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Research Report: Amos Snow

Report Date: 3 August 2019

Report for: Richard Snow

Subject: Amos Snow (b. about 1888 d. possibly about 1912)

Research Goal: Identify the circumstances or cause of death for Amos Snow, client's grandfather.

Research Question: What was the cause of death for Amos Snow, born about 1888, possibly died about 1912 in Loudon, Tennessee, and who married Annie Laura Tilley in 1908?

Limitations: 30 hours of research, analysis, and reporting using online records.

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BACKGROUND

Prior research focused on the Snow lineage. This report focuses on the life and associates of Amos Snow, who lived in the area of Loudon County, Tennessee.

The parents of Paul Amos Snow, born about 1912, were Amos Snow and Annie Laura Tilley. Amos Snow is thought to have died about 1912 at the age of about twenty-four when his son Paul was an infant. The client is interested in learning the circumstances of his supposed 1912 death, and more about his short life.

It is possible the family stories are wrong, and Amos Snow died later than 1912, or in a different place. Research in this session will begin with 1912 in Loudon and Roane. If nothing is found there, the search may need to continue in Georgia where Annie lived after her remarriage. Did she migrate there with her new husband or did she move there with Amos, and did he die there?

Amos Snow and associates

Information reported on the censuses, 1900-1920, which may or may not be accurate.

- In 1900, Amos Snow, age twelve, lived with his father, Richard Snow, age fifty-six, race white. His father's wife of three years was twenty-two-year-old, Ophelia. She was Amos's stepmother. Amos's sisters were Florence, sixteen, and Callie, fifteen. His stepsister, Ida, was four years old, and stepbrother, Charles, was two. Amos was born February 1888. Richard worked a farm on rented land. Everyone except the two youngest could read and write. Everyone in the household was born in Tennessee, but Richard's father was born in North Carolina.¹
- In 1910, Amos Snow, age twenty-two, lived with wife Annie, age seventeen, race white, in Loudon County, Tennessee. Their daughter Edna was eight months old, born in Tennessee, as were her parents and grandparents, according to the informant. Also in the household were Amos's father, Richard Snow, age sixty-three and widowed, and Amos's half-sister, Cloy [Chloe], age seven. All parents for them were born in Tennessee. They lived in a rented house and Amos worked on someone else's farm as a laborer. He could not read or write, but Annie could.²

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1 1900 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Civil District 02, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 97, sheet 10-A, dwelling 181, family 182, Richard Snow household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Tennessee > Loudon > Civil District 02 > District 0097 > image 8, line 42; citing National Archives microfilm T623.

2 1910 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Fourth District, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 142, sheet 3-B, dwelling #60, family #62, Amos Snow household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) Tennessee > Loudon > Civil District 4 > District 0142 > image 6; citing National Archives microfilm T624, roll 1509.

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- In 1920, Paul Snow was seven years old and lived with his mother, Anne, age twenty-eight, and stepfather, Joseph Snyder, age forty-five, in Georgia. His sister, Edna, was age ten. Half-brother, King Snyder, was five months old.³ The informant gave the birthplaces for Joseph and Anne as Tennessee, but gave Georgia for all children with their parents' birthplaces as Georgia. This inconsistency makes the information unreliable since the parents' birthplaces don't match the information given for the children. For example, Paul's mother's birthplace on his line should have matched her birthplace on her line of the census record.

Other information from prior research:

- Loudon County, Tennessee, was created 27 May 1870 from Blount, Monroe, and Roane. Loudon is the county seat.⁴
- Amos Snow applied for a license to marry Annie Tilley, 23 October 1908. They were married 25 October 1908, in Loudon County, Tennessee. The officiant was Jno Campbell, J. P.⁵
- Find A Grave did not have a gravestone photo, but had:
Amos Snow, 1884-1912, Loudon County, Tennessee, in Corinth Cemetery.⁶
The contributor was not able to provide the source of the information.⁷
- Amos's son, Paul Snow, married Ethel Hooker, 28 February 1931 in Loudon County, Tennessee.⁸

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

No death record or evidence for his death was found for Amos Snow. Family members say Amos died when his son, Paul, was an infant. Death certificates were created in Loudon, Tennessee between 1908 and 1912, but no death certificates were created for 1913 in Tennessee due to a change in the law. Recording resumed in 1914. If Amos died in 1913, this would explain

3 1920 U.S. census, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, Grove Creek, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 143, sheet 5-B, dwelling #78, family #78, Joseph Snyder household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) Georgia > Oglethorpe > Grove Creek > District 0143 > image 9; citing National Archives microfilm T625, roll 273.

4 "Loudon," *TN GenWeb* (<http://www.tngenweb.org/loudon/>).

