

## "The Woolson-Fenno ancestry and allied lines, with biographical sketches"

### PHILLIPS

\* Seth Phillips of Groton, Mass., purchased a farm of sixty-six acres bounded northerly by Sandy Pond, of William Powers of Littleton, Mass., June 14, 1777 (Middlesex Deeds, vol. xxi: p. 259), "which land is the whole of the upland which did belong to John Tarbell of his Father Thomas Tarbell, his living in Groton." He sold his homestead of 42 acres to "my son Seth Phillips, Jun'., of Groton," on July 12, 1757, his wife, Lydia, joining in the deed. Seth Phillips of Groton, husbandman, "being now weak of body," and "for avoiding controversies after my decease," made his will, which was signed July 27, 1757, in which he bequeathed "To my two sons Isaac and Amos Phillips," £2 : 13<sup>^-</sup>-. : 4<sup>^</sup>. each, and his carpenter's tools; "to my son Samuel Phillips"; "to my son Seth Phillips"; "to my five daughters, Elizabeth Nutting, Jemima Gilson, Lydia Adams, Susanna Phillips and Kezia Phillips," he left various legacies. The will was proved Sept. 8, 1757. He died at Groton, evidently in the summer of 1757 and his wife, Lydia, died before 1775.

\* Amos" Phillips, son of Seth' by his wife Lydia, was born at Groton, Mass., Oct. 27, 1719; baptized there April 24, 1720; died at Plymouth, N. H., Oct. 25, 1801. He married in 1746 (marriage intention recorded at Lunenburg, Feb. 8, 1745/6), Abigail Dodge, a native of Topsfield, Mass. He settled in what was then Dunstable, Mass., about 1746, and removed in 1767 to Plymouth, N. H. His wife was born at Topsfield, Dec. 6, 1724, and died at Plymouth, Feb. 15, 1808.

John Phillips, son of Amos," was born at Dunstable, Mass., March 18, 1760; died at West Haven, Vt., Aug. 15, 1825. He married at Plymouth, N. H., Dec. 18, 1783, Anna Cummings, who was born at Hollis, N. H., March 11, 1764; died after Dec. 4, 1839, at which date she was "suffering from great physical debility," as appears from records in the War Department at Washington, D. C. John Phillips served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Thomas Simpson's company, commanded by Col. Charles Johnson, serving two months from Oct. 1, 1776, and travelling no miles. (New Hampshire Rev. War Rolls, vol. iv: pp. 80, 82.) On March 27, 1777, he enlisted for the war as a private in the Seventh company, third N. H. Reg't, commanded by Capt. Benja. Stone and by Capt. McGregore, Alexander Scannell, Colonel. {Ibid., pp. 86, 38.} He continued in service from and for Plymouth, and was promoted to be corporal April 1, 1780, appearing as such on a return of Capt. Saml. Cherry's company of Light Infantry, of Col. George Reid's Reg't, dated Feb. 14, 1781. {Ibid., p. 233; History of Plymouth, vol. i : p. 47.} He was wounded in action at Ticonderoga, and taken to the hospital in Albany, N. Y.; on his recovery he rejoined the Continental Army, then at Valley Forge. In 1778 he was again wounded, receiving a shot in his right knee in a skirmish at White Plains, near New York. In 1782 he was wounded for the third time in an affair near Pine Bridge, N. Y., where he was taken prisoner and carried to New York; after he had been confined for about four months he was exchanged and shortly afterward

received an honorable discharge. He applied for a pension April 27, 1819, and his record as above is given in the accompanying affidavit. His pension certificate was signed by Hon. John C. Calhoun, then Secretary of War. His widow, Ann Phillips, applied for a pension on account of her husband's service, Dec. 4, 1839, which was granted in 1840. (Documents in War Department at Washington.) The Revolutionary War Roll of N. H., (vol. iii : p. 307), has the record of a John Phillips, who served twice in Capt. Samuel Young's company in 1777-8, one month from March 1, 1777, in Col. Timothy Bedel's expedition against Canada, and again in the same company and regiment, from Dec. 15, 1777, to March, 1778, but nothing has been found to identify him with John, the son of Amos.

Anna Phillips, daughter of John, was born at Plymouth, N. H., April 28, 1784; married about 1800, John Mason of Littleton, N. H.