

THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

WILLIAM THOMAS PHILLIPS was born in Dondee, Scotland, before the American Revolution. He was married there December 24, 1782, but his wife's name is unknown. There were thirteen children born to this marriage; some of the children came to North Carolina in America. No record has been found of when or how many of the family came to the new country.

His children were:

1. Aaron Phillips June 4, 1783
2. Robert Morris Philips Jan. 25, 1785
3. William Wadsworth Phillips Mar. 14, 1787
4. Walter Scott Phillips May 15, 1789
5. John Hancock Phillips July 4, 1791
6. Louise Phillips Aug. 31, 1793 m. _____ Pilgrim
7. Moses Alexander Phillips June 4, 1795
8. Patrick Henry Phillips July 4, 1797
9. Elizabeth "Betsy" Phillips Aug. 10, 1799 m. _____ Johnson
10. JAMES FAIR PHILLIPS b. between 1800-1804 (Dates so faded could not read)
11. Lemuel Phillips
12. Juda Phillips m. _____ Eakes
13. Mary Phillips

JAMES FAIR PHILLIPS was born in North Carolina in very early 1800's. He traveled to Georgia when he was a young man where he was married to Miss Betsy Deering (b 1804, Ga.). They lived in Georgia a few years before migrating on to Alabama. In the early 1830's they came to Neshoba County, Mississippi, where they bought land from the government. James and Betsy lived on their farm in Neshoba County all the rest of their lives. They had eight children, all of whom grew up in Neshoba County. Their son, ROBERT PHILLIPS, was the only one that came to Pine Springs to make his home.

CHILDREN OF JAMES FAIR PHILLIPS

I. ROBERT PHILLIPS

Born: 1830, Alabama APR. 8

Died: 1904, Pine Springs.

Married: MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS, (1828-1893), Neshoba County.

Robert was a carpenter. He and Mary Elizabeth had lived in Neshoba and in Lauderdale Counties where he worked. They had six children and Robert was in his early forties and they were living in Meridian when the Yellow Fever Epidemic came. Anxious to get his family away from the disease, Robert looked about for a place away from the populated areas where they would be safe. *WAS LIVING IN BEAT 1, MERIDIAN, IN 1870 CENSUS.*

On July 23, 1873, Robert Phillips bought 80 acres in the country from J. O. Lowrey. The south half of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 8, Range 15E, in was in the upper end of the community that was later to be named Pine Springs. The land had originally been homesteaded by one John Washington, who had built a small rude log cabin on the site. The Phillips enlarged on the log cabin and made a comfortable home.

On January 31, 1891, Robert Phillips bought another 80 acres in Pine Springs. He bought the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 4 in Township 7, Range 15E, located about a mile down Pine Springs Road from his home. It is believed that his oldest daughter, Drucilla Phillips,

who had married Elisha "Lish" Stephenson in 1879, lived on his second tract of land and the Stephensons farmed it for him. Robert Phillips kept his Section 4 land until 1900 when he sold it to Ben and Mattie Harrington.

Robert and Mary Elizabeth had school-aged children and Robert was very interested in the local schools. He was one of the trustees of the Oak Grove School when it opened a short distance from his home. Later, he was trustee of the Bozeman School when it opened down across from the General Store. The Oak Grove School was closer to his home than the Collins - or Bozeman - school, but Robert perhaps thought that by putting the two schools together and pooling the communities resources, they would have more money for better teachers and education.

Mary Elizabeth Phillips died in 1893 at the age of 65 years, but Robert lived until 1904. He was 74 years old when he died. They were both buried at Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church where they were both members.
Children:

1. DRUCILLA PHILLIPS 1858-1932, m. Elisha "Lish" Stephenson (b1855), son of Charles W. and Artemesia (Artemius?) Stevenson, qv, who lived in Center Hill Community. Lived in old Phillips home in 1900. Lish and Drucilla had eight children when he died, a fairly young man. Drucilla had a hard time rearing their children, (some of them were minors) when he died. She lived here and there, renting places about the neighborhood. She lived with some of her older children as they got older and married. She lived at one time on Jimmy Wright's farm down near Pine Springs Store. She is Bur. @ PINE SPRINGS METH. CHURCH.

Children:

- A. FRANK STEPHENSON 1881- , m. Eula Gipson, Vannoy Gipson's sister. They were a quiet, unassuming couple, who minded their own business, leading the local pranksters and young ruffians to take advantage of them and tease them at times.

