



GH. Jasper Snyder

Jasper Snyder married Alice Lackey Snyder,¹ (1857 - 1928). From about 1882 to about 1914, Jasper (or "Uncle Jas"²) lived in the Black Swamp of Paulding County, Ohio. He was a farmer there and did some logging during the winters.³

Alice and Jasper had the following children:⁴

- GHA. **Warren Franklin Snyder**,¹ b. 12 Oct 1875. He married (1) Ella Schaller Snyder.¹ He married (2) Bertha Klophenstein Snyder.¹
- GHB. **Calvin Edwin Snyder**,¹ b. 14 Jun 1876 in Ohio. He married Estella Atkins Snyder.¹
- GHC. **Inez Estella Snyder Hughes**,¹ b. 1 Jun 1879. Stella married Dec 1900, George Hughes.¹ Died of tuberculosis.
- GHD. **Laura Maud Snyder Mason**,¹ b. 18 Apr 1881. She married Harry Mason.¹ Maud died 1917.
- GHE. **William Jay Snyder**,¹ b. 11 Apr 1883. He married 20 Mar 1900, Alma Rice Snyder.¹ Jay died 1974 in St. Joe, Dekalb Co., IN.
- GHF. **Charles Aldin Snyder**,¹ b. 11 Apr 1886, d. 1907. Died of "swamp fever" (probably malaria).
- GHG. **Ethel M. Snyder Morr**,¹ b. 13 Apr 1890. She married 7 Apr 1910, Grover Morr.¹ Ethel died 1982.
- GHH. **Florence Vivian Snyder Hade**,¹ b. 22 Jan 1894. She married 10 Oct 1917, Leland Hade.¹
- GHI. **Peter Donald Snyder**,¹ b. 1896. He married Gladys Place Snyder.¹ Peter died 1963.
- GHJ. **James Arthur Snyder**,¹ b. 20 Feb 1900.
- GHK. **Floyd J. Snyder**,¹ b. 8 Jul 1901. He married Louetta Dailey Snyder.¹ Floyd died Nov 1989 in Ft Wayne, IN.

In the years soon after Jasper and Alice were married, they lived with their grandfather, Peter Snyder at his home on what is now the Dixie Highway in Bath Township, Allen Co., OH. Jasper's son Calvin recollected the early days with his family:

"Here are some incidents that I remember well while we were living there. You know in those days all live stock - cattle, sheep or pigs - were driven on foot to market. Warren and I used to follow the fence and watch the stock being driven through. Then one summer the army potato bugs came in such droves they went right through the house, covering the curtains and everything. There wasn't much left of any potatoes that year.

From here we moved to the Herb Voor [Vore] place further west, and here Stella was born. At about two years of age she contracted lung fever and always had asthma afterward. Maud was born here too.

Here hunting was always good - squirrels, red, grey and black, black squirrels being about the same size as the grey squirrels. I was often that I carried 5 squirrels at a time. Father was a good hunter. One evening he said, 'Cal, tomorrow we get up early. I watched a flock of wild turkeys settle for the night and we're going to get one.' We got up early before it was daylight, covered our lantern with a red handkerchief and got our turkey. Pa also liked to hunt coons. Once we treed two at one time. The dogs got one - the other coon took after Warren and I and we high-tailed it for the house, but Pa got him.

From the Voor place we moved to the Ramsbottom farm and lived here in Allen County, Ohio for two or three years. Here Pa pulled a threshing machine with a team for two or three summers. The team, Sal and bird, were high strung horses and ran away often. One day the threshing machine gut up a head of steam and began to whistle. The team was off! - round and round the field, careening, nearly upsetting at every turn. Dad trying to catch them whenever they came near him. When they were winded pulling the heavy machine, we were able to catch up with them.

