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William Lucas Snidow 1829-1903

William Lucas Snidow was the son of **John Shannon Snidow** and **Mahala Lucas**. He was born February 03, 1829 in Giles Co., Virginia. He married **Elizabeth Campbell Brown** on June 27, 1849 in Pulaski Co., Virginia. Elizabeth was born June 24, 1832 in Giles Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **Abraham Brown** and **Margaret Goens**. She was raised by her grandparents, David and Susannah Goens after the death of her mother. She became quite spoiled by her wealthy grandparents and privileged life style.

Elizabeth and William moved from Virginia in November 1849 and settled in Monroe County, Missouri, near his parents, **John Shannon and Mahala Snidow**. In 1850, William moved his family from Monroe County after having a disagreement with his family over his belief that slavery was wrong.

They settled in Weaubleu, Hickory Co., Missouri. There, he bought a house and raised 10 children. He was a loving husband and father. By trade, he was a farmer and a carpenter. His home was a long, white, rambling house. His driveway was lined by a double row of magnificent silver maple trees he planted with his own hands. His gardens overflowed with fruits and flowers. The walls of his home were filled with bookshelves full of books and copies of famous pictures. He was described as a kind neighbor, patriotic citizen and as a remarkable man considering his limited education.

William fought in the Civil War on the Union side for slavery liberation. He enlisted on July 30, 1862 and discharged on January 12, 1883. He served as Captain in Company B of the 60th Regiment of the Missouri home guard. His service was under the command of A. C. Marvin.

After the war, William served 26 years in the Missouri Legislative Assembly. He was elected in 1864 as state Senator. Then in 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1886, 1896, he was elected as a member of the House General Assembly. It is said he voted "no" on more measures than any member ever in the General Assembly. He also has served as a sheriff and tax collector for Hickory County.

Elizabeth was small with dark eyes and hair that did not gray. Elizabeth resented pioneer hardships and having such a large family. Later in life she lived almost wholly in the past and was incapacitated the last 14 years of life, with daughter



William Lucas Snidow



Elizabeth Campbell Brown

Eliza caring for her. The family bible was passed on to son, **John Brown Snidow**, but its location is unknown at this time.

William died September 23, 1903 at his home. Elizabeth died March 09, 1906. They are buried on the Snidow Farm in Weaubleu, Missouri. On Oct 11 1963, cousins visited the grave and gave this description: "Graves on hwy 123 south out of town of Weaubleu. Turn 2nd road east, go over RR tracks, east small distance and were about one quarter mile from where house once stood. The grave Site is at edge of timber under large Oak tree. The Graves are in good condition with tall stones at head of grave and two small foot stones with initials "WLS & ECS". On right side of grave were Graves of children, Eliza and Carl."

All the children of William Snidow and Elizabeth Brown were born at the family farm in Weaubleu, Hickory Co., Missouri. They are:

1. **Margaret Jane Snidow**, b. Jul 21, 1850, d. Feb 12, 1922, Joplin, Jasper Co., Mo. m. John Nelson Davis (son of John Davis and Martha) Apr 09, 1871, in Hickory Co., Mo. b. Jun 17, 1851 Indiana, d. Sep 01, 1917 Joplin, Jasper Co. Mo. Both buried at Fairview Cemetery, Joplin, Missouri.

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2. **James Chapman Snidow**, b. Sep 21, 1852. d. Dec 30, 1929, Fairburn, SD., m. Elizabeth Amis, July 14, 1902 Weaubleu, Mo.
3. **Miriam Louetta Snidow**, b. Dec 03, 1854. m. William Butler, Feb 06, 1884.
4. **Mary Alamira Wilmurth Snidow**, b. Mar 26, 1857. m. James Lowe Nov 06, 1877.
5. **Giles Luther Snidow**, b. Apr 18, 1859. d. Mar 18, 1931, Orgon City, Or. m. Hanna Roman, Mar. 31, 1885, in Weaubleu.
6. **Laura Elizabeth Snidow**, b. Mar 26, 1862. d. Sept. 15 1938. m. Hough Marion Currier, Oct 03, 1889,
7. **Ann Eliza Mahala Snidow**, b. Jul 14, 1864. Eliza married later in life but had no children.
8. **William Sherman Snidow**, b. Sep 26, 1866. d. Oct. 9, 1935 South Dakota. William never married.