FRANK RAN FROM HANGING TREE
The young couple had rented a house on the Johnson place in Pine Springs. One fall evening after the weather turned cool, a group of the local dandys were looking for something 'fun' to do. They went to Frank and Eula's house, sneaked up onto the roof and put a board over the fireplace chimney so smoke couldn't come out. In a bit, Frank and Eula came out with their few possessions in gunny sacks. It is not known where they stayed that night, but somehow it didn't seem so funny to the culprits that they didn't put up any more fight than they did. They probably felt a little ashamed of themselves when they thought about it.

Frank and Eula later moved to Texas and had several children.
Children: Names unknown.

- B. ADA STEPHENSON 1883- , m. ___ Garrot, owned a dairy farm below Meridian. Ida lived with her widowed mother and was older when she married.
- C. SIDNEY STEPHENSON 1885- , m. ^{Mrs} W. Stephenson m. Alma ^{MEADOWMAN} in 1910. ^{3 STEP children} FRANCIS, MILLIE, JOE } MEADOWMAN
- D. MINNIE STEPHENSON 1887- , m. Will Skinner. Lived in Pine Springs in early 1900's when Minnie had a terrible accident. They had a square-dance at their house one night and all were having a great time. Minnie was 'swinging her partner' when the elastic in her drawers broke and she lost her underpinnings.

But Minnie demonstrated grace under pressure. She stepped out of the garment and continued with the dance.

*Re-write
Name
Kids*

- E. ALBERT "AB" STEPHENSON 1889-1959, m. (1)Sudie Sims. (2)Eula Mae Harrison, (1901-1941) Ab was living in Pine Springs where he worked for local sawmills. His first marriage ended when Sudie died giving birth to her first baby. Mother and baby were buried at Pine Springs Church in 1917. Ab married again and made their home in a little shabby mill house at the Spoke Mill in Pine Springs. He had an old log truck on which he hauled wood to the mill to be made into wagon and buggy spokes. Ab and Eula Mae both buried at Pine Springs Meth. Ch. Had 5 children.
 - F. ANNIE STEPHENSON 1892-____, m. (?) *Robert Carlisle 1907*
Lived with her widowed mother before she married.
 - G. HATTIE STEPHENSON 1893-19____, m. David C. McCollum, (1871-1936), he is bur. at Pine Springs. *Unknown if she remarried. Married M.L. McCollum in 1910*
 - H. GENEVA "NEVA" STEPHENSON 1895-19____, m. Otto Poole, owned a farm south of (now) West Lauderdale School, on Okatibbee Reservoir. Had two daughters.
2. JAMES "JIM" P. PHILLIPS 1856-____, m. (1)Martha ^{*E. in 1877*} Stephenson, sister of Lish Stephenson, above, had 5 children. (2)Mollie Scarbrough, ^{*A. 1866*} had 6 children. Jim was born in Neshoba County, Miss. ~~Moved to Pine Springs with father in 1878~~, but moved away when he married. Lived in Lauderdale County *where he is listed with mollie in 1906 census*
- Children: (First five by first wife.)
- A. JOHANNA^{*g.v.*} PHILLIPS 1878-1965, m. Wm. Harvey Miles (1878-1924),qv. Both are bur. at Fellowship Baptist Church.
 - B. MYRTIE PHILLIPS 1880-____, m. Edward Snowden, son of James T. and Anne (Hatcher) Snowden of Pine Springs,qv.
 - C. WILLIAM "WILL" T. PHILLIPS 1886-1965, bur at Collinsville.
 - D. CLYDE PHILLIPS 1888-
 - E. GARFIELD PHILLIPS 1890-____ m. Willie Stokes
 - F. ALBERT PHILLIPS 1892-____ m. _____ wedgeworth
 - G. AUBURN PHILLIPS 1894-
 - H. BERTHA PHILLIPS 1896-1964,m. Eugene C. Poole. She bur. Pleasant Ridge Meth. Ch, Collinsville.
 - I. THELMA PHILLIPS 1898-____ m. _____
 - J. OMA PHILLIPS 1900-
 - K. SINGLETON PHILLIPS 1902-

- 3. THURZA ROSALYN "ROSSIE" PHILLIPS 1858-1940. m. Stanley Vastine Byrd of Pine Springs in 1881. She was his second wife (See Byrd History) It is not known where Vas and Rossie Byrd lived when they first married, but they probably lived somewhere in Pine Springs. Rossie's father borrowed money from M.E.Clark on a crop lein in 1893 and lost his farm. Vas Byrd bought the farm back from Clark family and the Phillips farm became the Byrd fam.

