

William Phillips (1750-1827)

This portrait is a copy. The artist and current location of the original is not known. William Phillips was the father of Miriam Mason Phillips, who married Samuel Hall Walley. They were great-grandparents of Annie Louise Walley and her siblings via Samuel Hurd Walley, Samuel Hall Walley and Edward Walley. In 1974, Cousin John Walley Littlefield acquired the portrait, stored in the vault of the Bank of Boston, through bank connections of his brother-in-law, John Graham Brooks. In 2007, having moved to a retirement community, and with the agreement of his children, John Littlefield graciously gave the portrait to his first cousin and life-long friend William Phillips Densmore.

Phillips was president of the Bank of Massachusetts from 1804 until his death in 1827. The portrait was hung at the bank along with portraits of other presidents. At the time of his death, he was president of several civic organizations including the Massachusetts General Hospital Corporation, founded in 1811. Note that the original hospital building, designed by the famous American architect Charles Bulfinch, appears in the lower right corner of the portrait. Minutes of the June 1827 meeting of the MGH Corporation note bequests from William Phillips and that "the portrait has been loaned to Phillips Academy." He was board chair of Phillips Andover at the time of his death.

The Bank of Massachusetts was founded in 1784 by a group of Boston merchants wishing to avoid the use of British banks. Co-founders were William's father, William Phillips (1722-1804), his father's business partner Edward Bromfield, James Bowdoin, George Cabot, John Lowell, and Oliver Wendell. The bank was the second-oldest bank in the United States. It became part of Bank of Boston in 1903, BankBoston in 1996, FleetBoston Financial in 1999, and Bank of America in 2005.

William Phillips Jr.

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* Samuel Walley was the father
OF William Phillips Densmore's
MOTHER

William Phillips Jr. (April 10, 1750 in Boston, Massachusetts – May 26, 1827 in Boston) was a Boston merchant, politician and philanthropist.

Phillips was the son of William Phillips Sr., a merchant whom he joined in business and became wealthy.^[1] He was elected the tenth Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, serving from 1812 to 1823. He drafted the letter inviting New England Governors to send delegates to the Hartford Convention of 1815. On his death, he bequeathed large sums to Phillips Andover Academy and to Andover Theological Seminary.^[1]

Phillips married Miriam Mason (1754–1823) on September 13, 1774 in Norwich, Massachusetts. They had seven children. Phillips was the grandfather of Samuel H. Walley who was a U.S. Representative from Massachusetts.^[2] *

He was also the first president of the Massachusetts General Hospital and has a building there named after him.^[3]

Phillips was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1813.^[4]

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great grandfather

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External links

- William Phillips Jr. (https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11562964) at Find a Grave

Political offices		
Preceded by William Gray	Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts 1812–1823	Succeeded by Levi Lincoln Jr.

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William Phillips Sr.

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William Phillips Sr. (1722–1804) was a Boston merchant, politician, and a major benefactor of Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

Biography

He was a son of Reverend Samuel Phillips (1690–1771). Unlike his brothers he did not attend Harvard College, instead embarking on a career in the merchant trade, working in the warehouse of merchant Edward Bromfield. He eventually became Bromfield's business partner, and married his daughter Abigail in 1744.

In the 1760s Phillips became active in Boston politics, serving as a town selectman from 1767. He was active on committees established to organize opposition to unpopular British policies, including one to organize agreement and enforcement of a ban in the importation of goods from Britain subject to taxes imposed by the Townshend Acts. He was on a committee headed by Samuel Adams and John Hancock to deal with the aftermath of the Boston Massacre in 1770. In 1772 he was elected to the provincial assembly along with Adams, Hancock, and Thomas Cushing. Governor Thomas Gage rejected his election to the governor's council in 1774. That same year he sat on a committee established to determine who would need assistance when the Port of Boston was closed by Gage's implementation of the Boston Port Act.

When the American Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Phillips relocated his family from occupied Boston to Norwich, Connecticut, where they occupied the childhood home of Benedict Arnold. He sat in the convention of 1779-80 that drafted the Massachusetts State Constitution, and also in the state convention that ratified the United States Constitution. He served during the 1780s as a state representative and senator.

He became interested in the project of an academy at Andover as outlined by his nephew Samuel Phillips (1752–1802). He gave the academy an amount equal to that contributed by his brother Samuel.^[1] He succeeded his brother as president of the academy's board of trustees, but only served a few years before age and infirmity compelled his retirement.

He was father to William Phillips Jr., father-in-law to Josiah Quincy II, who married his daughter, Abigail Phillips, and grandfather to Josiah Quincy III.^[2] and great grandfather of Samuel H. Walley.

- Father
of my
grandmother -
"Nee"

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