

# Snidow Association Newsletter

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## Snidow Missouri Trip is on!



The long awaited Snidow Association trip is finalized. It is time to make reservations, pack your bags (and save your quarters).

In order to fill a bus, travelers other than Snidow family will also be making the tour. Seats are reserved in order of the calls.

Reservations are to be made directly to the Abbott Bus Company by calling 1-800-433-1111. The contact there is Diane Eagle. A \$50.00 deposit reserves a seat with the balance to be paid 30 days before the trip or by May 13. The company accepts Visa and MasterCard.

**Cost of the trip includes accommodations and several meals. The price is \$325 (four per room), \$350.00 (three per room), \$399.00 (two per room), and \$550 (one per room). Each person is allowed one suitcase and a carry-on.**

**At 8:00 a.m. on June 13, the bus will be at the New River Mall in Christiansburg to pick up passengers.** After that, stops will be made in Pembroke, Virginia, and near Charleston, West Virginia. The trip originates in Bonsack, Va., for any who live in the area.

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### SHOW ME St. LOUIS, GATEWAY TO THE WEST JUNE 13-17, 2005

**Day 1:** Travel to Evansville, Indiana, to the Aztar Casino Hotel.

**Day 2:** Visit Chain of Rocks Bridge, and take a guided tour of St. Louis. Stay at the Casino Queen Hotel.

**Day 3:** Side trip to Paris, Missouri, for just the Snidow family to visit our Missouri "cousins". The bus is ours for the day. We will picnic with family and visit an exhibit of Gordon Snidow prints. Afterwards, it is back to Casino Queen Hotel.

**Day 4:** Travel to Clarksville, Tennessee. There will be dinner and entertainment tonight.

**Day 5:** Travel home. Everyone will be delivered back to the place of origin.

Ruth Blevins, trip coordinator, says to call her if there are further questions. Her phone is 1-540-921-3548.

# Continuing to Preserve our Heritage

## From the President's Desk

Considering that the Snidow Assn. has not undertaken any substantial projects for several years, I would like to propose an idea for consideration and discussion at the August 2005 meeting/reunion:

1. Identification sign or marker of some sort at Horseshoe Cemetery and at any other suggested Giles area Snidow ancestral sites. Cost: Unknown at this time. Anybody have any ideas???
2. Highway State Historical Markers for either the site of Jacob Snidow's Mill on Stony Creek (or perhaps the 1774 Indian Massacre on New River in which the 2 young Snidow girls were killed and 2 of the Snidow boys were kidnapped). **The Virginia Highway State Historical Markers cost approximately \$1225 each.**

If I can begin to receive your feedback now, your ideas/suggestions can be summarized quickly during our August meeting. So please let me hear from you!

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Enfield, CT 06082

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## Election of New Officers

**Elections** were held at the Snidow annual meeting reunion in August. New officers (serving through Aug. 2006), directors, and all the key players are:

**President:** Jane P. Snidow  
(*Enfield, Connecticut*)

**Vice Pres:** William E. Snidow  
(*Pembroke, Virginia*)

**Secretary:** Doretta Collins  
(*Pembroke, Virginia*)

**Treasurer:** Barbara Snidow Meredith  
(*Pembroke, VA*)

**Historian:** Thomas N. Clark  
(*Burlington, NC*)

**Newsletter:** Mabel Peters  
(*Ridgeway, VA*)

### Directors:

Mary Morrison (through 2006)  
William E. Snidow (through 2008)  
Betty Snidow Strauss (through 2010)

## Thanks Are in Order

...to **Tandy Shields** for sharing Col. Christian Snidow's obituary! Read it on **page 3**.

...to **Roger Morris** for his many contributions to the web site of old obituaries, wills and photo of William Benton Snidow's old home place.

...to **Bea & Sally Snidow** for the Lybrook Letters link now on the web site.

...to **Lucille Collins** for her dedicated service as Treasurer of the Snidow Assn. for many years.

...to **Ruth Blevins** for the magnificent decorations at the 2004 reunion.

...to **Betty Snidow Strauss** for serving as President the past few years.

...to the **Reunion Committee** for making the arrangements for the 2004 reunion week-end.

# Col. Christian Snidow Obituary Found

This appeared in the Oct. 14, 1836

*Richmond Whig & Public Advertiser*

" DIED

At his residence, in the county of Giles, on Sunday, the 18th day of September last, Col. Christian Snidow, in the 77th year of his age. Col. Snidow was an early pioneer in the Western wilderness. He was an officer and soldier under Col. William Preston, during the war of the Revolution, and was engaged in defence [sic, but appropriate spelling at the time] of the Virginia frontier, against the warlike and merciless attacks and deprivations of the Indians and Tories. He served the county of Giles for many years in the Legislature of Virginia, with zeal, fidelity, and devotion to those whose interest he represented. He was long a member of the county Court of Giles, and as such was highly respected. As a citizen, he was much esteemed, because of his usefulness, integrity and hospitality. As a friend, he was dearly beloved. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens who evinced sincere sorrow for his death, and heartfelt sympathy with his bereaved and afflicted family.

