

SNIDOW FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MARY FRENCH TURNER BOSWELL

One name in the Snidow family that is probably familiar to almost everyone among the early members of the Snidow Association is **Mary French-Turner Boswell**. Mary French was an avid historian when it came to family. Proof of this is in her DAR membership in the General Breckenridge chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. When browsing the DAR patriot records site, one will find 33 connections submitted by Mary French. On another occasion, I was delighted to find that the Library of Virginia has on file a collection of Mary French Boswell papers.

Mary French, along with Jim and Twyla (Maddox) Snidow, organized the first Snidow Reunion. The first meeting was held at Preston Park in Roanoke, Virginia. The next year the reunion meeting moved to Giles County and has met there, annually, for the past 34 years.

In a tribute to her, Nat Clark wrote the following: "Mary French put together the first Snidow Newsletter in January 1978 and continued with two editions annually for the next four years, sharing her talent, vast knowledge, and extensive genealogical research in her meticulously-written articles. She served as Snidow Historian from 1977 through 1994; however, she continued after that to produce outstanding articles on the life and events of our ancestors for the Snidow Newsletter. Early on she conceived the idea for the Snidow Pioneer Monument in Pembroke and served on the committee to plan, design and raise the funds necessary for the idea to become a reality on August 28, 1988. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Snidow Family Association, Inc."*

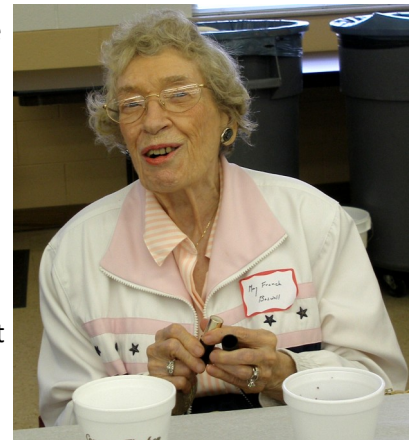
Mary French's line of descent: **

1. John Jacob Snidow (d. by 1771) & Elizabeth Helm Snidow, Lancaster Co. PA
2. Philip Snidow 1756-1792 m. in 1782 to Barbara Prillaman 1764-1848
3. Christian Snidow 1787-1861 m. in 1809 to Sarah Turner 1788-1874
4. William Turner Snidow 1812-1894 m. in 1838 to Nancy Burk Williams
5. Barbara Elizabeth Snidow 1850-1945 m. in 1878 to Guy Dingess French 1853-1910
6. Harriett Clark French 1886-1967 m. in 1909 to James Russell Turner d. 1961
7. Mary French Turner 1912-2011 m. John Walter Boswell

Mary French passed away, Wednesday, May 4, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Walter Boswell. She is survived by her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Maggie and Daniel Newman; and great-grandchildren, Anna, Olivia, Benjamin and Brooke Newman, all of Salem, Virginia.

*Snidow Newsletter, Spring 2004, "A Tribute to Mary French Boswell"

** www.snidow.net



Mary French Turner Boswell

Picture from 2007 Snidow Reunion

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DEED TO MONUMENT LAND

This instrument was prepared by HARTLEY & CHIDESTER, P.C, Attorneys at Law, 503 Mt. Lake Avenue, P. O. Box 511, Pearisburg, VA 24134. To the best knowledge and belief of the preparer of this deed, this instrument is not insured by a title insurance company.

THIS DEED made and entered into this 28th day of July, 2010 by and between **CHARLES B. ANDREWS, JR, TRUSTEE** pursuant to the trust created by the deed recorded in Deed Book 117 at page 255, GRANTOR and **THE SNIDOW FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Virginia Corporation, GRANTEE.

W_I_T_N_E_S_S_E_T_H_:

THAT for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration not herein mentioned, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR, does hereby bargain, sell, grant and convey, with General Warranty and English Covenants of Title, unto the GRANTEE, all of that certain tract or parcel of real estate situate in the Town of Pembroke, Giles County, Virginia and more particularly described as follows:

All of the residue of Tract 4A, located at the intersection of Cascade Drive and Virginia Avenue in the Town of Pembroke, by tax record said contain 0.25 of an acre, and being the residue of the 2.31 acres as stated in a deed dated July 11, 1951 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Giles County Virginia in Deed Book 84 at page 349. The said 0.25 acres, being part of the same parcel conveyed unto Caroline S. Andrews, Trustee by deed dated November 9, 1967 and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 117 at Page 255. The grantor herein, Charles B. Andrews, Jr., was appointed successor trustee for trust created at Deed Book 117 at Page 255 in place and stead of Caroline S. Andrews, said appointment of successor trustee being of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 245 at Page 412. It is the intention of the Grantor to convey all of the property owned by the Trust for which Grantor is the Trustee located at the intersection of Cascade Drive and Virginia Avenue in the Town of Pembroke, Virginia which adjoins the property of Smith on the north and Little Stoney Creek on the west and adjoins Cascade Drive on the east and Virginia Avenue on the south.

