

THE SNIDER FAMILY.

Jacob Snider, the first name mentioned in this record, was among the first early settlers in that part of Pennsylvania where the city of Philadelphia is now situated. He emigrated from Germany with his brothers and sisters about the year (or soon after) 1700. A street in Philadelphia still bears the name Snyder Ave., along which their property was located. The change in spelling the name from Snyder to Snider was adopted about the year 1802. There can be no particular reason given for the change except it be our ancestors wished to throw off the German and assume the English or American style, they purposing being permanent settlers here.

At the time of The American War of Independence, properly known as the War of 1776, part of Jacob Snyder's family were loyal to the British Crown and took up arms under her flag, thus becoming N.E. Loyalists. One son, named Christian, remained loyal to the American flag and took up arms under its colors.

The descendants of this branch (Christian's) of the family are still to be found in Philadelphia and are possessors of great wealth, being jewellers by trade. They have held their own property and possibly came into possession of that of their less fortunate relatives.

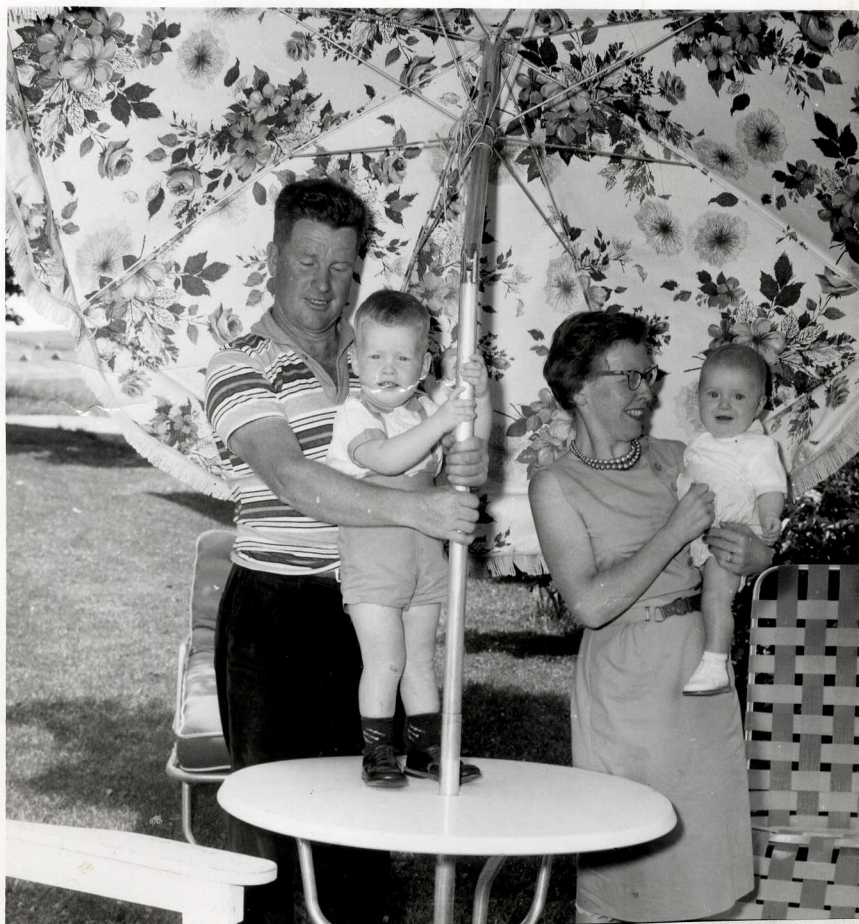
The sons that joined the British forces were named Martin, Elias, Peter and probably others, were disbanded together with the rest of the Br. Army in Nova Scotia Province, known now as New Brunswick; at the present site of the city of St. Johns. May 18th, 1783 the landing of the N.E. Loyalists meant the founding of that city. The landing took place in the dawn of the morning. There were no signs of life among the chill rocks and somber fires of the Peninsula, save the handful of fishermen huts huddled together at the back of the harbor and the prospect was anything but cheerful. But the exiles were men of fibre, strength and steadfastness and had so strenuously striven for the defence of their cause that when their cause was lost they had no leniency to expect from their victors.

At the close of the War Elias and Peter remained at or near this point and became permanent settlers, their descendants still being there. Martin came to Canada, June 1811, bought 200 acres of Crown Lands north of Little York (now Toronto) on what is now known as Yonge St., extending north from Queen St. It being wet and swampy and unfit for farming purposes, he threw it up and went to Yonge St., (now Eglinton) and settled on Lot 3, Township of West York.

At this point he kept a house of accommodation for settlers going north on Yonge St. He obtained a license to sell rum from the Commanding Officer of the Imperial Army, said license is now in possession of the York Pioneers. Martin Snyder was once under sentence of death by hanging being captured by the Americans as a Br. spy in the vicinity of New Jersey. He was sentenced to be hanged, but broke jail and swam the Delaware River and thus made his escape. He took no part in the War of 1812, but his two eldest sons both volunteered for active service, both drew pensions from the time the Government commenced granting them till their deaths. Jacob, the eldest son, was 22 years old when he accompanied Gen. Brock on his expedition to Detroit, was in active service all through the War. He was quite prominent for pressing teams for service all through the War for the purpose of conveying stores, ammunition and troops to Holland Landing, Penetanguishene and other points along the frontier.