Jay, Charlie, Arthur, Ethel, Florence, Peter and Floyd were born in Paulding County, Ohio. When one of the children was a baby, the Jasper Snyder family moved to Paulding County. It was winter when they moved, so they put straw, blankets and a stove in the wagon bed to keep everyone warm. Pa kept a fire going hot enough to blister the new paint on the outside of the new wagon bed. Uncle Clay, Warren and I drove the cattle through, 80 miles on foot. We ate frozen beans on the trail.

Their new home here was two miles west of Broughton, Ohio a log house that Pa built that adjoined the 40 acres of heavy timberland belonging to him. When they started to clear a place for the house, they had to cut and burn the timber in order to have a place on which to put the house. The older boys and Pa worked there during the week, and one Sunday they decided to take the family to see where the new house would be built. When they came within sight of the pile of partly burned timber, Florence, who was a very small girl then, saw the scorched wood and cried out, 'Oh, goody! goody! I see our new house'. When the house was up, we moved in before it was completely finished. There were no doors or window panes in yet, so we used carpets at the doors and windows to keep out the weather. In the wintertime we had to shake the snow off the bedcovers in the morning when we got up.

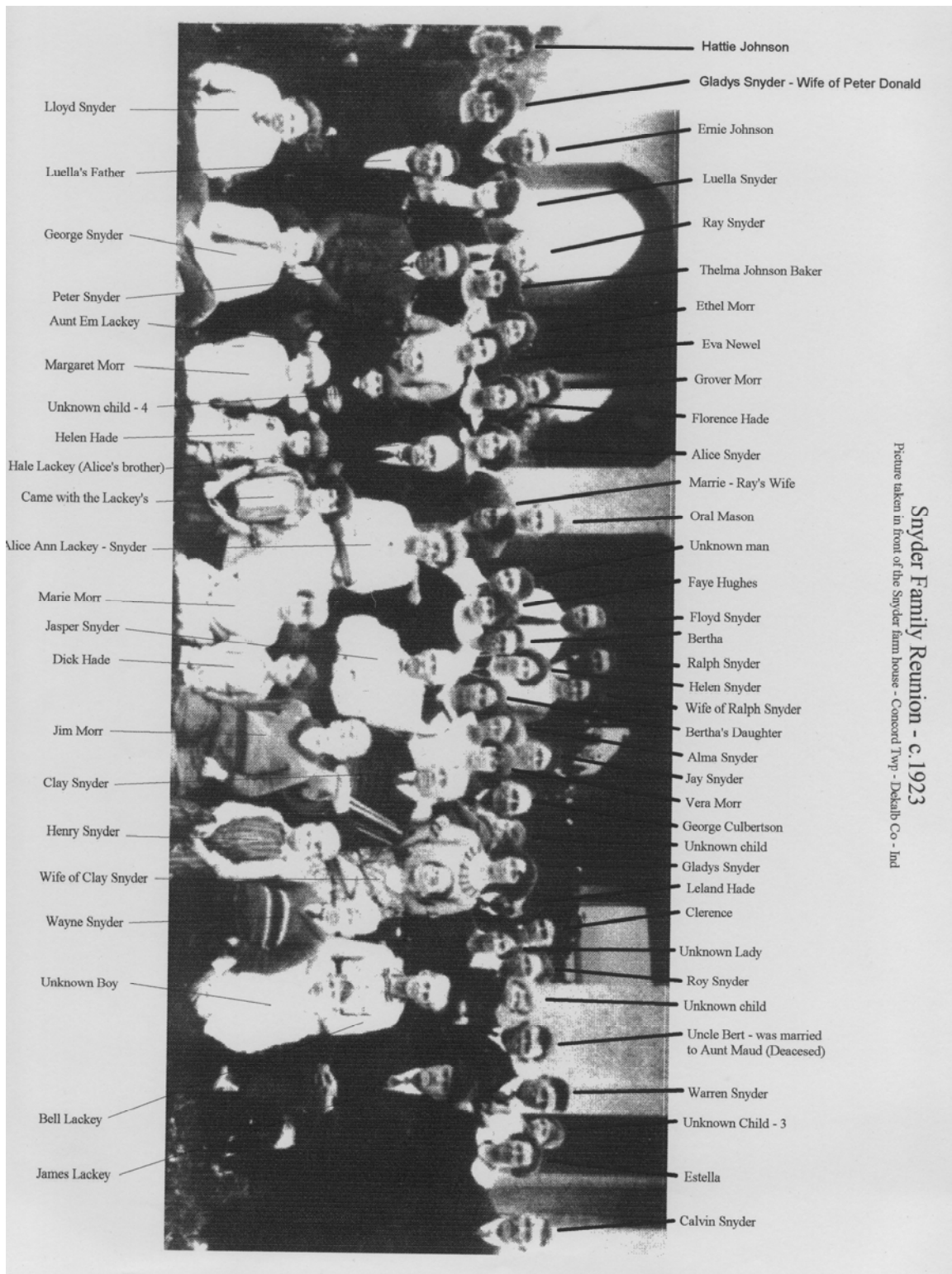
I remember there was a ladder leading to the second floor instead of steps, and we had to go through a hole in the second floor in climbing the ladder to get upstairs. Maude walked in her sleep at times, and one night she woke up the family by running around in her sleep. Just as she called out, 'I've got you, Delmar', (very likely a schoolmate), she ran too close to the edge and fell through the hole. Luckily, she wasn't hurt.