Tax Map # 42B 2 20C

This conveyance is subject to all easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations, limitations, and conditions affecting the above-described real estate, which are of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office.

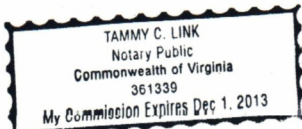
WITNESS the following signatures and seals.

Charles B. Andrews, Jr. (SEAL)
Charles B. Andrews, Jr., Trustee

STATE OF Virginia
COUNTY OF Giles, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, this 6th day of August, 2010 Charles B. Andrews, Jr., Trustee

My commission expires 12-1-13



INSTRUMENT #1001318
RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF
COUNTY OF GILES ON
AUGUST 9, 2010 AT 02:59PM
\$1.50 GRANTOR TAX WAS PAID AS
REQUIRED BY SEC 58.1-802 OF THE VA. CODE
STATE: # 58 LOCAL: # 75
Tammy C. Link
NOTARY PUBLIC



The Snidow Association, Inc. now owns the quarter acre of land on which the Snidow monument is located. Going through Pembroke on Rt. 460, the land is located at the corner of 460 and Cascade Drive.

The Association is thankful to the family of Caroline Snidow Andrews from whom the land was donated.

The Snidow Monument (pictured above) was placed on the property in 1984 after an extensive fund raising effort by members of the Association. Since it's placement, the monument has become the place to gather to remember and pay respects to those of the Snidow family who have passed away during the year. Each year, a memorial service is held on the property and flowers are placed at the base of the monument in their memory.

The monument gives a brief history of the original Snidow family and is a lasting reminder of their presence in Giles County, Virginia.

Check out our website changes!

The site has been redesigned and we also reacquired our old domain name, snidow.org. Take a tour at either snidow.org or snidow.net. (Either URL takes you to the same place).

Some of the changes include:

- A new [Announcements](#) Page (**please send in your engagements, marriages, births, graduations, military notes, honors, retirements, new jobs, moves, thank you notes, etc.**);
- On the [In Memory](#) page you can click on the names listed to read their obituaries;
- Officers, trustees, etc. are listed on the [About Us](#) page;
- On the new [Site Map](#) page, you can hover over the page names and get a description of what's there before clicking on them;
- Other new pages: [Reunion](#), [Lineage](#), [Donations](#) and [Old Documents](#);
- And visit the new [Youth page](#) with your children and grandchildren! It has games and pages to color, a crossword puzzle, a list of states and state capitols and a link to and info about the TV show *Liberty's Kids*; and so much more - for ages 3 through 99! You can even hear the Star Spangled Banner there, performed by the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band.) Check it out! And stay tuned for more additions in the future.



The website needs more ancestral wills, old obits and any documents relating to the ancestors. If you have any which you are willing to share or if you have anything to contribute to the website, please contact our webmaster Jane at jpsnidow@hotmail.com.

FOUR GENERATIONS TOGETHER!

Thank you to Jane Snidow for sharing the picture to the right. Her grandson, Oliver Patrick Lloyd, is a forth generation of both his families and through the Snidows a descendent of Col. Christian, Philip, and Jacob Snidow.

In the picture are:

Oliver Patrick Lloyd with his parents, Stephanie and Thomas Snidow Lloyd. Second row: Great Grandmothers; Norma Chell, Dorothy Snidow, Charlotte Micklos, Florence Lloyd. Back Row: Oliver's grandparents, Bud Chell, Jane Snidow Lloyd, Carol Chell, Gary Lloyd.



The Snidow House in Billings, Montana

Gregan Wortmann, a musician/film-maker, has lived in regions as diverse as the Wyoming Big Horn Mountains, the New York Catskills, North Dakota and California. In Montana since 1997, Gregan writes about sightseeing in Billings. He wrote the following article which appeared in the Billings, MT Examiner on May 9th, 2010:

I was walking by the Moss Mansion one evening recently and I noticed the resemblance between the mansion and the house directly to the south of it at 820 Division Street in Billings, Montana. My interest led to some investigation and sure enough there is a connection between the two buildings.