5 Loudon County, Tennessee, marriage records, Amos Snow to Annie Tilley (1908); images, "Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Loudon > 1870-1926 > image 314; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, microfilm; County Court Clerk's Office, *Marriage Records*, Vol 2.

6 Find A Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com>), memorial # 69084928, Amos Snow, (1884-1912), Corinth Cemetery, Loudon, Loudon County, Tennessee, no photograph.

7 Find A Grave, contributor 47020217, reply to author, 14 August 2016; *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>).

8 "Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Loudon > 1907 - 1952 > image 90, Paul Snow; citing *Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002*, microfilm, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

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why a death record was not found. Also, in most of the few records for him, he is Amos Snow, but in his son's birth record, his name was given as "Earnest Snow" and later amended to include Amos.

Amos Snow's widow, Annie, remarried in 1917 in Loudon County. She apparently moved to Georgia with her second husband after their marriage, and they were enumerated there in 1920. They returned to Loudon County before the 1930 census.

Between 1912 and 1917 many people in Loudon and Roane Counties died from tuberculosis, influenza, and pneumonia. In the Snow family, both Amos's daughter, Edna, and his wife, Annie, died of tuberculosis. Edna died in 1935 and Annie died in 1941, both at relatively young ages.

The memorial entry at *Find A Grave* suggests Amos Snow was buried at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, but no gravestone image or source was provided. Amos's son and daughter-in-law lived in North Carolina, and both were originally from Tennessee. They both were buried at Corinth even though they died in North Carolina.

See recommendations for further research at the end of this document.

DETAILED FINDINGS AND RECORDS EXAMINED

About the Loudon County, Tennessee, Area

Google Maps⁹

Location of Loudon in Loudon County, Tennessee:

- Distance from Philadelphia, in Loudon Co., 10 miles.
- Distance from Kingston in Roane County, about 20 miles.
- Distance from Knoxville, 35 miles southwesterly direction.
- Distance from Memphis, Shelby Co., about 400 miles.
- Distance from Nashville, Davidson Co., 175 miles.

Records Available for Loudon County, Tennessee¹⁰

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Birth records from 1908. | Court, Land, Probate, 1870. |
| Marriage, 1870. | Census, 1810. |
| Death, 1908. | |

⁹ *Google Maps* (<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Loudon+County,+TN> : 3 July 2019); using the directions feature for distances.

¹⁰ "Loudon County, Tennessee Genealogy," *FamilySearch Wiki* (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Loudon_County,_Tennessee_Genealogy).

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News of the time

“County Must Handle Case.”¹¹

This newspaper article of April 1912 described the controversy over who should manage the smallpox epidemic; state, county, or city boards. There were fifteen cases in Loudon and three cases in Lenoir City, both in Loudon County.

An Article for Additional Context

An article “Disasters in Tennessee” discusses the following items:¹²

- Sulphur fumigation, 1917, to prevent spread of cholera, yellow fever, tuberculosis.
- Worldwide influenza pandemic, 1918, killed 25-40 million.
- Gold Star Questionnaires, 1920, survey about WWI service.

Records for Amos Snow

Tennessee Death Records database on Ancestry.

Family stories about Amos Snow indicate he died the same year his son, Paul, was born, but no death certificate was found for Amos Snow in 1912. It is possible someone researching the family attributed his death to 1912 as the earliest date because of son Paul’s birth in that year. Annie remarried in 1917. The earliest date Amos Snow might have died before Paul’s birth would be about August 1911. The date range for his death would be from August 1911 to about 1917.

Ancestry’s death records cite Tennessee State Library and Archives as the source. There are no records for 1913 in Tennessee, due to a change in laws.¹³

The images of death records for Loudon County and Roane County were viewed for 1911 through 1917. Earnest Amos Snow was not found.¹⁴

Observations: There were many deaths from tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza.

Possible reasons for not finding his death record:

¹¹ “County Must Handle Case,” *The Columbia herald*, Columbia, Tenn., 19 April 1912, p. 5, col. 5; *Chronicling America* (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn96091104/1912-04-19/ed-1/seq-5/>; accessed 3 July 2019).

¹² “Disasters in Tennessee,” *Tennessee State Library and Archives* (<https://sharetn.gov.tnsosfiles.com/tsla/exhibits/disasters/epidemics.htm> : accessed 30 June 2019).

¹³ “Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tndeathrecords>), see section for About: “No death records were recorded by the State of Tennessee in 1913 due to a change in the state law requiring vital records registration.”

¹⁴ “Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1911[through 1917], all images viewed; also Roane > 1911 [through 1917], all images viewed.

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- He may have died in 1913 when vital records were not kept.
- His death record may have been misplaced or not recorded.
- He may have died somewhere else.