9. **Carl Shannon Snidow**, b. Jan 08, 1869. d. Sep 07, 1944. Lived with parents and farmed never married.
10. **John Brown Snidow**, b. Jan 03, 1872. d. Jul 03, 1937, Lengby, Mn. m. Alice Chalton, Dec 18, 1895 Hickory Co, Mo.

Source information:

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6. *Marriage in the New River Valley, Virginia*, Book by Therese A. Fisher p.220

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NEGLECTED SNIDOW CEMETERY AT NORCROSS GETS SOME T.L.C.



C. N. Snidow Cemetery before clean-up. Tombstone of Christian Newton Snidow shown above.

During the past two Decembers, Snidow descendants Bob Wright and Stephen Kaufman have been visiting Norcross to clear up the cemetery where their ancestor, Christian Newton Snidow (1845-1886), is buried.

Wright and Kaufman, who are descendants of Philip Snidow through his sons George and Christian, attended the 2005 reunion and heard the Snidow Family Association's appeal to protect family burial places lest they be lost to history. With the support of Newport resident, Roger Myers, who co-owns the cemetery property, they waited until the foliage died down for the fall in Norcross and went to work clearing the area and establishing fencing at the corners.

Kaufman, who is 34 and has long been interested in his Snidow, Phlegar and Turner roots in the area, remembered only being able to find the small cemetery on one occasion with the help of neighboring farmer, G. B. McDonald.

"I came up a few years later on my own, confident that I knew where it was, but the area was so overgrown that I soon gave up in frustration," Kaufman said.

Only one of the gravestones stands prominent and has writing on it. That is the grave of Christian, who bought the farm from his uncle, William Turner Snidow, and brought his wife, Louisa Turner Snidow, to live in the farmhouse at the bottom of the hill. Tragically, Christian was killed in 1886 during logging operations on the property.

The other graves are marked with small field stones, and many can only be identified by the depressions in the ground. Now, with the area cleared and all four corners of the graveyard marked, Kaufman said he has counted as many as 19 graves.

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“Originally, we knew Christian was up here, as well as a stillborn daughter of his son, Samuel Wiley Snidow, and perhaps members of the Meadows family, but my uncle and I weren’t anticipating such a large area and so many graves,” he said.

Members of the Meadows family lived in the farm’s tenant house and likely account for the additional graves, according to Kaufman’s grandmother and Wright’s mother, Mary Snidow Wright, who was born on the property in 1909.

Additionally, when the farm was passed to her brother, Sylvan S. Snidow, after Samuel W. Snidow’s death in 1936, Mrs. Wright and her siblings received signed papers from a Mr. John C. Meadows relinquishing his claim to the cemetery in exchange for a small fee.

Christian’s farmhouse, which Samuel expanded, fell into disrepair and is now gone. However, a portion of the original barn remains, as well as the foundations of the spring house. Samuel, who worked as an engineer for the Norfolk and Western Railway, gave the Southern Railway the right of way through the property, and the tracks running between New River and the old homesite, remain in constant use.



Cemetery of C. N. Snidow Family as it looks after the clean up. Tombstone of Christian Newton Snidow is center photo.

Christian Newton Snidow home about 1930. The railroad ran between the house and the New River. The corner of a rail car can be seen in the picture. Big Stony Creek flowed to the river not far from the front of the house. The cemetery is located on the top right side of the hill, but cannot be seen in this photo.

Thank you to Steven Kaufman for giving the information to write this article and for providing the pictures. Family information can be seen on his web site by connecting through the Snidow/Phlegar link on www.Snidow.net.