Vas was always known ot have a cruel streak in him and liked to cruelly tease those about him. Rossie stayed with him until the children were grown and then she moved out. She moved a short way up the road and built a wee cabin where she lived the rest of her life. She just wouldn't live with Vas any more. Her children and grandchildren would visit her there and find her busy in her garden or about her house, a little stooped lady in a long dress and bonnet,

with her snuff stick stuck in her mouth. The neighborhood children were half afraid of her, for it was said that she had strange herbs and potions that she would give to cure what was ailing you. She knew how to take warts off and many swore that she had removed theirs. She had planted a coffee tree in her back yard and ground coffee for her own use. She slept with eggs and carried them in her pockets and hatched baby chicks. She had a lot of spirit to stand up to Vas Byrd but was really a gentle little old lady that would never harm a soul. Children: (Listed with more detail under Byrd Family)

- A. PRESTON M. BYRD 1882-1914, m. Velma Gipson
- B. GRACE (GRACIE) BYRD 1885- , m. _____ Talbert, eloped, went to East Texas.
- C. STANLEY ABRAHAM (BUD) BYRD (Twin) 1889-1923, m. Annie Woodall. Bud Byrd was murdered by Johnny Thead (See Thead Family)
- D. MARY A. BYRD (Twin) 1889-1955, m. Ellis Pratt.
- E. SOLLIE BYRD 1893-1901, died young, Scarlet Fever.
- F. NATHAN "NADE" SIMS BYRD 1895-197_, m. Virginia Hawkins
- G. WALTERINE BYRD 1898-1901, died young, Scarlet Fever.
4. MARY J. "MOLLIE" PHILLIPS 1860- , m. Mike Shea ^{SHEA} Moved away from Pine Springs. *mike shea bought NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 4 FROM STATE FOR TAXES (40 AC) June 17, 1885*
Children: *M & E Shea sold E 1/2 of SW 1/4 to JAMES B. WRIGHT NOV 16, 1897 (80 AC) LIVED IN PINE SPRINGS 12 YEARS*
 - A. JOHN SHAYA ~~---~~ m. EFFIE SKINNER, 1908, L. Co.
 - B. LEON SHAYA
 - C. ROBERT "BOBBY" SHAYA
5. MIRANDA DEMONE PHILLIPS 1868-19__, m. (1) Marion Walthall, 1897. He was killed in 1925 while at work on the railroad. She then married (2) Morris Bills on Aug. 17, 1930, and moved to Jackson, Ms. They were rather well-off and Miranda returned from time to time to visit her sister, Rossie Byrd, bringing gifts of things that she thought Rossie could use, always staying in a Meridian hotel when she was in town. Miranda and Mattie Herrington, who had known each other when they were younger in Pine Springs, were great chums and always got together when Miranda came in her big car. Miranda had no children by either husband.
6. MATTIE JOSEPHINE PHILLIPS 1871-19__, m. Dr. William W. McDonald, moved away from Pine Springs.
Children:
 - A. (Eldest child died young.)
 - B. CLARANCE LEROY McDONALD
 - C. ANNETTE McDONALD
 - D. WILLIAM ABNEY McDONALD

II. MOSES "MOSE" PHILLIPS

Born: Alabama or Neshoba Co, Ms? Died: Miss.

Married: Jane Pilgrim of Kemper Co, Miss.

Lived in Kemper or Neshoba Counties, Miss.

Children:

1. WILLIAM THOMAS PHILLIPS 1859-1880, 21 yrs old.
2. NANCY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS 1861-__, m. Isaac Moore.
Children: Tinna, Henry, Pet, Lavada, Janie and Ada.
3. MARY JANE PHILLIPS 1865- m. Rev. Burt Anderson, Bapt. Minister
Children: Maggie Bell, Millie, Connie, Allie and Lonnie.

4. DRUCILLA PHILLIPS 1867-1947, m. William Pilgrim (D.1945) Of Kemper?
Children: Marion, Jerry Abraham and Annie Jane.
5. JOHN JAMES PHILLIPS 1870- m. Margaret J. Lundy
Children: Frances, Walter, Grover and Ross.
6. LUCY IZORA PHILLIPS 1872- , m. William A. Strum
Children: Bennie Lee, John Lewis, Mary, Betty, Rossie, Myrtis,
George H., Marvin, Willie and Abraham.
7. MOSES "MODIE" SIMPSON PHILLIPS 187- m. (?)
8. GEORGE ALEXANDER PHILLIPS 187- , m. (?)