When it was feared the Americans would attempt an invasion, one of Jacob Snyder's experiences was to go to Newmarket, a point 26 miles north of Toronto (then Little York) on Sunday and press the teams of the Quakers (they having good and suitable ones) who gathered there for the purpose of worship.

Martin Snyder at the age of 14 assisted in teaming stores and ammunition of war, also cordage, the Mammoth Anchor, still to be seen at the landing, and other materials needed in the construction of a man of war, a scheme the British intended carrying out, but afterwards abandoned the scheme. They were compelled to carry block and tackle to make the heavy grades between the two points of Yonge St. at that time being a road slashed through the forests, by order of Governor Simcoe. After the Battle of York, Martin was engaged doing active service at Fort York.



The Snider Farm:

The Hoile's family lived on the farm until April, 1958, when it was sold again to Mr. Carl Boynton. Mr. Boynton is the owner at the time the history of Nobleton was printed in 1971.

Russel has one girl, Helen Lenore Born Christmas Day 1931. On April 10th 1958, she married Stewart Mills and from this union they have Frederick Russel born April 5th 1959, John Stewart born November 10th 1960, Scott Snider Mills born May 3rd 1964

CHARLES SNIDER of the fourth generation of those arriving in Pennsylvania about 1700 was born in Eglinton on Yonge Street, now Toronto, October 19th 1822. His father and mother bore the significant biblical names of Jacob and Rachel. The record of parent and son enters into the record of three different centuries, his father and mother having been born in 1790 and 1795 respectively and their son Charles dying in February 1901. Charles spent the greater part of his younger years in Eglinton working with his father who ran an extensive saw mill business on the banks of the Don River; directly East of their home and when his father retired Charles carried on the business.

In 1869 Charles bought the 200 acre farm on the Ninth Line of King Township about one-quarter mile south of the village of Nobleton, and moved there with his wife and family. After sixteen happy years here to 1885, he moved to Newtonbrooke, leaving his farm with his son Harvey--- born Nov. 17, 1851. Harvey married that same year, May 1885. There were four children in Harvey's family. Pearl, Mrs. T.A. Dick of Bolton; Octa, Mrs. O.M. Bolton of British Columbia; and two sons, Russell and Bert. Harvey retired from this farm at Nobleton in 1917, leaving his two sons on the farm.

Russell married in 1921 and in 1924 the brothers dissolved their partnership. Russell keeping the farm and Bert purchased one hundred acres of land about one-quarter mile north of Nobleton, on the Ninth Line of King Township. This now being Highway 27. Bert never married and Russell had one daughter. Russell continued to farm until March 17th, 1945 when he retired to his new home which was built on the north-east corner of the old farm. This lot he reserved for this purpose. Russell sold the farm to Mr. William Hoiles:

And so the farm which had been known as "Glen Grove" and which had been home to four generations of Sniders passed out of the Snider name. Bert (also retired) and Russell continue to live in the village of Nobleton.



THE HARVEY SNIDER FAMILY

One of the old families of Snyders who emigrated from Germany early in the history of Pennsylvania and located where the city of Philadelphia is now situated, was named Jacob, who had sons:

MARTIN---Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776 (1748-1828)
 ELIAS----Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776
 PETER----Loyal to Br. Crown in War of 1776
 CHRISTIAN-Loyal to American Flag.

Following is record of descendants of Martin Snyder.

Martin Snyder	Philadelphia	1748	1828
Sarah Armstrong	Bet. Maine&New Bruns.	1769	1869
Jacob Snyder	New Brunswick	5/6/1790	6/20/1875
Elizabeth	"	1793	1798
Mary	"	1795	1835
Martin	"	1797	1879
John	"	1800	1875
Wm.Snider (new spelling)	"	1802	1876
Amy	"	1804	1821
Sarah	"	1807	1828
Thomas	York Township	1810	1856
George	"	1813	1885
Elias	"	1815	1892
<u>Jacob Snider</u>	New Brunswick	5/6/1790	6/20/1875
<u>Rachel McCready</u>	St. Johns, N.B.	4/3/1795	3/25/1866
Wm. Henry	York Township	1816	1863
Emma	"	1818	
Martin	"	1820	1897
Charles	"	1822	1901
Mary Ann	"	1825	
Jacob	"	2/9/1830	12/14/1883
Isabella	"	1832	1901
Albert George	"	1835	1920
Jacob Snider	York Township	2/9/1830	1883
Alida Teakles	New Brunswick	6/6/1829	12/29/1903
Wellsley Hiram	Eglington	1855	1923
Adeline S.	"	1857	1930
Lillia Amanda	"	1859	1934
Jennie Valetta	"	1861	1934
Rachel	" (smallpox)	1863	11864
Arthur H.	Stanwood, Mich.	1865	1939
Gideon Chas.	"	1867	1929
Alexander Brown	Rhode Island	6/14/1857	12/29/1917
Lillia Snider	Eglington	9/17/1859	12/18/1934
Lena E.	Stanwood, Mich.	1883	
Bertha M.	Cadillac, Mich.	1889	1949
Edna Blanche	"	1894	
Hazel Marie	Durand, Mich.	1899	