Mabel Peters, Compiler



Children of Christian Newton Snidow: Front row seated l-r are Waller T. Snidow, Louisa Turner Snidow, Samuel W. Snidow, Standing, l-r, are Phoebe Snidow, Pricie S. French, Sallie Phlegar. Photo ca. 1920



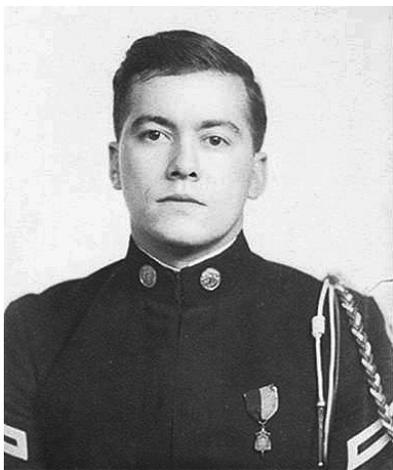
We're on the Web!
www.snidow.net

Snidow Website

It's ba-ack!!! Although our long-time URL "snidow.org" was stolen (long story), I was able to purchase the domain name "snidow.net" several months ago and the bulk of the site has now been restored. So be sure to hit it occasionally for not only Snidow-related genealogy but also for annual reunion information, old obits and some old Snidow-related wills, lots of photos - of people, headstones, artifacts, etc., a plot map of Horseshoe Cemetery and much more. (By the way, a VA Tech memorial message will remain on the home page for at least a year - through April, 2008 - to honor the memory of those tragically killed in Blacksburg. Additionally, a condolence message was posted at the VA Tech Memorial Website on behalf of the Snidow Assn.)

If you have any old Snidow obits or wills, photos, etc. to add to the website, you can email me or send a copy to me to the address below. Happy surfing!

VA Tech grads among the family ranks...



John Jacob Snidow Jr.
 VPI Class of 1950

If there is any interest in this, I am doing a page on the Snidow website for photos of Va. Tech attendees or graduates (any era - recent or a long time ago). Email photos of your Snidow relatives who are/were Hokies to jpsnidow@hotmail.com or mail a copy to:

Jane Snidow,
 63 Candlewood,
 Enfield, CT 06082.
 (see snidow.net/vt.htm)

Engagement

Best Wishes to Thomas Snidow Lloyd and Stephanie Chell on their engagement. Stephanie is the daughter of Raymond & Carol Chell of Riva, MD. Tom is the son of Gary Lloyd of E. Longmeadow, MA and Jane Snidow Lloyd (Jane Snidow) of Enfield, CT.

Tom & Stephanie graduated from Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, CT) in 2002 and now live in Orlando, FL where Stephanie is a Community Rep. for the American Cancer Society and Tom is on a pro golf tour. A Spring, 2008 wedding is planned.

A Note of Appreciation

Jane Snidow had to leave early during the Sunday meeting of the Association last year. As a result, the members did not have an opportunity to express their appreciation to her or the other officers for their two years of service as officers of the Association. She came into the position with plans for greater involvement of the younger generations and the sense that it time for the Association to take on other projects.

On her own, Jane has created and maintains a Snidow Association Website. Her skill and creativity is evident for any who have visited the site. When the domain was stolen this past year, quite a few people asked about its return

William E. Snidow served as the Vice-President of the Association. Being a resident of Pembroke, he has been asked to take on many roles to help out. In particular, his remarks at the memorial services have been greatly appreciated.

Barbara Meredith served as treasurer and the financial secretary. Not only was she responsible for the finances, she managed the care of the Horseshoe Cemetery as well.

Thank you.

