

09-23-1843 George Lee Phillips – LEO – Drowned- River Crossing

## Sheriff George Lee Phillips

<https://www.odmp.org/officer/18466-sheriff-george-lee-phillips>



*Ashe County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina*  
End of Watch Saturday, September 23, 1843

### GEORGE LEE PHILLIPS

Sheriff Phillips drowned after being washed off of his horse while crossing the flooded Yadkin River. Sheriff Phillips was traveling to Raleigh to turn in the county's taxes when the incident occurred.

Sheriff Phillips was survived by his wife and two children.

### BIO

- **Age** 38
- **Tour** Not available
- **Badge** Not available

### INCIDENT DETAILS

- **Cause** Drowned

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Ashe County Sheriff's Office, NC

**EOW:** Saturday, September 23, 1843

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## Sheriff George Lee Phillips of Ashe County, North Carolina

<https://nccivilwarcenter.org/sheriff-george-lee-phillips-of-ashe-county-north-carolina/>  
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My great-great-great-great-grandfather, George Lee Phillips, born on June 17, 1805, was swept off his horse while attempting to cross the Yadkin River while it was flooding. Phillips was the Sheriff of Ashe County, North Carolina, and was on his way to Raleigh to pay the county's taxes when the incident occurred.

He died in September 1843, leaving behind his wife, Rachel Louisa Council Phillips, and their two children. I wonder, did someone see him as it happened, or did his family have to worry for days before he was found?