His death has produced a vacuum which cannot shortly be closed; there is none to take his place. Adieu, thou friend of freedom and of man! This community cannot, will not forget thy kindness and hospitality. Thy name and thy actions will long be remembered--and thy loss will not be more sadly and more seriously experienced and felt than by the author of this humble tribute to thy memory."

*(Thank you to Tandy Shields who found Col. Christian's obit in the microform newspaper section at Virginia Tech!  
As Tandy mentioned, it's a shame that we have no identity of the author of this obituary. DOES ANYBODY KNOW?)*



## In Memoriam



*Richard F. Snidow*  
*Son of Berman Snidow*

*Frances Morgan*  
*Wife of Elton Morgan*

*Elizabeth O'Brian Williams*  
*Daughter of Martha Elizabeth Snidow O'Brian*

*Martha McDonald Moretz*  
*Daughter of GB & Mary Doug McDonald*

*Clifton Snidow III*  
*Son of Clifton Snidow, Jr.*

*Emma C. Phlegar*  
*Wife of Joe Phlegar*

*Louise Jane "Lois" Snidow*  
*Wife of Graydon Snidow*

# On Visiting Two Snidow Cemeteries

On one of the warmest days in January, Ruth Blevins, Sallie Lucas and I (Mabel Peters) met in Ripplemead, Virginia, to search for two Snidow Cemeteries. We were looking to confirm dates and document them for future reference.

Ruth Blevins led the way to the first cemetery, which is located, literally, in a family's back yard on property once known as the Hale farm. Christian (Blacksmith) and Sarah Turner Snidow are buried here as well as some of their descendants. It is a small area surrounded by a boxwood hedge. Small saplings, berry brambles and vines cover the graves. Several of the tombstones have fallen, but they are still legible enough to read. Some have beautiful designs and interesting inscriptions.



Sallie Lucas uncovers the tombstone of Christian Wiley Snidow, located on the Hale farm cemetery. The inscription reads: C. W. Snidow, Mar. 1, 1830, Oct. 8, 1912, "His toils are past, His work is done, He fought the fight, -The victory won"

The next cemetery we visited is on the William Turner Snidow home place at Norcross, Virginia. A road on the property located to the left of the house leads up a hill to the cemetery. There, in an open wooded area, we found a small group of graves. Among the graves were those of William Turner and Nancy Burk Snidow. The head stone for Christian Cephas Snidow was not found but is probably buried under the leaves.

The graves are deeply depressed and some of the headstones are broken.

Our time to visit was too short to gather all the information we wanted so we plan to go back. As we descended from the site, we could see the opposite hillside on which the cemetery of the Christian Newton Snidow Family is located.

*This adventure is shared here with the thought that perhaps the Snidow Association would consider taking as a project the locating and mapping of the Snidow Cemeteries in Giles County. Some cleaning and maintenance would keep family history visible for years to come.*

*Mabel Peters*



The head stones in front are those of William Turner (left) and Nancy Burk Snidow. Sallie Lucas records information.



## 2005 Reunion: August 6-7

The Snidow Association reunion and business meeting will be held at the Fireman's Recreation Building in Pembroke, Virginia, on Sunday, August 7. The building is located on Rt. 460 and is easy to find.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meal is potluck and buffet, so everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. (*Ruth Blevins asks for the recipe of that wonderful intoxicating pound cake someone made last year*). Drinks, etc., will be provided.

The planning committee is working on a special program for the event.

A business session will follow the luncheon. Afterwards, everyone is invited to gather at the Snidow monument for a brief memorial service.

Reunions are always a special time to greet family and share a little history. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### Reunion 2004 Notes:



Margaret Dent  
came from Florida



Martha Linker, Clemmons, NC; Jane Snidow, Enfield, CT; Jim Yarbrough, Winston Salem, NC; Dick Yarbrough, Greensboro, NC; Jean and John Snidow, Hardy, VA; Florence Moline, St. Louis, MO.

Silver Dollar Awards have been a tradition of the association for a long time. They are given to the oldest member present—that was **Mary Allen Brown**, who was 93 years old; and for the longest distance traveled—that was **Margaret Dent** who traveled to the reunion from Florida. For the youngest present, silver dollars were given to two babies; **Jase Williams**, son of Rick and

**Kristie Williams**, and **William Albert Snidow**, son of Larry and Danielle Snidow.

In the business session, the group gave approval for the reunion to be held in August each year on a day established by the planning committee.

