

Snidow Association Newsletter

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2003 Reunion Set for August 2-3



Snidow

Snidow Coat of Arms

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Note the New Date

The 2004 Snidow Annual Meeting/Reunion is set for Sunday, August 3rd, at the Fire Department Building in Pembroke, Virginia. Note that this date is different than the usually scheduled second Sunday in August. Bring a food item or a bottle of pop for a pot luck lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Ruth Blevins, says the planning committee is working on ideas for members to become acquainted with more of the Snidow cousins. There will also be the usual business, program, awards, and door prizes as well as the annual gathering at the monument to honor our members who died this past year.

"Treasures From Our Past" is the theme selected for this year's reunion. Each person is asked to bring an item to go on the exhibit table. The "treasure" may be an item such as old toys, baby shoes, photographs, books, clothing – most anything that will go on a table.

Headstone to be Dedicated

Several years ago, the headstone for our Revolutionary War Ancestor/patriot, Col. Christian Snidow (1760-1836), was broken by a falling tree. A new stone

was ordered and recently installed by **Nat Clark**.

On August 3, after the reunion meeting, a dedication service for the new stone will be held at the Horseshoe Cemetery in Pembroke. The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will present the colors.



Stone Dedication

The inscription for the new stone reads as follows:

Christian Snidow
Lieut. Virginia Militia,
Revolutionary War
Lieut. Col. 66th regiment
of the
Virginia Militia, War of 1812
May 15, 1780-September 1836

New Editor for Snidow Newsletter

At the 2002 Snidow Family gathering in Pembroke, **Mabel Caldwell Peters** agreed to assume the responsibility of publishing the Snidow Newsletter. Briefly my biography is as follows:

Spouse: Randolph B. Peters

Children: Daughter and Son in Law, Diane and Matthew Busch; Granddaughter, Celeste Busch; Son, Conrad Lewis Peters

Career: I Grew up in Pembroke, Virginia, and graduated from Madison College (now James Madison University). This prepared me to be a biology teacher for a dozen years and an Education Coordinator for the Virginia Museum of Natural History. In between, there have been many active years as a member of Girl Scouts, The Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs and church. My mother and both maternal grandparents were Snidows

making me a descendant of Col. Christian Snidow and Philip Snidow.

I discovered while doing research for a NSDAR application that gathering genealogy information can be as intriguing as a detective novel and is very addictive. The biggest obstacle, and regret, was in not asking about family while there were still relatives around who remembered those in the now distant past.

There are still some of us who remember our Snidow great grandparents. Please write down your stories and pull out old photos. **Let's use this newsletter as a vehicle to share not only genealogy facts, but to give a face, as well as a glimpse of their personality, to the ancestors of our immediate past.**



A special commendation goes to **Jane Snidow** for compiling and editing the Snidow Newsletter for the past twelve years. We especially appreciate Jane's computer skills that gave the newsletter a professional look.

Jane created and maintains the Snidow web site.
www.snidow.org

We will still rely on her advice and contributions for future editions. **Thanks Jane!**

New Handbook to be Distributed

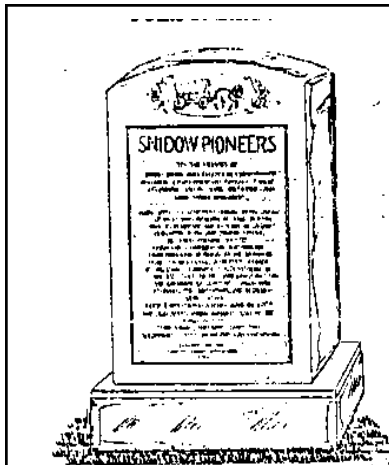
A new handbook, an updated version of the original booklet, will be given each family at the upcoming reunion.

To re-assure everyone, the addresses will not be available for merchandising.

Should anyone not want his/her address listed, please contact **Ruth Blevins** before July 1.

Also please advise her of any address changes. Ruth's address is 111 Hemlock Street, Ripplemead, VA 24150

In Memoriam



Dorothy Hall Givens

Ralph Odgen

Hettie Lou McClaugherty

Lois H. Snidow

Jerry Duncan

Christine White

Memorial Donations

Betty Straus in memory of
her father, John Chapman Snidow, Sr.