III. AARON PHILLIPS

Born: Neshoba Co, Miss.

Died:

Married: (1)Lucinda Shannon (2)_____

Lived in Neshoba Co. Had 4 children by each wife.

1. MAG (MARGARET?) PHILLIPS m. Joe Highsaw.
2. JAMES ROBERT PHILLIPS m. Liza Strum
Children: William, Jamie, Ella, Sebelle, Josie, Judie and Johnnie.
3. LENA PHILLIPS m. Jasper Blalock
Children: Agnes, Lela and Etta.
4. DRUCILLA PHILLIPS , m. _____ Highsaw
5. BETTY PHILLIPS , m. _____ Bland
6. LEVENIA PHILLIPS m. _____ Highsaw
7. JANIE PHILLIPS m. _____ Joiner.

IV. LUCY PHILLIPS

Born: Neshoba County, Ms.

Died:

Married; Jim Smith, Neshoba.

Lived in Neshoba County, Miss.

Children:

1. LIZZIE JANE SMITH 1868-19__ , m. John Moore, lived Philadelphia,Ms.
Children: Andrew, Eliza Beath, Evie Mae, Ottis, Preston, Pearl,
Myrtle and Howard.
2. MATTIE SMITH 1870-19__ , m. Ryley Salter (d.1918)
Children: Otis, Eugene, Gladys, Clyde, Mable, and J.D.
3. JAMES "JIMMY" SMITH 187__ m. Lillie Jones
Children: Mary, Mable, Earl, Nannie Pearl, Myrtle and Vesta.
4. JESSE SMITH a batchelor, lived near Philadelphia, Ms.
5. JOHN THOMAS SMITH m. Mollie Whitten, lived outside Philadelphia.
Children: Bonnie Jean, Hubert L., Bertelle and James.
6. ROBERT SMITH m. Janie Combs, lived on 8th St, Meridian, Ms.
Children: Nannie Grace and Modie Elvyn.
7. NANNIE SMITH m. Tom Wilson, a postman at Philadelphia.
Children: Yvonne.
8. MARY EVE SMITH died young, a child.

V. WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Born: Neshoba County, Miss.

Died:

Married: India Mitchell, lived in Neshoba Co.

Children:

1. JAMES "JIMMY" PHILLIPS a batchelor.

2. MARY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS m. Granville Rainey
3. LONIE BELLE PHILLIPS m. Sherwood Pilgrim
4. WILLIAM "BILLY" PHILLIPS m. Janie Rainey

VI. JACK PHILLIPS

Born: Neshoba County

Died:

Married: Amanda Mayo Lived in Neshoba County/

Children:

1. ARTHUR PHILLIPS m. Arbert Sharp
Children: John, Otha, Willie (m. Tullos Griffin) and Mattie (m. Rubin Partredge).
2. BETTY PHILLIPS m. (1) Burton Barrett (2) Roger Barrett
Children: Two by 2nd marriage, names unknown.
3. THOMAS PHILLIPS m. Mary Wells
Children: (10) Julie, Lonnie, Ida, Annie, Oattie, Ola, Bessie, Lawrence, Lucy, Johnnie, Harold and Ray.
4. WESLEY PHILLIPS m. Carrye Bufkin
Children: Unknown.
5. JESSE PHILLIPS -1955, m. Isalena Smith
Children: (11) S.E., Lewis, Leroy, Grady, Elvira, Dock, Myrtle, Bobby, Earline, Mattie and Hattie (Twins).

VII. JAMES PHILLIPS

Born: Neshoba County, Miss.

Died:

Married; Mrs. Martha Caroline (Tinsley) Odom, a widow with two children, in 1868. Lived near Moscow in Kemper County, Miss.

Children:

1. FOSTINA "TINA" ANNABELLE PHILLIPS 1870-____, m. (1) William Wright, son of James Berrygrove and Mary Jane (White) Wright who came to Pine Springs to live in 1891. (That would be "Uncle" Jimmy Wright) Will Wright was shot and killed on his wedding night (See Wright family history.). After her husband was killed in 1891, Tina taught school several years and then married Walter I. Brown, son of David M. and Rebecca (Richardson) Brown of Center Hill.
Children: (From second marriage.)
 - A. Lester Orien Brown
 - B. Celeste Brown
 - C. Otho Brown
2. HENRY ADOLPHUS PHILLIPS 1872-1958, m. Luella Jane McKee (b1875), in 1892 at Big Oak Church, Kemper Co.
Children:
 - A. Vera Phillips
 - B. Iva Dean Phillips
 - C. Eleanor Belle Phillips
 - D. Leslie Prentiss Phillips
 - E. Mavis Velma Phillips.
3. JAMES WALTER PHILLIPS 18__-1888 or 98, Born Kemper Co, d. Purvis, Miss. and was buried there. Never married.

