

When Phillis Wheatley Lived

Date	Event
1753–1754	Phillis Wheatley was born in Africa.
1761	The Wheatleys purchased Phillis as a slave.
1765	Phillis Wheatley began writing poetry. The Stamp Act was passed.
1773	Phillis gained her freedom from slavery. The Boston Tea Party took place.
1774–1784	Phillis married John Peters, who was a lawyer, grocer, writer and speaker. The Revolutionary War started in 1775, and John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
1784	Phillis died in Boston. The American colonies were free from England.