In Memoriam

Guy Lucas Snidow **February 2007**
 (Brother to Mary Morrison and Anne Frazer)

Mary D. Snidow **December 9, 2006**
 (Wife of Joe J. Snidow, deceased)

Mary Ann Snidow Atherton
 (Wife of Stuart Edward Atherton)

Thank you to Nancy Havermann for sharing the letter below. Christian Columbus Snidow (19 Jan 1828-12 Feb 1808) was the son of William Melvin and Chloë Freely Snidow. After 1870, he had returned to his farm in Monroe County, Missouri, and married Ellen Farrell. There were parents of at least two children. His obituary mentions his being in California during the Gold Rush.

Sutter County California

Letter from California

April the 8th AD 1866

Friend Wes it has been so long since I heard from you that I hardly know what to write but thought I would send you a blotted sheet to see if I could hear from you again and to let you know that I am still in the land of the living but ragged and nasty. My clothes don't fit me and my feet stinks and I have got no money though you must not think that I am dissatisfied with this country for I think it is the best place that I ever struck. After three years experience in this country I find that I can make a living here easier than I could in Missouri although my close dont fit as well as they used to. I enjoy life fully as well I like the people here everybody seems to be disposed to tend to their bisness and if a man happens not to get off his pony with the right foot foremost or not exactly in first rate shape it is not noticed or thought of or if a man happens to drop a few nails on his way from town it is not talked of for the next six months. But hereupon this strange land the words write amount to naught. In vain I strive to utter thought that those who read may understand. Well Wes, time are tolerable fare here. We sure had plenty of rain here this winter the streams has been very high and no end to mud. A man had to carry a fence rail under his arm to keep from dropping clear through. I have been bucking around for the last four months with my boots off and trousers roled up as high as I could get them for it is no use wearing boots when the water is up to a fellows knee caps and one third of the time about all he can do to chin it. It is miserable getting about with a horse here when the ground is very wet. I prefer as most everybody to waid but the rainy season is over and the weather is very fine. Crops look very promising and seems to be a pleasant time to live on the earth. There will be a very heavy harvest here this summer. The heaviest ever know in this country. Well Wes, I guess most of the Flat Creek boys that was out in your country have gone back there. I have not heard from Marvie for some time I would like to hear from there and to know what all the fellers are doing there. I hardly know who is there and who aint. They seem to be very careless about keeping me posted. You must write to me as soon as you get this badly written sheet. I am very antious to here from you tel me where Nute is if you know I have not heard of him since the fall of 63. I would like to get truk of him again. I cannot know how long I will stay in this country but will let you know when I leave it. I am stil a bachelor this is a greit bachelor country about half the men here are bachelors and about my age so we simpathise with each other. I think if I have to live a bachelor I would prefer this to any place in US.

No more tel I here from you hoping this may find you and family enjoying the best of health and prosperity I remain your friend as ever

C. C. Snidow

Nicholaus, Sutter Co. California

DNA Testing Project

The Prillaman family began a DNA project through Family-treedna in August of 2006 with several goals in mind. I am hoping that the Snidow family can help us achieve one of those goals. It has often been stated that Waltpurgelly wife of Jacob Prillaman Sr. may have been a sister of Elizabeth, wife of John Jacob Snidow. Dna testing of a female direct line descendant of Elizabeth will help determine if indeed the two women are related. We have recently sent the mtdna of a male participant, Mr. Bryant, to the lab for testing. Men can be tested for both mtdna (from their mothers) and ydna (from their fathers) but women can only be tested for mtdna. Since Mr. Bryant's mother is a direct line descendant of Waltpurgelly, his mtdna will determine her haplogroup and origins. His line includes - Linnie May Prillaman, d/o Susan Jamison; d/o Barbara Prillaman; d/o Nancy (Lucy) Snidow; d/o Barbara Prillaman, wife of Philip Snidow and daughter of Waltpurgelly and Jacob Prillaman Sr. Waltpurgelly had two daughters but Elizabeth Snidow only had one that survived, Barbara "Catherine" who married Jacob Prillaman Jr. as his first wife. It appears that the best hope of finding a direct line descendant of Elizabeth Snidow is through her granddaughter Ann who married Lewis Winters. It

is possible that the line has ended but Ann and Lewis had five daughters which gives me hope that we may indeed still find a direct line descendant carrying Elizabeth's mitochondrial dna.

