

The Snidow Cabin

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*excerpts from Mary French Boswell's Autumn, 1992 Snidow Newsletter article
“Who Built the Snidow Cabin?”*



“Our Snidow cabin stands about 2/10 of a mile from (the site of) the home of Philip Newton Snidow in Pembroke, VA. Apparently the cabin was built as a tenant house, according to an interview with Dale Collins, grandson of Arch Daniel Collins, the man who bought the log cabin (and one other lot) in 1915 from W. Arthur (Snidow) and his son Wirt B. Snidow.” “On October 27, 1915, W. Arthur Snidow & wife and Wirt B. Snidow & wife sold to A. D. Collins lots # 16 & 17 in Pembroke for \$241.00 (Deed Book 35, p. 396). The deed stated the lots were designated #16 & 17 in Block F of a part of the town of Pembroke as laid off by James Hoge, Surveyor of Giles County, a map of which is recorded in the Clerk’s office of Giles County.”

The carbon dating of the cabin revealed that it was probably built in the winter of 1854-1855. The cabin stands on Elizabeth Snidow's original land grant (1785). **So who built the Snidow cabin?** According to the research of Mary French Boswell, *“all information seems to point to Philip Newton Snidow, son of Christian (the Blacksmith) Snidow.”*

When Mary French wrote her article about the cabin for the Snidow Newsletter in 1992, she stated, *“Today the Snidow cabin is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Lee King. It is interesting to note that the King family, since owning the property, found an Indian tomahawk in the garden area behind the cabin..... This Indian relic, found so near the location of the Snidow fort, and in light of the Indian massacre of members of the Snidow family (1774), is a silent reminder to present day Snidows of the courage and fortitude of our Snidow pioneers.”*



Betty Snidow Ogden's famous print of the Snidow Cabin. (See her obituary on our In Memory web page)