When we lived here Dad cut stave bolts from timber and hauled them to the barrel factory to make barrels. This was one of the things he did to help make a living for the

family. One rainy morning he and we older boys went out to cut some bolts, but the rain continued, so he said, 'you boys go to the house and dry the saw (a crosscut) and put it away'. My father was always most particular and careful with his tools. I put one end of the saw on a chair and the other on the floor while I went to find a cloth to dry the saw. Warren, in the meantime, had picked up the baby who was crying and in walking to the other side of the room with the baby, he did not see the saw and ran into it, cutting his leg quite badly. (The scar is probably still there). The leg did not heal for a long time, even though we tried everything we knew to heal it. Finally someone told us to get some lamb's wool and burn it on coal and apply it, which we did. In a short time the leg was quite healed.

I remember Pa made a bench for the children to sit on at the table, and each child had his own place and no one ever traded places at the table. Pa and Ma were very strict about the children's manners and especially so at the table, and if someone appeared without his hair combed or his hands washed, he was not allowed to eat until he made himself presentable. Even though my parents were very strict, they allowed each child to select his own food. Of course he was expected to eat all he put on his plate."⁵

Due to health reasons, Jasper moved to Dekalb Co., Indiana near his son Jay. "In about 1914, they built a house by Jackson Twp in Dekalb County. This was one of the first homes in the area to have built-in closets and Carbide lighting. The house that had been used was burned about 1 year prior to this and during that year they built a small house that was later used as a chicken coup."¹ Jasper died 17 Nov 1926.



Snyder Family Reunion - c. 1923
 Picture taken in front of the Snyder farm house - Concord Twp - DeKalb Co - Ind

¹ Van Snyder, *Letter from Van Snyder to Steve Baskauf* (1995).

² Interview of Lela Shinaberry Jacobs by Steve Bassett (Baskauf) on 1977 June 15.

³ Interview of Gladys Stonebreaker 22 Dec 1994 cited in Van Snyder, *Peter Snyder Descendants* (website c. 2000, but no longer on the Internet in 2007.)

⁴ The dates for the children of Jasper and Alice are said to be from the "Snyder Family Bible", in possession of Gladys Stonebreaker.

⁵ "Snyder Family History compiled by Calvin Snyder and dating back to 100 years." Read at a meeting of the Snyder Reunion on 18 Nov 1956. recorded in Van Snyder, *Peter Snyder Descendants* (website).