

The Phillips Surname

The first name Philip or Phillip is from the Greek: "Philippos", a compound of "philein", to love, and "hippos", horse. Hence, "lover of horses."

Phillips and its many variations are believed patronymic, in other words, they were derived from the first name Philip or Phillip. Adding an "s" to the end of Philip or Phillip causes the name to mean "son of Philip" or "son of Phillip."

Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, was a famous bearer of the Philip forename. The popularity of the name Philip throughout Greece and Asia Minor and subsequently in western Europe was probably due to him.

The name was eventually borne by five Kings of France this includes Philip the 1st who reigned from 1060 to 1108. The forename Philip migrated to England via France in the 12th century and became popular. Early on it appears as "Filippus" in the Documents relating to the Danelaw, Lincolnshire, dated 1142, and as "Philippus" in the Gilbertine Houses Charters of Lincolnshire, circa 1150. *Source: Directory of English & Welsh Surnames by Charles Bardsley.*



Calling All Phillips!

If you are a male Phillips (or any variation of the name Phillips) and you live in the United Kingdom, Ireland or mainland Europe, the Phillips DNA Project and One-Name Study may be willing to pay for your Y-DNA test if you are willing to supply a Phillips family tree that traces back at least five generations!

The Phillips DNA Project and One-Name Study has almost 400 participants who have been DNA tested and over 50 distinct, unrelated Phillips families have been identified through DNA analysis thus far. More participation from the British Isles and mainland Europe is sought in an attempt to identify the deep roots of all Phillips families worldwide and help prove geographic migration patterns.

The DNA test is painless and only consists of swabbing the inside of the cheek to obtain cheek cells for analysis. The lab mails a kit to the participant who then returns his samples to the lab in a pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope. The kit is given a number and this is the only way the DNA results are ever publicly identified to preserve everyone's privacy.

To read more about the project and how DNA analysis works in conjunction with traditional genealogical research, see the project websites at:

www.phillipsdnaproject.com

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If you would like to take advantage of this offer to participate in a fascinating and informative study, please contact Nancy Kiser at nancy2kiser@yahoo.com. You may also contact Richard Phillips at 4 High Street, Badsey, Evesham, WR11 7EW by regular mail.



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