

SNIDOW BRIDGE IN MONROE COUNTY, MISSOURI

The Snidow Newsletter of Autumn, 1998, page 6, related the finding of John Shannon Snidow, Jacob's son, and his wife, Mahala Lucas Snidow's tombstone in Monroe County, Missouri. Also, found were William Melvin Snidow, Phillip's son, and his wife, Chloe Ann Freeley Snidow's tombstones. Since that time, John Shannon and Mahala's stone was fenced with sturdy iron pipes to protect it. Relatives who came to the Snidow reunion in 2005 came to the site. Stones for the slaves are about 20 feet south of the John and Mahala's stone. William and Chloe's stones are lying against a tree (*pictured in the following pages*).

The Monroe County Commission minutes of April 15, 2011, published in the Monroe County Appeal had this article: 'Following a request by Jenny LeGrand, the Commission approved naming (a new bridge) BRO Bridge 353 "The Snidow Bridge." Jenny had researched the area north of Madison, where the bridge is located, and relayed to the Commission that the Snidow Family was a longtime family name and property owner, and she thought it fitting to name the bridge for the family.' The members unanimously voted for the name. Pictures were taken by Larry Joseph Johnston (Velma Hazel Boulware Johnston's son) of the bridge and stones to include in this newsletter. The bridge is over Flat Creek on Road 117.

John Shannon Snidow m. Mahala Lucas
April 27, 1805-May 14, 1855 September 3, 1807-December 24, 1877

39 degrees 30.760 minutes north; 92 degrees 11.266 minutes west
entrance gate: 39 degrees 28.900 minutes north; 92 degrees 11.869 minutes west

William Melvin Snidow m. Chloe Ann Freeley
May 1, 1788-December 3, 1864 November 1, 1804-June 26, 1848

39 degrees 29.327 minutes north; 92 degrees 11.871 minutes west



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The Snidow Bridge (continued)





William and Chloe Ann Freeley Snidow grave stones
(William Melvin Snidow below left / Chloe Ann Freeley Snidow below right)





Grave stone of John Shannon Snidow & Mahala Lucas Snidow

Below is the entrance gate to John & Mahala's grave