The two story tan brick house at 820 Division Street is the Snidow House and it was built in 1916 by Thomas Ash Snidow. Snidow was born in Missouri in 1863 and came to Billings in 1891. He was in a partnership in the wool growing business with Preston Boyd Moss, builder and owner of the Moss Mansion. The sheep business that Snidow eventually took sole ownership of was comprised of 77,000 head of sheep on 400,000 acres of leased land on the Crow Reservation. Snidow was also a partner in cattle operations and he had a 1500 acre ranch called The Missouri 30 miles west of Billings.



Snidow also built the Missouri Building that contained a theatre, hotel, office and store. The Missouri Building is on North Broadway in Billings, Montana. Snidow became president of the Huntley State Bank and was the director of several other banks in Montana and Wyoming. In 1899, Thomas A. Snidow married Sallie L. Rodes from Missouri. They had two daughters, Martha and Virginia, and the second daughter, Virginia, married Billings lumberman Richard O'Malley.

The walls inside the Snidow House are canvas and were originally painted but are now wall-papered. A walnut wood framed archway opens into a living room with a marble fireplace with a marble mantle. There are carved walnut folding doors in the living room that open to a walnut paneled library. The main stairway has wrought iron uprights and a walnut banister. Walnut doors open to the four bedrooms of the house. The master bedroom has a coved ceiling and its own white tiled bathroom. There is walnut woodwork throughout the upstairs and radiators are topped with granite slabs.



A driveway at the rear of the house on its south side leads to a tan brick garage that has white columns just like the main house. Snidow and P. B. Moss were good friends and the

basement of the Snidow House was where the friends would regularly meet for late night poker games.

(To see the article online with more pictures, go to:

SNIDOW HOUSE CONTINUED:

<http://www.examiner.com/sightseeing-in-billings/the-snidow-house>)

Thanks to John & Jean Snidow of Hardy, VA for submitting this.

Big Mama's Recipe for Cooking and Curing Hams

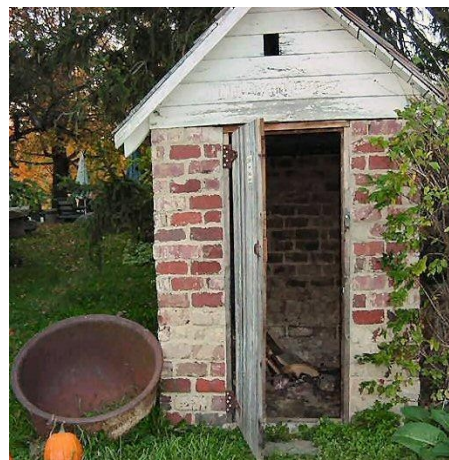
from Nancy Belle Mustard Williams, 1863-1948 as she wrote it
Her daughter, Margaret Lucille Williams married John Jacob Snidow Sr.

"Now about the cooking and curing of hams; I know very little about the butchering, except that we always stressed cleanliness. The hogs were cooled thoroughly, cut up, hams well trimmed, and when thoroughly cold, salted and packed together so salt would reach all the meat.

After about six (word difficult to transcribe) weeks in salt, they were hung with hocks down. Then, for a month at least, a fire of hickory chips or corn cobs was built under them, and they were smoked until they were a nice brown color, then taken down and put, one at a time, into a kettle of boiling water for a few minutes. Then they were scraped and trimmed well, and after being dried (word difficult to transcribe) I would cover all over with a thick syrup, usually cane, or sorghum, as it is called by the Virginians. After rubbing syrup in well, I would sprinkle powdered borax all over them-this to keep any bugs or flies away. Then place hams in heavy paper or cloth bags & hang up, ready to cook.

After roasting the ham (or boiling it if preferred, I would make a dressing (after skimming the ham) of bread crumbs, brown sugar, all kinds of spices -- pepper, and a little mustard, mixed all together with a little sweet pickle juice, or grape juice, or wine or peach syrup. It gave the meat a splendid flavor."

Smokehouses were small structures and materials varied - frame, log, brick, stone, or a combination were all used. The purpose of a smokehouse was to contain smoke that would permeate meats hanging within, thus preserving them. The interior often was charred and had hooks where meats were hung. Some smokehouses had strong iron bars on their doors to deter would-be thieves and was commonly sited within the house's orbit - often near the kitchen or summer kitchen, or in a rear yard.





