

# Snidow Family Newsletter

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## **Thomas Nathan Clark: (1927-2008)**

Nat, as he was known, served as a long time historian for the Snidow Family Association. He wrote numerous articles for the Snidow Newsletter on well researched family history. Of particular interest was his research and article on the relationship of John Sneido and Christian Sneido of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (Autumn issues, 2000). He was the editor and compiler of the first few issues of the newsletter.

Nat was thoroughly involved in the business of the Association, serving as the president, and a director as well as a trustee of the Horseshoe Cemetery. He co-chaired the committee responsible for establishment of the monument in Pembroke and was instrumental in seeking the incorporation of the Snidow Family Association in 1984.

The NSSAR honored Nat with the "Minute Man" award for his sponsorship of 126 members and the organization of six SAR chapters. He was a classical pianist, an artist, a world traveler and an avid genealogist. He is survived by his wife, Martha Young Clark; daughter, Martha Anna Clark, and son, Rev. Stephen Clark.



Thomas Nathan Clark

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## **Lucille Snidow Collins: ( 1921-2009)**

Lucille Collins had a great fondness for the Snidow Family Association. She served as its treasurer for fifteen years and during that time personally donated the silver dollars given for awards each year. Her last request was that any memorial donation in her memory be given to the Association. She was a dedicated trustee of the Horseshoe Cemetery and for a time, with the help of her family, took care of the cemetery's maintenance.

In 1997, Lucille wrote an article for the Snidow Newsletter about growing up on the Horseshoe Farm in Pembroke, Virginia, which recalled fond memories for the many Snidow cousins who visited there and provided an insight into the life of William Luther and Mary Sue Snidow.

She was the wife of R. Miller Collins, her husband of more than 60 years. They were parents of six children: Bonnie, Wayne, Betty, Douglas, Donnie and Diane. Lucille was the daughter of William Easley and Mabel Snidow.



Lucille Collins

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## **Mary Elizabeth Snidow Morrison: (1915-2009)**

Mary Morrison is fondly remembered for bringing a whistle to the Snidow Reunions and using it to stop traffic on Rt. 460 while the family crossed the road for a memorial service at the Snidow Monument. She was the oldest member present at the reunion in 2008.

Mary served as secretary and as director of the Association. For almost thirty years, she helped with plans for the annual meetings. She co-chaired the committee that raised the funds for building the Snidow Monument.

She was a "local girl" who lived and taught in Giles County. Her parents were Henley and Lacie Snidow. She and husband, Charles Morrison, were parents of a son, Samuel Morrison.



Mary Morrison



### Notes From the 32nd Annual Meeting:

The Snidow Reunion was held on August 2 - 3, 2008. It began with a picnic on Saturday at the American Legion Park in Pembroke, where family members gathered to eat a lunch provided by the planning committee and to visit. On Sunday, a catered luncheon was held at the Volunteer Fireman's Activity Building followed by the annual business meeting of the association and a memorial service for those deceased during the year.

Door prizes and the annual Silver Dollar Awards were given. Mary Morrison was the oldest person present. Pat Knowles from Florida traveled the farthest and the youngest person was Melissa Staley. Don and Nancy Johnston had a display of the work they are doing to stabilize and repair the tombstones at the Horseshoe Cemetery.



Mary Morrison was the oldest present.



Melissa Staley, Youngest



Pat Knowles came the greatest distance.



Left: Tim Knowles wins a door prize.

During the business meeting, the decision was made to remove a wild cherry tree from the Horseshoe Cemetery and to repair the surrounding fence. It was agreed that the Association officers would continue for one more year and serve as a nominating committee to provide a slate of officers for election during the 2009 business meeting. Jim Yarbrough was elected a director of the Association for a term of six years (2008-2014).



Right: Jim Yarbrough is elected Director of the Association.