The five daughters include: Elizabeth Winters who married George Merritt and had two daughters, Mary and Anna; Margaret "Peggy" Winters who married Thomas N. Jones and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Agnes; Susan Winters, for whom I have no further information; Sarah Winters, for whom I have no further information; and Mary Winters who married Thomas Kreps. The Winters family lived in Miami County, Ohio. Please contact Twyla Edwards at prillaman@aol.com if you have any information or would like to help research these families.

Through three ydna participants in the Prillaman project, we have determined the haplogroup of the Prillaman family and actually linked to a European cousin. All three men are said to be in the Haplogroup, R1b1c. Our European cousin has the surname Brullman and was born in Amriswil, Switzerland.

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Other exciting news in the Prillaman family includes recent research which has determined that Jacob Prillaman arrived in Philadelphia on the ship Lydia in 1747, having left from Lohn, Switzerland. His signature on the ship's record matches his signature on his daughter Ann's marriage bond. More informa-

tion can be found at www.prillamanfamily.com or at <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/prillaman/>.

The Prillaman family reunion will be held the last Sunday in July at Fairystone Park in Henry County.

Submitted by Twyla Edwards

REUNION AND ASSOCIATION NEWS AND BUSINESS

**SNIDOW FAMILY ASSOCIATION
TREASURE'S REPORT
MAY 2007**

Report from Bank Statement Dated April 20, 2007
 CHECKING \$2,590.89
 SAVINGS 2,126.19
 CD 4,081.95
 \$8,799.03

CHECKS WRITTEN OCT 06 – MAY 07

Nathan Snidow \$ 40.00
 (Grass Cutting Horseshoe C.)
 Treasure of VA 25.00
 (Annual Reg. Fees)
 Pembroke Ruritan 100.00
 (Bldg. Rent For Reunion 07)
 \$ 165.00

**SNIDOW FAMILY ASSOCIATION
DONATIONS
OCTOBER 2006 – MARCH 2007**

General Fund Donations

Nancy L. Pebley
 Karen Wright
 Patricia Knowles

Memorial Donations

Barbara Meredith in memory of Joe J. Snidow
 Betty S. Ogden in memory of Mary D. Snidow

Submitted by:
 Patricia M. Duncan
 Treasure for the Snidow Assoc.

*A special thank you goes for the donations listed above. Donations or memorials made be made to the Snidow Family Association and sent to:
Patricia Duncan, 3305 West 1st Ave., Belle, WVA 25015*

Annual Silver Dollar Awards



Guy Lucas Snidow– Oldest at 90 years of age.



Katherine Campbell– Traveled Farthest from Tampa, Fla.



Sarah Elizabeth Jones– 5 months old
 Daughter of Christy W. Jones
 G'daughter of Gertrude Snidow Williams

*Photos by
 Sallie Lucas*

New Officers

New officers were elected for the term 2006-2008. They are: President: **Mabel Peters**, Ridgeway, Va.

Vice President: **Wanda Hypes**, Pembroke, Va.

Secretary: **Nancy Johnston**, Woodbine, Md

Treasurer: **Patricia Duncan**, Belle, W.Va

Thank you for the work of putting together the slate goes to the nominating committee composed of Wanda Hypes, Pat Duncan and Sallie Lucas.

