880 in Dowington, Bridgehampton Twp, Sanilac, MI. David died on 17 December 1944, aged 64, in Detroit, Wayne Co, MI.  
David Gernard Campbell, aged 22, married Flora Mabel Phillips<sup>20</sup>, aged 20, on 30 July 1902 in Bridgehampton Twp, Sanilac Co, MI.
22. PHYLURA PHILLIPS (William's daughter) was born in April 1885 in Sanilac Co, MI to William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> and Mary McClellan<sup>24</sup>.

### Generation of Peers

23. WILLIAM J PHILLIPS (The subject of this report) was born on 23 May 1836 in Essex, Ontario, Canada to Peter Phillips<sup>25</sup> and Elizabeth Nevels<sup>26</sup>. In 1900, aged about 64, he was a Farmer, Carsonville Village, Bridgehampton Twp, Sanilac Co, MI. William died on 15 September 1935, aged 99, in Sandusky, Sanilac, MI.



*Note: He may have fathered and raised William Thadeous "Butch" Phillips.*

24. MARY MCCLELLAN (William's wife), also recorded as Mary McLelland, was born in May 1840 in Ontario, Canada. William J Phillips<sup>23</sup>, aged 23, married Mary McClellan, aged 19, on 24 May 1859 in Ekfrid Middlesex Co, Ont, Canada. They had fifteen children, and assumed parenthood of another one:

Alonzo Phillips<sup>2</sup> in 1860  
William John Phillips<sup>4</sup> in 1862  
Melissa Anne Phillips<sup>6</sup> in 1864  
William Thadeus "Butch" Phillips<sup>7</sup> by fostering  
Duncan Phillips<sup>9</sup> in 1866  
Ephraim Wellington Phillips<sup>10</sup> in 1867  
George Phillips<sup>11</sup> in 1869  
Robert Arthur Phillips<sup>12</sup> in 1871  
Mary Phillips<sup>13</sup> in 1873  
Fred A Phillips<sup>14</sup> in 1875  
Priscilla Phillips<sup>15</sup> in 1875  
Edgar F Phillips<sup>16</sup> in 1878  
Emerson Phillips<sup>17</sup> in 1879  
Elmer R Phillips<sup>18</sup> in 1880  
Flora Mabel Phillips<sup>20</sup> in 1882  
Phylura Phillips<sup>22</sup> in 1885  
*Note: Married by Rev. R. Sutherland.*

#### Generation of Parents

25. PETER PHILLIPS (William's father) was born in 1786 in NJ.
26. ELIZABETH NEVELS (William's mother) was born in Canada.  
Peter Phillips<sup>25</sup> married Elizabeth Nevels in Canada. They had one son:  
William J Phillips<sup>23</sup> in 1836