## Snidow Website: [www.snidow.org](http://www.snidow.org)

As some of you know, [www.snidow.org](http://www.snidow.org) crashed in January when the web host company's server and back-up server malfunctioned. This coincided with several critical projects at work (still ongoing) and I have simply not had the time to re-upload our web site's files and graphics. I'll get to it as soon as I can but I expect the site to be up and running by the end of March. Thanks for everyone's patience during this frustrating situation.

Your webmaster and president,  
Jane Snidow

*During the week of October 10-16, 2004, alone, the site received over 50 hits (that's a lot of visitors)!*

## Snidow Association Treasurer's Report

Business CD Account	\$3,727.66
Business Money Rate Savings	\$2,104.16

Checking Account	\$ 926.79
Checking Account (Horseshoe Cemetery)	\$ 520.11

### Deposits:

Donations:	\$ 185.00
Family Reunion Cabin Collection	\$ 355.62
Left Over From Mt. Lake Dinner	\$ 16.00
Sale of Hats, Cards, etc.	\$ 39.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 595.62</b>

### Disbursements:

Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 130.00
BB&T (New Checks & Service Charge)	\$ 65.87
Stamps for Snidow Newsletter	\$ 101.75
Pembroke Fire Department building use	\$ 50.00
Annual registration fee	\$ 25.00
Andy Houck (Reunion Entertainment)	\$ 75.00
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$ 447.62</b>

**Checking Account Balance: (10/2004) \$1,594.90**

### Donations:

William W. Snidow, Jr.  
Jean C. Harp  
Roma S. Collins  
Al and Dorothy Prillaman  
Nancy L. Pebley  
V. Hazel Johnston

### Memorials:

Mary Allen Snidow, In memory of  
Husband, Charles Christian Snidow  
Son, Stephen Allen Snidow

Mary (Joe) Snidow Family, In Memory of  
Richard F. Snidow

Patricia Knowles, In Memory of  
Richard F. Snidow

Sue Neal, In Memory of  
Husband, Neal William Snidow, Sr.

Barbara S. Meredith, In Memory of  
Father, Joe J. Snidow

**Contributions** to the Snidow Family Assn. are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** and help defray the cost of the newsletter plus enable the Assn. to preserve our ancestral cemeteries and so much more. Each and every donation is very much appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the "Snidow Family Assn." and mailed to:

Barbara Snidow Meredith, Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 683, Pembroke, VA 24136

Know all Men by these Presents that we Phillip Snidow & Daniel Prilleman are held & firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just & full sum of Fifty Pounds Consent Money, To which Payment will & truly to be made we bind our Heirs, Exors or Adms. Each of us firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals & dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1782

Whereas there is a Marriage depending & by Gods Permission is only intended between the above bound Phillip Snidow & Barbary Prilleman Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if there is no Lawfull Cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force, power & virtue

Sealed & delivered in the presence of

Philip Snidow (His)  
 Daniel Prilleman (Mark)

**Marriage Bond of Philip Snidow and Barbary Prilleman. Copy from the original bond, Henry Co. Va., Marriage Bonds 1778-1799, Book I, Page 43**

Know all men by these presents that we, Philip Snidow & Daniel Prilleman, are held & firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Virginia in the just & full sum of fifty pounds consent money. To which payment will & truly to be made, we bind our heirs, Exec. & adms. Each of them firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1782.

Whereas there is a marriage depending & by Gods permission is only intended between the above bound Philip Snidow & Barbary Prilleman. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force, power and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Philip Snidow (His)  
 Daniel Prilleman (Mark)

The marriage bond for Christian Snidow and Sally Turner is also found in Henry County. We will have copies available at the August reunion for any who would like to add a copy of the bonds to their family history or need documentation of family genealogy.

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## Reunion Saturday Luncheon Changed

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### Luncheon Menu

Baked Chicken  
  
Roast Beef  
  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
  
Vegetable Medley  
  
Warm Rolls/Butter  
  
Assorted Desserts  
  
Coffee & Iced Tea

This year, on Saturday, August 6, the luncheon buffet will be held in the Olin Preston room at the Holiday Inn University in Blacksburg (900 Prices Fork Road) at 12:30 sharp.

**The cost of the meal is \$14.00 per person (tax and gratuity included), payable the day of the luncheon.** Please make your reservations no later than Monday, August 1 by calling members of the planning committee:

Ruth Blevins ( 540-921-3548),  
Roma Collins ( 540-626-7332),  
Mary Morrison (540-626-3627),  
or by emailing Jane Snidow at [jpsnidow@hotmail.com](mailto:jpsnidow@hotmail.com)

Come early to visit with each other before we eat. Everyone will be seated together.

**Directions :**Take Rt. 460 by-pass to Prices Fork Road. Go east on Prices Fork Road for less than a mile. The hotel is located on your left, directly across from the V.P.I. campus.

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