Mary French Boswell in memory of
her father, James Russell Turner

June H. Snidow in memory of
her husband, Martin W. Snidow

Donnie Collins in memory of
his father, Miller Collins

Douglas Collins in memory of
his father, Miller Collins

Danny and Sallie Lucas,

Regina Susan Snidow in memory of
her husband, Neal Snidow, Jr.

Gary L. Pack in memory of
his mother, Vera Elizabeth Harris Pack

Nancy Pebley in memory of
husband, Frank Pebley

Expense Account Donations

Elton W. & Marlyn J. Alewel
William Snidow, Jr.
Hazel Johnston
Neal Snidow, Jr.
Tom Phlegar

Horseshoe Cemetery Donations

John J. Snidow
Ms. Rebecca Dyer
*In memory of Andrew Reuben Dyer (1913-1968),
Great, Great grandson of Nancy Lucy Snidow (1782-
1873), and Jacob Prillaman, III (1778-1858).*

James E. Yarbrough
Anne Frazer
Gary L. Pack
Rebecca Copenhaver

Treasurers Report

submitted by Lucille Collins

Reunion Memorial Savings Accounts

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, April 15, 2002 | \$5735.83 |
| Additions: | |
| Sale of Reunion Items | 220.20 |
| Donations | 85.00 |
| Interest on Savings | 28.63 |
| Disbursements: None | |
| Balance, May 2003 | <u>\$6069.66+</u> |

Reunion Expense Account

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance April 15, 2002 | \$ 571.70 |
| Additions: | |
| Collection | 210.00 |
| Donations | 250.00 |
| Disbursements including: | |
| Fire Dept. (use of building) | 50.00 |
| Edith Dollins (entertainment) | 100.00 |
| Balance in Account , May 2003 | <u>\$ 591.00</u> |

Horseshoe Cemetery Fund

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Balance April 15, 2002 | \$ 424.95 |
| Additions: | |
| Donations | 285.00 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Mowing | 174.84 |
| Balance, May 2003 | <u>\$ 374.11</u> |

Thank you for all donations received. Please send future donations to the Snidow Association Treasurer, **Lucille Collins**, P.O. Box 612, Pembroke, Virginia 24136.

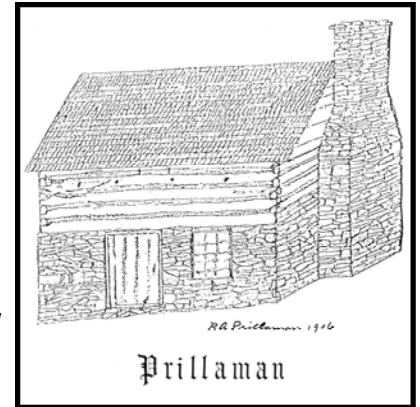
Prillaman Connections

*{Editors note:} The Snidow family has several early connections to the Jacob Prillamen family of Franklin County. It is believed that **Elizabeth Helm Snidow** was a sister to **Walburga Prillaman**, wife of Jacob. After the death of husband, John Jacob Snidow, Elizabeth and her family may have stayed with the Prillaman family for a time before traveling on to Giles County.*

***Barbara Snidow** (1754-179-), daughter of John Jacob and Elizabeth Snidow, married **Jacob Prillaman, Jr.** (1752– ca 1840), son of Jacob and Walburga Prillaman. After Barbara's death sometime before 1796, Jacob married a Sarah Bradley.*

***Philip Snidow** (1756-1792), Son of John Jacob and Elizabeth Helm Snidow, married **Barbara Prillaman** (1764-1848), daughter of Jacob and Walburga Prillamen. It is interesting to note that if Elizabeth (Helm) Snidow was a sister to Walburga (Helm) Prillaman, than Philip married his first cousin. Upon Philip's death, Barbara married again to Christian Martin and lived near Blacksburg, Va.*

***Nancy Snidow** (1783-1875), daughter of Philip and Barbara (Prillaman) Snidow, married **Jacob Prillaman, III** (1778-1858). She, too, married a first cousin since Jacob, III was the son of Barbara's brother. (**Daniel and Ann (O'Briant) Prillaman**).*



Jacob Prillaman, Sr. (1721-1796)

“First Prillaman of America ” is engraved on the tombstone of Jacob Prillaman, Sr. An alien fine paid in Maryland in 1763 indicates that he was an original immigrant. He was about 50 years old when he moved to Virginia.