Record of note:

Death record, Loudon, 1911 – Report by Thos Penland, female infant, no given name “Snow,” died a few hours after birth, 16 May, recorded 13 July 1911.¹⁵
Corresponding birth certificate, born Philadelphia, Tenn., parents Amos Snow and “Nanie” Snow.¹⁶

Records for Annie Tilley

Annie married Joe Snider after Amos’s apparent death:

Marriage Joe Snider to Annie Snow, 4 July 1917, Loudon County, Tennessee.¹⁷

Death certificate for Annie Snider, 1941¹⁸

Annie Snider died 26 January 1941, of tuberculosis. She was described as married, age forty and twenty-five days. Her husband was Joe Snider, age sixty-five. Her father was Philip Tilly, born Loudon, Tenn. Her mother was Laura Blount, born Monroe County, Tenn. Annie was buried at Riverside, 28 January 1941, and the undertaker was F. M. Quinn. The physician who signed the death certificate on 8 March 1941, was Arthur Harrison.

Analysis and correlation:

The age given on her death certificate is inconsistent with her age on other records. She married Amos Snow in 1908. On the 1910 census the informant gave her age as seventeen. Her age at her death should have been about forty-eight. Also, Joseph Snyder, age sixty-five, was enumerated with Annie, age forty-three, on the 1940 census on 20 April.¹⁹

15 [Infant] Snow, 16 May 1911, cert. no. 54729, “Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1911 > image 46.

16 “Tennessee, Birth Records (ER Series), 1908-1912,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS97-13CQ-B?i=2165&cc=2515873>) > image 2166.

17 Loudon County, Tennessee, “County Marriage Record,” Joe Snider to Annie Snow, 4 July 1917; images, “Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : 3 July 2019) > Loudon > 1870-1926 > image 451; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

18 Annie Snider, death cert. no. 3969, Loudon, Tennessee (1941); “Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1941 > image 11; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

19 1940 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Loudon, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 53-1, sheet 9-B, household 168, Joe Snyder household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 July 2019) > Tennessee > Loudon > Loudon > 53-1 > image 22; citing National Archives microfilm T627.

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Annie's daughter Edna died about five years earlier, also of tuberculosis. On the transcription of gravestones for Riverview, her gravestone information was next to P. H. Tilley and Laura, his wife, in the Riverview cemetery, also called Riverside Cemetery.²⁰

Annie's Gravestone, Riverview Cemetery, Loudon County, TN.²¹

The gravestone image shows "Annie Lara Snyder Jan 1 1893 [difficult to read] Jan [difficult to read] Gone but not forgotten." The memorial entry gives: Annie Lara *Tilley* Snyder (1 Jan 1893–26 Jan 1941), Riverview Cemetery, Loudon County, Tennessee.

Annie's daughter Edna was buried in the same cemetery, along with Annie's parents, Philip and Laura Tilley. (See Edna's records.)

1930 Census.²²

Annie Snider, age thirty-seven, lived with her husband Joe Snider, age sixty, in a rented house at 1004 Freidman Street in Loudon, Tennessee. Joe's sons, presumably also Annie's sons, Fred, age ten, and Reece, age six, were also in the home. Joe worked in a chair factory. The informant gave Joe's age at first marriage as twenty and Annie's age at first marriage as twenty-six.

1940 Census.²³

Annie, age forty-three, lived with husband Joe Snyder, age sixty-five, at 1004 Friedman Street in Loudon. Joe's son Reece, age sixteen, and granddaughter, Lorene Roberts, age twelve, were also in the household. Joe worked in a hosiery mill.

Note: Lorene was Edna's daughter. Edna died in 1935.

Reece Snider²⁴

From an index record in a Social Security database, Reece Snider was born 7 June 1922 in Loudon County, Tennessee. His parents were listed as Joe Snider and Annie Filley [should have been Tilley, possibly an indexing error]. He died October 1989.

²⁰ Janet Franklin, transcriber, "Riverview Cemetery WPA Historical Records," *The Tombstone Transcription Project USGenWeb* (<http://www.usgwtombstones.org/tennessee/loudon.html>).

²¹ *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 3 July 2019), memorial page for Annie Lara Tilley Snyder (1 Jan 1893–26 Jan 1941), memorial no. 126360941, citing Riverview Cemetery, Loudon County, Tennessee; gravestone photo by Nancee Russell (contributor 46623544).

²² 1930 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Loudon, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 53-1, sheet 2-B, dwelling 34, family 38, Joe Snider household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 July 2019) > Tennessee > Loudon > Loudon > District 0001 > image 4; citing National Archives microfilm T626.

