

Margaret Elizabeth (Mattie) Snidow (4/13/1888-1966) and her husband James Edward O'Bryan (9/22/1869-7/29/48)

Thanks to John Abbott of Wheaton, MD and to our Snidow Newsletter Editor, Mabel Peters, following is the lineage with some other details of this branch of the family. (*James Edward O'Bryan was the brother of John's grandmother Margaret E. "Maggie" Abbott*)



1. Mattie's great-great-great grandparents John Jacob Snidow & Elizabeth Helm Snidow of Lancaster Co. PA
2. Her great-great grandparents Philip Snidow (b. 1756? in PA -d.1792 VA) & Barbara Prilliman Snidow (1764-1848)
3. Her great grandparents Christian Snidow (1787-1861) & Sarah Turner Snidow (1788-1874)
4. Her grandparents George Snidow (1816-1884) & Martha Ann Walker (1820-1908)
5. Her parents William Luther Snidow (1851-1937) & Mary Stiff Snidow (1866-1942) *
6. Brackett Henry Snidow
6. Mabel Snidow (Mabel Peters' grandmother)
6. **Margaret Elizabeth (Mattie) Snidow** (1888-1966) m. in 1910 to James E. O'Bryan (1869-1948) of New Castle, VA ,
son of Isaac F. & Pernecia Caldwell O'Bryan. Issue: 3 children:
 7. Rufus 11/21/1919 - 12/23/1960....buried at Birchlawn Cemetery, Pearisburg, VA
 7. Mary E. 1922-2004 (see partial obit below)
 7. Neddie (died as a child, buried at Horseshoe Cemetery, Pembroke, VA)
6. Alice Green Snidow
6. Philip Cronk Snidow
6. Albert Homer Snidow
6. Geneva Snidow
6. George Stiff Snidow
6. William Luther Snidow
6. Paul Lewis Snidow
6. Orin Burke Snidow

Mattie's obituary: Mrs. Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Snidow O'Bryan, 78, of 726 Tazewell Ave. SE, died Thursday at her home. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Williams, Roanoke; four brothers, Paul Snidow, Marion, Homer Snidow, Pembroke, Oren B. Snidow, Sliver Spring, Md., Luther Snidow, Richmond; a sister, Mrs. Geneva Snead, Richmond. Funeral services are being handled by Lotz Funeral Home, Roanoke. The funeral will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Lotz, Roanoke, with burial in Birchlawn Cemetery, Pearisburg, Va. (<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/VACRAIG/2006-10/1159751681>)

The partial obituary for Mattie's daughter: Mary Elizabeth O'Bryan Williams, 82, of Roanoke, went to be with her Lord, Monday, November 8, 2004. She had been a resident of the Berkshire in Vinton. Mrs. Williams was born at Pembroke, in Giles County on November 19, 1921 a daughter of the late James Edward and Martha Elizabeth Snidow O'Bryan. She married Ronald Harper Williams; he preceded her in death in 1987. She was also preceded in death by a son, R. Douglas Williams. Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and attended Lakeside Baptist Church. She was a sweet lady that liked to work puzzles, crochet, do needlepoint and was a lover of animals. (<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1P2-12708130.html>)

Other notes:

According to the *Giles Co. VA History - Families Vol. I*, page 179, James E. "O'Brien" is buried in the Williams Cemetery which is on a hill behind the old Pembroke school. (Elizabeth, their daughter, married Harper Williams.) Their house was located right next to the Pembroke school and below the hill on which the Williams Cemetery is located.



James & Mattie lived in a house on the farm of Mattie's parents, William Luther and Mary Stiff Snidow*. Their farm is now the Castle Rock Golf Course in Pembroke, VA. The house sat on the edge of the hill above New River and upon the hill and just around the curve from the George Snidow homeplace.