### Mary Morrison's Applesauce Cake:

3 Cups Applesauce  
2 sticks of Oleo  
Heat until shortening melts—let cool and stir in 4 teaspoons Soda

Mix together:

4 cups flour	2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons nutmeg	1 cup chopped nuts
2 teaspoons cinnamon	Dash of salt
2 teaspoons cloves	
1 box raisins (soak in warm water)	

Add to applesauce mixture  
Grease and flour a tube pan.  
Bake 2 1/2 hours at 275\*

### Caramel Frosting:

Mix Together:

1 box light brown sugar  
1 small can (5 oz.) Carnation Milk  
3 Tablespoons Oleo  
Boil exactly 3 minutes. Pull off and add 2 teaspoons vanilla.

Allow to cool. Whip until consistency to spread. (Mary said, "I make cake one day & ice next from fridge. Cold ices better.")

*Love you,  
Mary M*

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## Searching for the Grave of William Lucas Snidow



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I had been playing with the idea of going to Kansas to meet a newly found cousin. I made contact with Joann Cerovich Howell in September 2006. My great-great grandmother Barbara Cerovich Brooks' brother, John Peter Cerovich, is Joann's father. Our love of genealogy has formed a bond that I am forever grateful for. We have talked many hours on the phone planning the things we wanted to do on my trip to Kansas. At the top of the list, was to go to Weaubleau, Hickory County, Missouri. We wanted to find the "Old Family Homestead" just south of Weaubleau. As a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, I wanted to fulfill a goal to preserve and document the graves of "our family." My plan was to locate and photograph the graves of William Lucas Snidow and his wife, Elizabeth Campbell Brown Snidow. William Lucas is the grandson of patriot Jacob Snidow of Virginia.

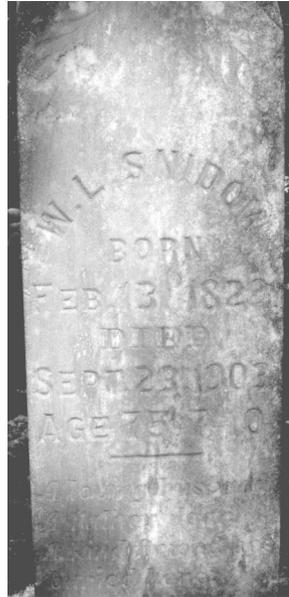
I then worked on mapping out our trip. I originally thought we would simply drive to the "Family Homestead" farm. It seemed like a simple enough task. Boy was I wrong! I found directions in the Roman Snidow Book that was written in 1971 but it did not contain any address. I tried to "map quest" the location. But as usual, with my bad luck I was unable to locate the site. I went to the local auto club for help but they could not help me either. I next contacted Ginger at the Hickory County Historical Society in Hermitage. I gave her the directions I had and asked if she could give me more specific ones? Ginger informed me that they had no idea where this location was. She told me she would send me a plot map and to find someone from the area to help me out. When the map arrived, Ginger had made a note to look in section 30. Since I had no other information at this time, the map was no help at all. We were discouraged and doubted if we would be able to find the graves after all. Just my luck, or lack thereof! What next I asked myself? I felt I had to do everything I could to locate more information. This would probably be the only time I would be able to travel to the area to look for the graves and the Old Family Homestead.

Then, my brain kicked into gear and I remembered seeing a posting from 2005 on the Snidow forum from Johnna Quick about the graves. I contacted Johnna and asked her if she had directions. She responded quickly explaining she had grown up in the area and had tried to find the graves many times herself. She had been unable to locate them. She even thought that they no longer existed. Johnna had posted her notes from a book. I provided her with the old directions we had as a last attempt to locate them before giving up. I received an email back from her telling me to look at the attachment. She had located a plot map from 1930 that showed the homestead. In 1930, the land was owned by William's son, Carl Snidow. To my surprise, it was indeed located in section 30. I compared the 1930 map with the 2007 map. It showed that a Mr. Leslie Stewart now owned the land. After some detective work, I was able to locate a phone number and called Mr. Stewart. I tried several times but was unable to reach anyone. As I sat at home, I tried to figure out what I would say when I did reach him. The phone suddenly rang! Mr. Stewart had caller id and had seen my call and called me! I excitedly blurted out my story stumbling over my words. His response was "I do own the Old Snidow homestead and that the graves are still there." We talked for sometime and then we made plans for us to visit on the 29th of October.