He was an established land owner in Maryland, having several hundred acres which was sold prior to coming to Virginia. Soon after moving, he began to acquire more property. With the formation of new counties, his land was first in Pittsylvania, then Henry County and finally in Franklin County. First records show that in 1772, for 180 pounds, he purchased land from Anthony Title. This property was located near the present town of Callaway, Virginia. Beginning in 1783 through 1794, Jacob received grants of land from the state of Virginia which added over 1000 acres along the Blackwater River to his land holdings. (*Commonwealth Grants & Patents Book 1 and 20*)

Aside from managing his land, Jacob gave service to his community and country. Franklin County court records show that he served on juries, was an overseer of roads and overseer of the poor. In November, 1991, the Patrick Henry and General Joseph Martin Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a marker on Jacob's grave for his service in the Revolutionary War. Court records in Henry County show that one service given was the contribution of 275 pounds of beef for the revolutionary cause.

Jacob died between July 19 and September, 1796. He and Waltpurgelly (1723-1799) are buried in the Prillaman Cemetery near Callaway, Virginia. The original gravestone indicated that Jacob was 75 years old when he died. In his will, Jacob called his wife, “Waltpurgelly” but her correct name was probably Walburga. Walburga Prillaman is believed to be a Helm. This supposition is based on the fact that Thomas Helm, a relative, lived with the family. Jacob and Waltpurgelly had five children: They are: Barbara, Jacob Jr., John, Daniel, and Ann.

Today, the Prillaman descendants are extensive in number and have made significant contributions to society. They meet for a reunion at the Franklin County Park on the third week end in August each year. A web page, www.prillamanfamily.com, gives further information on family history, genealogy, and current activities.

- References:
1. Prillaman Family, by Ellen Stanley Rogers, 1959, revised 1980 by Norris Prillaman Miller
 2. The Ancestors and Descendants of Judge John Alexander Kelly and Martha Matilda Peck Kelly and Related Families 1515-1959, Edited by Roberta Matilda Copenhaver.
 3. Virginia Publick Claims: Henry County, compiled by Janus Obercrombe and Richard Slatton

Buffet Lunch At Mountain Lake

Snidow family members who come early and those who live close-by can enjoy an informal time of fellowship at the Mountain Lake Hotel on Saturday, August 2. A buffet luncheon is set for 12:30 PM. The cost is \$11.50 per person (includes tax and tip) and is payable there.

Reservations need to be made before July 27. Please contact **Lucille Collins** (540-626-3333), **Mary Morrison** (540-626-3627), **Roma Collins** (540-626-7332) or **Ruth Blevins** (540-921-3540) to make your reservations.

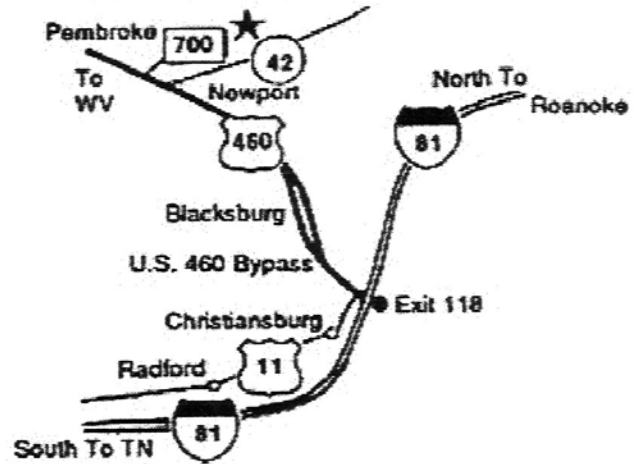
Staying at the Mountain Lake Hotel ?