Betty Ogden , an artist, did a sketch of the Snidow Cabin which was sold as a fund-raiser for the Association.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary French Turner Boswell

Deceased: May 4, 2011

(Note Article on Page 1)

Linda Frazer Sharp

Deceased: April 20, 2011

Wife of John Sharp, Daughter of Anne Snidow Frazer

Robert Shattuck Radspinner

Deceased: January 28, 2011

Husband of Martha Snidow Radspinner

Betty Snidow Ogden

Deceased: November 7, 2010

Wife of Ralph R. Ogden, Daughter of B.C. and Ida Blankenship Snidow



Linda Frazer Sharp

LINDA SHARP VOLUNTEERED FOR NEW SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Linda Sharp had a severe response to Parkinson's disease which kept her on a continuous regiment of medications. The medications were beginning to be ineffective confining Linda to a wheel chair. A groundbreaking procedure which uses an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) to aid in implanting a battery powered device in the brain was developed at the University of California at San Francisco. The surgery is faster, more accurate and a less invasive technique for treating patients with movement disorders.

In January, Linda became the fifth patient using this method to undergo deep brain stimulation to help improve her mobility and reduce involuntary movements. The impact on her movements were almost immediate. Linda was quoted as saying, "It's the first time I haven't danced down the street from movements I couldn't control. I was walking almost like normal." In the remaining months, she was able to enjoy, once again, long walks with her husband, John. Her volunteering will be instrumental in helping others to reverse the effects of the final stages of Parkinson's disease.

Thank you to the following for contributing articles and pictures for the Newsletter:

Jane Snidow

Anne Frazer

Todd Moore

Barbara Clark

William Snidow

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Thanks to:

Joyce Sheerman for a donation made in memory of her mother, Hazel Johnston.

Nancy Pebley for her donation to the Snidow Association General Fund.

Memorials and Honorariums made be mailed to:

Patricia Duncan ,3305 West 1st Ave. Belle, WV 25015

REUNION LAST YEAR

The Snidow Family reunion and business meeting for 2010 was held on August 7th at the American Legion Building in Pembroke, Virginia. The day was a pleasant day for cousins to be together, to share family stories and to eat a picnic style pot luck lunch. During the afternoon, those present guessed the weight of a cake brought in celebration of Col. Christian Snidow's 250th birthday. From a description, the children drew pictures of their vision of how he looked and received prizes for their artistry.



When silver dollar awards were presented, it was discovered that **Virginia Robinson** from Kentucky traveled the greatest distance to be there. **Katherine Campbell** was the oldest present at 91 years, and eight month old **Keason Moore** was the youngest.

During the business session, Ruth Blevins was elected to serve as the third director of the Association for a term of 6 years. **Ruth and Nancy Johnston** were appointed to be historians for the Association. Reports were heard on extensive cemetery renovations and the court confirmation of the recently elected trustees of the Horseshoe Cemetery. Bill Snidow, President of the Association, said he could not praise enough the renovation work that Don and Nancy Johnston have done in the Snidow cemeteries around the Giles County. He cited the distance they traveled hauling equipment as well as the time and expense they incurred.



Above: Jim Yarbrough listens as Barbara Clark, Secretary, reads a report.



Above: A display of memorabilia and pictures of the cemetery renovations.



Right: Gertie Snidow and Jeanette Green peruse Judge John A. Kelley's book.



Katherine Campbell
Oldest Present

Picture Lost

The Links brought a picture of the Snidow ferry at Pembroke to the meeting last year. When the meeting ended this treasured picture was missing. If someone attending carried it off by mistake-please look through your things and if found return it this year.

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Vice President: Nathan Snidow
Secretary: Barbara Clark
Treasurer: Patricia Duncan

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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35TH ANNUAL SNIDOW REUNION SET FOR AUGUST 6.

The Snidow Family reunion and Association meeting will be held at the American Legion Building in Pembroke, Virginia, on Saturday, August 6th. This is the same place as last year but the map below may be helpful to those who will be attending for the first time. Lunch will be potluck and picnic style. So, bring your favorite dish to share and plan to have lunch with everyone at 12:30 p.m. The building is air conditioned (good for us older people) and the children will enjoy the playground on the connecting park. The facilities are open for our use all day.

We encourage you to bring any pictures, mementos, or artifacts to show. During the day, there will be plenty of time to hear family stories, play games, receive door prizes and silver dollar awards, or just relax. The business meeting of the Association will follow lunch.

Town of Pembroke Map:

1. Snidow Monument
2. American Legion Building
3. Road to Horseshoe Cemetery
4. Castle Rock Road