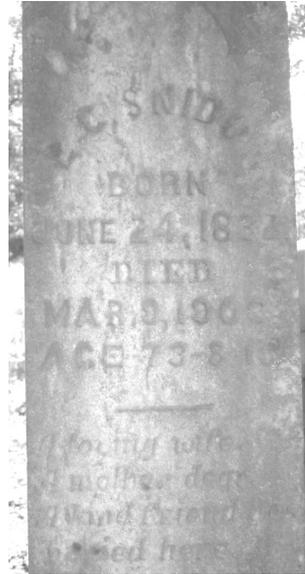
When Joann and I arrived Mr. Stewart greeted us warmly. .. He gave us some background information on the "Old Homestead." He located an old map on the original Homestead. I presented him with a book that held a report of all known descendants of William and Elizabeth to date. It included many documents like William's Civil War records, obits, birth records and pictures. We asked that if he ever sells the land that he pass the book on so the new owner would know about the people buried on the land.

He told us to follow him in his truck and he would lead us to the grave site. We started down a dirt road that started out east but quickly went this way and that through the woods. Sometimes we even drove on grass areas. After some time we stopped in a clearing. In the forest area to the left of us, we could see what appeared to be a circle of trees with a cleared area in the center. Mr. Stewart had worked to clean up the area where the graves were located. There in the center we found a 4 sided pillar type monument about 4 feet tall. It was in surprising good shape. At the base of the stone was the Snidow name. On the left side was William's information and the right was Elizabeth's

William Lucas Snidow  
Born  
Feb. 3, 1829  
Died  
Sept. 23, 1903  
Age 75-7-10  
A Loving Husband  
A Father Dear  
A kind Friend has  
Been Buried here.



E. C. Snidow  
Born  
June 24, 1832  
Died  
Mar. 9, 1906  
Age 73-8-15  
A Loving Wife  
A Mother Dear  
A Kind Friend has  
Been Buried here



At the foot of each grave was a simple concrete stone with the initials of WLS & ECS ( This was very hard to read and it did not photograph at all.) There are 2 graves to the right of them. They both are simply marked with a pointed stone at the head of the grave. At the foot of the grave was a smaller stone. There were no other markings. It was previously reported in the Roman Snidow Book that these were the graves of their children Ann Eliza and Carl Shannon. We photographed the graves and walked around for some time looking for any signs of the house. The graves are one quarter mile from where the house once stood. There was no sign of any of the old home itself.

After leaving the grave site, Mr. Stewart took us over to the next town of Farmington. He reported that the last Snidow who died was buried there. He did not know his name. He stated the man was to be buried on the homestead but due to the weather they were unable to get back in the woods so he had to be buried at the Farmington cemetery. We walked the entire cemetery and finally located the grave. To our surprise it was Carl Shannon Snidow, son of William and Elizabeth. He died in 1944. So who did the other grave belong to? As you can see we now have a family mystery. " Who is in the 4th grave at the Old Homestead? Joann and I believe Ann Eliza Mahala Snidow is buried in one, but who is in the other?

Since we left there, I have discovered Ann lived with Carl on the 1910 census. On the 1920 census, she was married to Rolla Ray. She married on April 10, 1913 in Polk County, Missouri. I have located her death certificate. On the certificate it basically states that Carl took care of Ann Eliza's burial and it confirms that she is buried on the farm. She died 12/8/1926. We are thinking maybe it is Ann Eliza's husband, Rolla, who is in the 4th grave. Ann Eliza was listed as a widow on her death certificate. Rolla died somewhere between the 1920 census and Eliza's death of 1926. We are trying to locate his obit. Now we must play detective to solve our case. We will let you know if we ever find out.

*Mr. Leslie Stewart's address is RR 1, Weaubleau, Mo. 65774. His phone is 417-428-3458.*

The sounds of "Reflections" filled the crowded Red Cross Blood Mobile. As Diana Ross sang about the way life use to be, Vince Snidow extended his right arm. The technician swabbed it generously with iodine, inserted a needle into a bloated vein and hooked Snidow up to a pint-size donation bag.

Snidow was relaxed. He knew the routine.

For longer than Diana Ross has been on the radio, Snidow has faithfully donated blood to the American Red Cross. The first time was nearly a half-century ago.