4. ELIZABETH LAVENIA PHILLIPS 18__-1895, m. Edward Calvert, 189__ .
Born in Kemper Co, went to Brownwood or Brownville, Texas, where she died of Typhoid Fever. No Children.
5. WILLIAM LEE PHILLIPS 1876-1947, m. (1) Ella Thompson, 1899, Purvis, Miss. Had three children when Ellen died in 1907. He then m. (2) Maggie Lott, of Purvis, but they had no children.
Children: Agnes, Edna and Ola.
6. DILLON ONSLAW PHILLIPS 187__-1944, m. Josie Collins (d.1941) at Collins, Miss.
Children: (4) Ercelyn, Delma, Rex and Ethylene.
7. ANNIE CLEMENTINE PHILLIPS 188__-____, m. Jesse Dudley Bounds.
Lived near Moscow in Kemper County, ~~and~~ bought farm in Pine Springs from Jefferson Davis Brown in January, 1912. (In Sec.33, T-8, R-15E) Lived in Pine Springs until they sold out to Mrs. China Love, qv. on Dec. 21, 1918. Then moved back up and bought back up near their old home at Moscow.. Was living near Archadelphia Baptist Church in Lauderdale County (around 1906) where Jesse was church clerk. Jesse was always trading land back and forth.
Children: (Listed with more details under Bounds family history.)
 - A. Dora Cardine Bounds 1902-____, m. Ivan Poole
 - B. Thelma Venita Bounds. 1903-____, m. Paschal White of Obediah.
 - C. Ethel Aline Bounds 1905-____, m. Elwin Poole
 - D. Sylvia Kathleen Bounds 1908-____. m. Ben Hamrick
 - E. James William Bounds 1910-1968, m. Onie Sessions
 - F. Jesse Dudley Bounds, Jr. 1912-____. ,/ Ribu Sessions
 - G. Walter Mason Bounds 1914-____, m. Oletha McCraw
 - H. Mary Annie Bounds 1917-____, did not marry.
 - I. John Rufus Bounds 1919-____, m. Eugenia Fowler
 - J. One infant born dead at Pine Forest.

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Land Co. Land 70p

	Sec.	Twnsp	Range	Acres	Value	Page
<u>Phillips, E. (Estate)</u> NW $\frac{1}{4}$	9	7	16	160	\$240	50
<u>Phillips, Emma</u> Balls lot 9, blk 32					\$150	112
<u>Phillips, J.R.</u> Ragsdale lot 1-6, pt 10, blk 91					\$1500	106
<u>Phillips, Mary</u> W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	21	7	18	80	\$160	66
<u>Phillips, R.</u> S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	33	8	15	80	\$200	77
<u>Phillips, W.L.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	24	7	14	40	\$80	42
SW $\frac{1}{4}$	18	7	15	160	\$320	46
W $\frac{1}{2}$	19	7	15	320	\$640	46
<u>Pickett, L.B.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	16	5	16	80	\$120	9
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	22	5	16	80	\$120	9
<u>Pierce, J.R.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW NE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	7	17	120	\$200	59
<u>Pigford, Mrs. A.J.</u> pt NE SW $\frac{1}{4}$	32	8	17	30	\$75	91
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	5	7	17	80	\$200	58
<u>Pigford, Mrs. C.A.</u> pt NE SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	33	7	17	111	\$222	62
<u>Pigford, J.A.</u> W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	12	6	11	80	\$100	33
<u>Pigford, J.F.</u> SE $\frac{1}{4}$	24	8	18	160	\$320	96
SE NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE SE $\frac{1}{4}$	25	8	18	80	\$160	96
NW NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE NW $\frac{1}{4}$	25	8	18	80	\$160	96
<u>Pigford, M.</u> SE NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE SE $\frac{1}{4}$	12	6	17	80	\$160	33
<u>Pigford, Mrs. S.J.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	5	7	17	80	\$200	58
<u>Pigford, T.D.</u> SE SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	1	5	17	240	\$600	10
NW NE $\frac{1}{4}$	12	5	17	40	\$100	11