This information may useful for making reservations:

Phone: 1-540-626-7121

Web site: <http://www.mountainlakehotel.com>

E-mail: info@mountainlakehotel.com



Map to Mountain Lake

Ruth Blevin's Barn

The word barn conjures up in one's mind a large, probably grey building, wooden floor, and with a hay loft. Mrs. William Gorge and I were invited by Ruth and Bill Blevins for an overnight visit to The Barn. Arriving in Ripplemead, we parked in front of The Barn. We knew we were in the right place when we saw, near the ground by the path, a sign with the words "The Barn".....



If you are lucky to be invited as an overnight guest to The Barn, you will be as enthralled as we were with all of Ruth's art work, overall plan for the building and ingenious uses of decorating touches. (I can assure you will be pampered in a lovely guest-house.)

*Excerpts from an article contributed by **Mary French Boswell***

Editors note: We regret that space did not permit printing the whole article about The Barn. We will save it for next issue for we understand that the Saturday luncheon next year may be held there.

Cake Recipe

- 2 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/4 cups butter
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon. baking powder
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice



Eileen S. Ward

Cream butter and sugar. Add 1 eggs one at a time, beating well. Sift flour with baking powder and add alternately with milk. Add flavoring. Butter tube pan and sprinkle lightly with flour. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Do not open oven while baking. *Submitted by Nancy Caldwell Moore.*

*(This is a recipe handed down by **Eileen Snidow Ward (1907-1985)**. As a young adult in Pembroke, Eileen baked pies and cakes to sell in a patisserie operated by her father, William Easley Snidow)*

Gordon Snidow Exhibition at the Smithsonian

Artist **Gordon Snidow** has been honored at the Smithsonian in Washington DC with a Retrospective Exhibition of over 70 of his works of art.

The exhibit was hanging at the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building on the National Mall, Washington D.C. from February 7 to May 11, 2003. Between February and March 31, 101,000 people viewed Gordon's works.

This was a comprehensive, retrospective exhibition of Cowboy Artists of America (CCA) Charter and Emeritus member Gordon Snidow.



The exhibit included a full spectrum of his lifetime body of work from his first piece, his early juvenile work to his current work including the "Coors Cowboy Collector Series", "Homeless", "American Women" and "Mountain Men Re-enactors". It spanned many media including pencil sketches, watercolor, oil, and gouache, a unique medium which Snidow helped develop and popularize. For more details, go to: www.gordonsnidow.com



Nancy Pebley receives an award from Betty Straus for traveling farthest.

Scenes from the August, 2002, Snidow Family meeting in Pembroke.

Awards were given to the youngest, (Noah Jones), the oldest (Mary Morrison), and for traveling the farthest, (Nancy Pebley).



Noah Jones



The **Dollins Family** singers provided a musical medley about states where Snidows live for the 2002 Snidow reunion in Pembroke. Edith Snidow Dollins of Waynesboro, Virginia, is a member of the group.



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Reaching descendants of
John Jacob and Elizabeth Helm Snidow

Snidow Association Officers:

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| President: | Betty Straus |
| Vice President.: | William Snidow |
| Secretary | Doretta Collins |
| Treasurer | Lucille Collins |

Missouri Trip Postponed

The Missouri Trip, which has been planned for the past two summers, has been postponed once again. The trip is now scheduled for June 2004.

Ruth Blevins, trip coordinator, asks that anyone interested to please give her names and addresses. Early next spring, each interested person will be contacted with details of the trip. An effort will be made to tailor the trip to the needs of the group.

The 10-day trip was planned to visit our Missouri kin with many fun stops on the way. Travel will be in an air-conditioned Abbott bus which has 54 seats available.

The fun stops include a Paddle Boat dinner



cruise, Outdoor Theater (Tom Sawyer), Truman's home tour, Grant's Farm, a visit to the Arch in St. Louis, Daniel Boones home, Pony Express Museum, Line Creek Archaeological Museum, antique shopping, American Quilters Museum, and the home of Mary Todd Lincoln.