

## John Phillips (1831-1914)

This John Phillips is not to be confused with another John Phillips (1800-1874) who was an Oxford geologist.

### **British Astronomical Association**

OM, The Beeches, Breinton Road, Hereford

Journal

Member of Jupiter Section, 15-inch spec, Hereford, *JBAA* 1 (1891), p.541

Death noted, *JBAA* 24 (1914), p.502

Memoirs

Member of Jupiter Section, 15-inch spec, Hereford, 4 drawings submitted, *MmBAA* 4 (1896), p.22

Royal Society

No evidence of his fellowship, despite the claim in 'Great Western Progress, 1835-1935'. However, the other John Philips was a Fellow, elected 1834 April 10

### Timeline

1831 January 20, born (from GWR service record), Shropshire (Census)

1861 census, unmarried engineer, boarding in Madeley, Shropshire

1861 (?), daughter, Annie Elizabeth Phillips born, Monmouthshire

1882 August 21, district foreman, Hereford (from GWR service record)

1891 census, 56-year-old superintendent locomotive department GWR, Annie Phillips (wife) 55, plus two visitors (Laura Esther Nicholas (1876-1942), 13, and John Phillips Nicholas (1880-??), 10), Breinton Road, Hereford.

1894, death of wife, Annie Phillips, age 64, Hereford.

1899 May 10, resigned (from GWR service record)

1901 census, 70-year-old retired superintendent railway locomotive department living with 41-year-old daughter Annie Elizabeth at 34 Ryelands St., Hereford. Also niece and nephew (Laura E Nicholas, 23, private school governess, and John P Nicholas, 20, private schoolmaster)

1911 census, 80-year-old retired foreman loco works dept GWR pensioned widower living with 51-year-old daughter Annie Elizabeth at 34 Ryelands St., Hereford.

1913 BAA membership list, Thornleigh, 34 Ryelands St., Hereford

Died 1914 June 11, aged 83, probate of £505-7-6, re-sworn £551-7-6 to Hannah Elizabeth Nicholas, spinster. (Probate record)

Article with illustration of his 15-inch Silver-on-Glass Reflector appeared in *The English Mechanic* 52, no. 1340, (1890 November 28), p.292. A copy of the image can be found in *Observational Astronomy: a Book for Beginners*, Mee, A (1893), p.12