He doesn't really know how much he's given since then, because records don't go back that far, he said. But it's gallons and gallons.

In 1957, Snidow was a 17-year old freshman at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a member of the cadet corps. Those who donated blood got a special benefit.

"If we gave blood, we were excused from the day's drill. There was a pretty good turnout," he said, laughing.

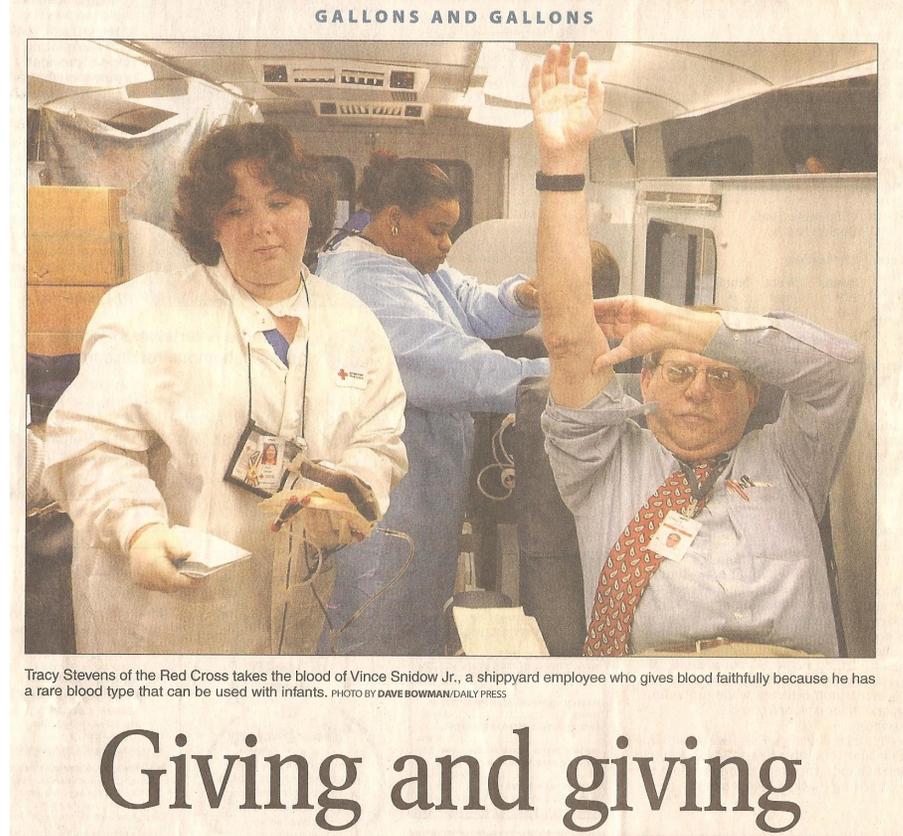
After college, Snidow did a three-year stint in the Army in the early '60's. He never hesitated to lay down his arm for his fellow soldiers.

"I gave whenever I heard there was a need," he said.

When his tour was up, he returned to his job at Newport News Shipbuilding and has continued to give blood every other month since.

Besides exhibiting a rare kind of faithfulness and consistency, Snidow also has a rare kind of blood type. He's blood type A, with a negative Rhesus (Rh) factor.

Snidow also tests negative for cytomegalovirus virus (CMV), a virus for which 50 percent of the population tests positive. This means Snidow has



Tracy Stevens of the Red Cross takes the blood of Vince Snidow Jr., a shipyard employee who gives blood faithfully because he has a rare blood type that can be used with infants. PHOTO BY DAVE BOWMAN/DAILY PRESS

## Giving and giving

never been exposed to the virus, and therefore, his body had not produced antibodies for it. Those who have been exposed to the virus will test positive for CMV.

Testing negative for CMV coupled with an A blood type and a negative Rhesus (Rh) factor, makes Snidow one of only 3 percent of the U.S. population with the same combination.

This all makes Snidow's blood highly valuable for use in transfusing infants and those with immune deficiencies, such as cancer patients. Most people can handle CMV positive blood, but for babies and those with a compromised immune system, a CMV-positive transfusion can be catastrophic. CMV can lead to blindness and be fatal in infants.

