

## Philip Newton Snidow (1823-1864)

and his son

## William Arthur Snidow (1860-1956)

Philip was the 6th child of Christian and Sarah (Turner) Snidow; Grandson of Philip and Barbara (Prillaman) Snidow  
Married November 30, 1846 Harriet Barger (dau. of G. John and Mary (Preston) Barger of Blacksburg

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B. January 9, 1823 and d. June 5, 1864, Philip owned a farm in Pembroke. As you drive through Pembroke today on Snidow Street heading west, you will pass the oldest church, Pembroke Lutheran, on the right. Shortly after that, you will cross over Little Stony Creek (diagonally across from where the old Mick-or-Mack store and Hendrickson's garage used to stand in the 1950s), and on the right on the third lot is where Philip Newton Snidow's log house stood. This land became home to Philip and his family ca. 1850 after his father Christian bought 420 acres from William H. Snidow, who in turn had bought it from Captain John Snidow, son of Jacob Snidow (d.1847).<sup>2</sup>

Philip Newton Snidow served in Co. H 36th VA Inf. He was wounded in the battle of Cedar Bluff, and while being carried off the field, was cut in two by a cannon ball which also cut an arm off the man who was carrying him.<sup>1</sup> When Cpl. Philip N. Snidow of the Confederate Army was killed in the Civil War, he left his wife Harriet, four daughters and two sons, one an invalid. (See Philip Newton Snidow's Estate Inventory next page). Arthur Snidow was the youngest and became the head of the family at the age of 12. He told his great grandson that when he went hunting, he was so small that he had to rest the barrel of his father's gun on a log or fence rail to shoot at an animal!<sup>2</sup> Philip's widow was taxed in 1870 on \$3000.<sup>1</sup>

In 1888 Philip's son Arthur married Roxie Stiff and they made their home in this house. He enlarged it by adding a wing that added the dining room and kitchen. The dining room had a corner cupboard, built undoubtedly from a Giles County hardwood. It was said his mother, Harriet, would say, when in the wing, "let's go in the house" ---the original part of the house was her whole home during her husband's life.<sup>2</sup>

Arthur made the farm a very busy, self-sustaining one. There was a barn to the north of the house. Nearby stood a silo, also a granary, a large building where the farm equipment was kept. Near the house was a spring that provided an abundance of water. A well-built concrete spring house with a large pump that brought up water and by pipe was diverted into the springhouse to the wide concrete trough that held the milk crocks to cool the milk, stood to the east of the house. Nearby was a tightly constructed fruit cellar built into a slope of the hill.<sup>2</sup> The springhouse and fruit cellar were still standing in 1992 when Mary French Boswell wrote her article about Philip Newton Snidow for the Snidow Newsletter.

The house underwent many changes. There were two chimneys, one fireplace in the living room, where the original one was, and the other in the kitchen. The two-story log house was covered over with white clapboard. In the attic stood the spinning wheel. Porches were added across the front, both upstairs and down. Boxwood bordered both sides of the walkway leading to the front porch. Prior to 1972, due to a flue fire, the very comfortable, 120 year old historic home burned. Soon after, Emmett and Martha Britts bought the site and built their home.<sup>2</sup>

Issue of Philip and Harriet<sup>1</sup>:

1. Mary Jane Snidow 1848-1890; m. ca. 1870 William Andrew Brown (b. 1847) of Wythe Co. Issue: 9 children, 4 of whom died in infancy.
2. Sarah Louisa Snidow 1850-1928 m. 1884 Charles F. Brown b. 1836, son of A.F. and Judith Brown. Issue: 3 children
3. Charles Eldridge Snidow 1852-1908; d. unmarried, buried in the W. A. Snidow cemetery. (He was an invalid).
4. Lucy Ellen b. 1855; m. 1877 John Michael Brown of Wythe Co., son of Henry & L. Brown. Issue: 2 children
5. Laura Senah 1857-1935; d. unmarried, buried in Pembroke.
6. William Arthur 1860-1956; m. 1888 Edna (Roxie) Stiff (1868-1953) dau. of Price Hopkins and Rachel Lowe Stiff (Monroe Co WVA) They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1938. William Arthur Snidow owned the farm on which John Snidow, son of Jacob, Jr. settled and part of the house he lived in was built by John Snidow prior to 1840. A part of the farm was sold and that part, lying about halfway between the residence and the river was said to be the **location of the original Snidow home, built in 1774 (Snidow's Fort)**. Issue: 2 children: Wirt Brackett 1889-1941 and Newton Ray b. 1891 who was permanently injured in an auto accident but still living in 1953.

<sup>1</sup>The Ancestors & Descendants of Judge John Alexander Kelly & Martha Matilda Peck Kelly & Related Families

<sup>2</sup>Snidow Newsletter Vol.15, #2 - Autumn 1992 "Philip Newton Snidow's House"

<sup>3</sup>Giles County VA History - Families Vol. 1

## Inventory of Philip Newton Snidow

(Giles Co. Will Book 4, p. 384)

Memorandum of Appraisment of the personal property of Philip N. Snidow deceased

One bed & furniture	\$12.50	One side saddle (old)	3.00
One bed & furniture	12.50	Mans (old)	4.00
Lot of old books	2.50	Two Sythes (cradles)	2.00
Pr. candlesticks	.20	One mowing sythe	1.00
One brass clock	2.50	One old Two horse wagon	7.50
One looking glass	.50	One Truck wagon	2.50
Four chairs	1.00	One ? ?	4.00
One cupboard	5.00	Leg chain & stretcher	3.00
One wardrobe	5.00	Two small plows	1.00
Two Rifle guns	10.00	Two small plows	1.00
One steel trap	7.00	One old Wheat Fan (one ?)	5.00
One Lot of Tools	4.00	One cutting box & knife	1.00
One Red cow	15.00	One Gray Horse	50.00
One Brindle Cow	10.00	Fourteen Head of sheep	28.00
Two two year olds (cattle)	25.00	One Hog	5.00
Four Yearlings	40.00	One set Blacksmith's Tools	30.00
		One Grind Stone	2.00
		Total	\$304.20

We the undersigned certify under our oath that the foregoing is a true valuation of the personal property of Philip N. Snidow, dec'd as shown to us by Mrs. Harriet Snidow Administrator of Philip N. Snidow deceased to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Samuel Lucas  
Jacob Snidow  
Alpheus L. Tucker

In Giles County Court May term, 1866

Teste  
John W. Easley, C1