President's Note:

I am beginning this term as president of the Snidow Family Association without any ambitious project in mind. The Association exists for the upkeep of the Horseshoe Cemetery but it is also the source of Snidow family history and a place for bonding family ties. Pembroke is the site where it all began and each year members of the family come looking for information about their ancestry. My aspiration would be to encourage further research, recording and sharing of that information. I look to you to help me in this endeavor. *Mabel Peters*

Snidow Association Sunday Meal Reservation Form
Mail to: Pat Duncan, 3305 West 1st Ave., Belle, W.Va. 25015



Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ My family (will, will not) attend the Sat. Picnic. _____ Number planning on rafting down the New River.	Phone: _____ _____ Adults @ \$12.00 ea. \$ _____ _____ Child(s) @ \$ 6.00 ea \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ For meals:
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Reunion Plans for August 4 and 5

The 31st annual Snidow Association and family reunion will be held August 4th and 5th in Pembroke, Virginia. Following the decision made by the membership during the 2006 meeting, a new arrangement for the Saturday and Sunday meetings has been planned. The arrangement committee is composed of Ruth Blevins, Roma Collins, Patricia Duncan, William and Ellen Snidow and Mabel Peters.

Saturday Activities

The American Legion Park facilities are reserved for the use of the Association. This outing is planned with children and play in mind. There are two ball fields and a children's "Treasure Island" play area. Bring along balls, bats, mitts, etc. for playing. The older members can relax and visit in the comfort of the air-conditioned meeting room. The added interest is the fact that the park property was once part of the home place of George and Martha Snidow. The house still stands and can be seen from the

park.

Lunch will be ready at noon. *There is no need to bring food.* The planning committee members are cooking and will prepare hotdogs, hamburgers and the "fixings" for everyone.

Rafting on the River

Arrangements have been made for a float trip on the New River. There is a fee of \$30.00 per adult, \$20.00 per child age 12 and under. Tantent in Giles, who specializes in river rafting, will come to the park after lunch to pick up those who plan to participate. Rafts will be put in the water at Pembroke for a one hour trip to Ripplemead. At the end of the trip, everyone will be returned to the park. Only four boats are available, each holding six passengers. Reserve a space by noting your interest on the form above or by calling **Ruth Blevins at 540-921-3548.**

Sunday Events

The annual business meeting will take place at the Fireman's Recreation Building. The agenda for the day includes the business, the silver-dollar awards, and door prizes. After the meeting, a memorial service will be held at the Snidow monument, which is located across the highway from the building.

A catered lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M. Reservations are needed along with payment for the meal by **July 15**. The meal cost per adult (tax and tip included) is \$12.00 and \$ 6.00 for each child 10 years of age and under. To whet you appetite, please note the menu to the right. A reservation form for your convenience is given above.

Sunday Menu

- Barbecue Chicken, Baked Ham, Steak & Gravy
- Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Baked Apples,
- Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Buttered Corn
- Squash Casserole
- Bread
- Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad
- Choice from Eleven Assorted Desserts
- Coffee, Tea, Lemonade



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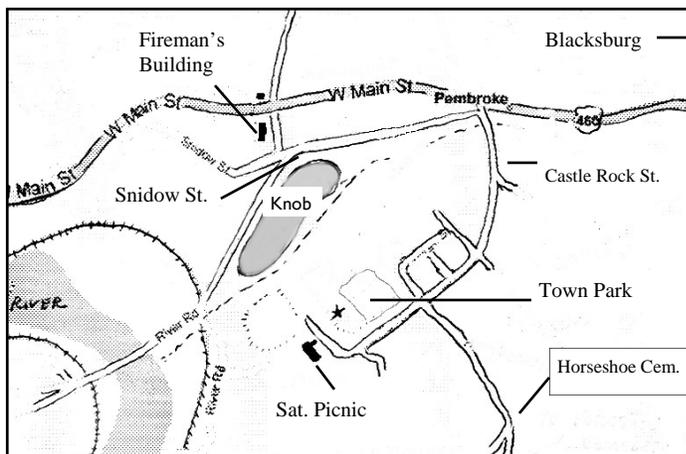
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Snidow Association Meeting and Reunion, August 4 and 5

The “Treasure Island” play area at Pembroke Park is shown below. Come on Saturday for a day of play, food, and family. Enjoy a float trip down the New River. Bring your family pictures, etc. to share.



The Association meeting for business and memorial service will be on Sunday. Reservations for the catered meal need to be made by **July 15**. Read all the details inside.



Map of Pembroke, Va.