It took about 10 minutes for Snidow to fill the pint bag. After getting banded by the technician, he stopped for a fortifying cup of orange juice on the rocks. He will pass on the snack-size bag of cookies. Besides stricter health screening and rubber gloves, he said, the only thing that has changed over time is the food. That hasn't changed his dedication however.

"The worst part," he confided with a grin, "is the finger prick they do during the screening."

*Note: Vincent Snidow lives in Portsmouth, Va., with his wife, Nancy. He is a mechanical engineer retired from Northrup Grumman-Newport News. The above article is excerpts taken from **The Daily Press**.*

A special thank you goes to a bunch of people for their contributions to this newsletter- Tammy Collier (Searching...), Nancy Snidow (Giving..), Twyla Edwards (DNA Projects), Patricia Duncan (memorials), Nancy Moore (Apple Sauce Cake) and to Sallie Lucas for all her photos.

Mabel Peters

## DNA Testing Projects.

At the August, 2007, meeting,, the Snidow Association voted to pay for DNA testing of one of its members with the hope of eventually proving the lineage to *Christian Sneido* in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and to work in co-operation with the Prillaman Family to determine if there is a relationship between Walburga Prillaman, wife of Jacob Prillaman to the Snidow family.

William E. Snidow of Pembroke, Virginia, agreed to be tested for the Snidow Association. Results of his test were received in October, 2008. Values for 25 points or "markers" on the Y-Chromosome were listed. To-date, this is about all we have by way of information. Until other members related to the Snidows are tested and their results are available for comparison, few definite conclusions can be made. We did learn that for details to be more conclusive, more markers should have been tested. We also learned that William's Haplogroup\* is **R1b1b2**, a fairly common group among European men. His test does not show a relationship to the Prillaman Family.

Loci Designation DYS #	393	390	19/394	391	385a	385b	426	388	439	389-1	392	389-2	
Your Y-Chromosome Allele	13	23	14	11	11	15	12	12	12	13	13	29	
Loci Designation DYS #	458	459a	459b	455	454	447	437	448	449	464a	464b	464c	464d
Your Y-Chromosome Allele	18	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	31	15	16	16	18

October 23, 2008

*Matthew E. Kaplan*  
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This is William Snidow's DNA report based on 25 markers. If the markers are matched exactly by someone else with the same last name, there is a 50% chance they are related as close as three generations. \* A haplogroup is a branch of the human genetic tree.

It has long been the belief of both families that Walburga Prillaman and Elizabeth Helm Snidow were sisters. The Prillaman Family, interested in investigating the relationship, found a willing DNA participant in 84 year old Evelyn Miller. She descends from Jacob Prillaman, Jr.'s daughter, Elizabeth, who married Obadiah Winters. It is the understanding of her family and others that Elizabeth was the daughter of Barbara "Catherine" Snidow, the first wife of Jacob Prillaman, Jr. The line would descend as follows: **Elizabeth Helm Snidow, Barbara "Catherine" Snidow Prillaman, Elizabeth Prillaman Winters, Lydia Winters Woodbury, Cynthia Woodbury Deveraux, Bertha Deveraux Owen, Lura Owen Vaughn, Evelyn Vaughn Miller.**

The DNA results show that Elizabeth Snidow and Walburga were not sisters. They may be related in some other way but do not share the same mother or maternal grandmother. Twyla Edwards, who heads the Prillaman family DNA project, reports that since receiving and considering the results, she will have reservations about the DNA proof until more women in the family line can be found and are tested.

Pictured to the right: Baby Evelyn, Great grandmother Cynthia, Grandmother Bertha, and Mother Lura. 1924 photo.



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The **Horseshoe Cemetery** in Pembroke, Va., has a new look. A large wild cherry tree was removed and all the tombstones were stabilized. In the process, several tombstones were uncovered that were thought to have disappeared. The fence surrounding the cemetery was repaired. Nathan Snidow mows the grass during the summer.

The white arrow points to the newer tombstone of Col. Christian Snidow. This replaced the original stone which was broken by a tree that fell.