

Snidows In The Civil War

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Descendants of John Jacob and Elizabeth (Helm) Snidow have served their country in every war in which this country has waged any struggle for freedom.

Beginning with their sons: Philip, Christian, Jacob and Theophilus whose services to the cause of the American Revolution are well documented in the annals of history and repeatedly reported in the Snidow Newsletter.

In the War of 1812, the second struggle for independence from the British, Christian again served his country as Lieutenant Colonel in command of the 86th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. (See Snidow Newsletter Volume 6-1, Spring 1983).

In the struggle for the cause of the Confederacy in the Civil War (1861-1865), the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of three of our four Revolutionary Soldiers (Theophilus had no progeny) were called upon to support the cause. Following is a partial listing (by family) of those who served:



DESCENDANTS OF PHILIP (1756-1794)

Grandsons:

Christian W. Snidow, son of Christian & Sarah (Turner) Snidow. Co. B, 86th Militia. He was taken prisoner at Winchester, Va, 19 Sep 1864. Ref: Va. Archives, Vol. 20 p. 144.

John Madison Snidow, son of George & Elizabeth (Surface) Snidow. Enlisted 6 May 1864. Sta. Drurys Bluff, Ft. Gilmore. Ref: Givens-Hall History, Givens, p. 595.

Philip N. Snidow, son of Christian and Sarah (Turner) Snidow. Sergeant, Co. B, 86th Va*. Militia. Killed at New Hope, Va. 5 Jun 1864. Ref: Va. Archives, Vol.1, p. 353.

Great Grandsons:

Christian N. Snidow, son of Christian Lewis & Barbara (Snidow) Snidow. Co. F, 11th Batt'n, Va. Reserves. Ref: Va. Archives, Vol. 1, P. 538

James E. Williams, son of Isaac F. & Sarah Jane (Snidow) Williams. Co. H, 36th Va. Infantry, McComas' Battery. Ref: History of Middle New River Settlements (Johnston), p. 473.

DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTIAN (1760-1836)

Grandsons:

Allen Lewis Harvey, son of James and Nancy (Snidow) Harvey. Vawter's Co., Va. Militia. Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton), p. 437.

James Austin Harvey, son of James and Nancy (Snidow) Harvey. Lieutenant, Vawter's Co., Va. Militia. Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton) p. 437.

John Snidow Harvey, son of James and Nancy (Snidow) Harvey. Monroe Sharpshooters. Ref: History of Monroe County, (Morton) p. 437.

Andrew Jackson Peck, son of Benj. & Rebecca (Snidow) Peck. Thurmond's Rang. Va. Militia Ref: History of Monroe County (Morton), p. 451.

Benjamin F. Peck, son of Benjamin & Rebecca (Snidow) Peck. Thurmond's Rang., Virginia Militia Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton) p. 451.

Erastus W. Peck, son of John and Elizabeth (Snidow) Peck. Surgeon, Fleshman's Co., Virginia Militia Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton) p. 451.

William H. Peck, son of John and Elizabeth (Snidow) Peck. Sergeant, Fleshman's Co., Virginia Militia. Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton) p. 451.

David J. L. Snidow, son of John and Rachel (Chapman) Snidow. French's Battery, Virginia Artillery. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 18, p. 538.

James Harvey Snidow, son of John and Rachel (Chapman) Snidow. Sergeant, Co. F, 86th Militia, Breckenridge Div. Fought at the Battle of New Market. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 20, p. 155.

James P. Snidow, son of William H. & Adaline (Chapman) Snidow. 2nd Lt., Co. F, 24th Reg. Kemper's Brigade. Prisoner at Gettysburg. Lost his leg. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 3, p. 79.

John Chapman Snidow, son of William H. & Adaline (Chapman) Snidow. Major, Giles Co. Militia. Ref: Givens-Hall History, Givens, p. 605.

Great Grandsons:

B. Wallace Peck, son of Benjamin B. & Mary (Peck) Peck. Died at the Battle of Gettysburg. Ref: Givens-Hall History, (Givens), p. 17.

Erastus H. Peck, son of Benjamin B. & Mary (Peck) Peck. Lieutenant Lowry's Battery Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton) p. 451

John D. Snidow, son of James Harvey & Elvira (Lucas) Snidow. McComas' Battery, Stark's Battalion, Wise's Brigade. Surrendered at Appomattox. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 18, p. 538.

William H. Snidow, Son of Christian L. & Barbara (Snidow) Snidow. Co. D, 7th Regiment. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 1, p. 353. Charles C. Tiffany, son of John & Elizabeth (Snidow) Tiffany. Monroe Guards, Wounded at the 1st Battle of Manassas. Ref: History of Monroe County (Morton) p. 457.

Hugh Snidow Tiffany, son of John & Elizabeth (Snidow) Tiffany. Capt. Monroe Guards. Killed at the 1st Battle of Manassas. Ref: History of Monroe County (Morton) p. 457.

Charles Vawter, son of John H. and Clara Snidow (Peck) Vawter. Capt. Monroe Guards. Ref: History of Monroe Co., (Morton), p. 458.

Louis Addison Vawter, son of John H. & Clara Snidow (Peck) Vawter. Capt. 13th Battalion, taken prisoner at Battle of Winchester 9/19/1864 and held at Ft. Delaware. Ref: The Vawter Family in America (Bicknell), p. 384.

James Polk Peck, son of John Snidow and Mary Burk (Snidow) Peck. Lieutenant in Company B., 23rd Battalion, Virginia Volunteers. Killed at the Battle of Gaines Mill on the Chickahominy June 3, 1864. (A letter written by James to his uncle and aunt on September 18, 1863 was published in the 1984 Snidow Newsletter, Vol. 7-2, p.5. An article, which appeared in the Bluefield Telegraph, concerning the letter also appeared in that issue of The Snidow Newsletter. Both were taken from the papers of John Jacob Snidow which were on loan to the Association.)

Snidow soldiers not identified to a family:

A. D. Snidow, Co. G, 4th Virginia Infantry. Ref: Microfilm - VPI, Blacksburg, VA

B. N. Snidow, Corporal, Co. H, 36th Regiment; Killed at Piedmont. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 4, pp. 163, 169.

Ballard J. Snidow, Sergeant, Co. C, 86th Militia. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 20, p. 145.

C. D. Snidow, Co. G, 4th Regiment. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 1, p. 145.

C. H. Snidow, Co. F, 11th Battalion, Virginia Reserves. Ref: Microfilm - VPI, Blacksburg, VA.

Jacob Snidow, Co. F, 24th Battalion, Va. Ref: ?

P. M. Snidow, Co. H, 36th Regiment. Ref: Virginia Archives, Vol. 4, p. 166.

(Please check back for the addition of Jacob's descendants from Missouri who served in the Civil War)