²³ 1940 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Loudon, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 53-1, sheet 9-B, household 168, Joe Snyder household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 3 July 2019) > Tennessee > Loudon > Loudon > 53-1 > image 22; citing National Archives microfilm T627.

²⁴ U.S. Social Security Administration, "Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : viewed 3 July 2019), entry for Reece Snider, (1989), no. 410429454.

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Records for the Son of Amos Snow and Annie Tilley, Paul Amos Snow

Birth Certificate Paul Amos Snow²⁵

The record is a form with handwritten data, possibly in a book. The original data was written in pencil, recording data with pen, and apparent later additions in a different pen. Handwritten information is shown here in bold, recording information is bold italics, later penned information is underlined. Numbers at the top were stamped and in different inks. The bottom of the page has a stamped on notation with penned details. See the image in the documents section of this report.

Transcription:

“ 157427
BIRTHS 497
Report made by... **O C Miller**
Enumerator of the ... **4** School District of
Roane... County or
Ward of the City of Tennessee.
Paul Amos **500** [?]
=====

Name of Child **Paul Snow**
Date of Birth **April , 2 1912**
Sex .. **male** Color .. **white**
Roane Co
Place of Birth .. **Kingston R.R. #1**
Amos
Name of Father .. **Earnest^ Snow**
Place of His Birth ... **Kingston R.R. #1**
Father's Occupation .. **Farmer**
Name of Mother .. **Annie Annie Laura**
Place of Her Birth .. **Kingston**
Name of Physician ... **Dr Girdle** [?]
Name of Midwife
Date Recorded **8-9-1912**
D. H. Evans
County Court Clerk.

NOTE-These reports must be filed with the County Court Clerk not later than the first day of August of the year taken and by him signed and forwarded to the State Board of Health, Nashville, within ten days after registration, as provided by Section 3, Chapter 341, Acts 1909.

ALTERED 5-24-68 AUTHORIZATION NO. 2805”

²⁵ Roane County, Tennessee, birth record, Paul Amos Snow, 2 April 1912; images, "Tennessee, Birth Records (ER Series), 1908-1912," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-23ND-B?cc=2515873&wc=Q64L-W96%3A1590122657> : accessed 30 June 2019), 007794354 > image 2138 of 2719; citing The Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

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Analysis of birth certificate information:

Paul Snow's place of birth was given as Kingston, as was Annie's. It is possible that she was staying with family for the birth. Another question raised by this record is: why was it modified in 1968? Paul was age fifty-six at the time. Research into "authorization 2805" might be helpful if this question becomes relevant.

Obituary of Paul A. Snow, Amos's son, 1979.²⁶

"Burlington – Paul Amos Snow, 66, of 304 Cates Ave., died Sunday at his home. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Loudon, Tenn., with the Rev. Raymond McJunkins [*sic*] officiating. Burial will be in Corinth Baptist Church. A **native of Roan [*sic*] County, Tenn.**, he was retired textile employee and member of Piedmont Baptist Church. Surviving are wife, **Mrs. Ethel Louise Snow**; sons, Stanely [*sic*] Snow and Sidney Snow of Haw River, Richard Snow of Edgewater, Fla.; daughters, Mrs. Junice [*sic*] Euconomus of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Alice Ann Rogers of Rt. 3, Liberty; 10 grandchildren."

Obituary of the widow of Paul Amos Snow, Amos's daughter-in-law²⁷

"Ethel Louise Hooker Snow, 87, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, in Burlington, N.C. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Paul Amos Snow**; parents, Alice Craig Hooker and Horace Hooker; daughter, Junice Euconomus. Survivors include her children, Alice Ann Rogers of Graham, N.C., Stanley Snow and Sidney Snow of Haw River, N.C., and Richard Snow of Orlando, Fla.; ten grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; brother, Arthur Hooker of Loudon; sisters, Kathryn Patt and Freida Buckner of Loudon, and Polly Wampler of Winchester, Va. Funeral service was 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Loudon Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eugene Broach officiating. Interment was 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Corinth Cemetery. The family received friends 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at Loudon Funeral Home."

Records for the Daughter of Amos Snow and Annie Tilley, Edna Snow

Marriage

Loudon County, Tennessee, 6 February 1925, marriage license issued to Johnnie C. Roberts to marry Edna Snow, L. C. Mitchell, clerk; marriage certified 7 February 1925 by H. B. Coffman, minister.²⁸

²⁶ "Paul A. Snow," *Greensboro Daily News*, Greensboro, NC, 5 Feb. 1979, p. 15, col. 5; *GenealogyBank* (<http://www.genealogybank.com>).

²⁷ "Ethel Louise Snow," [online publication date 17 August 2008]; website, *The News-Herald* (http://www.news-herald.net/obituaries/ethel-louise-snow/article_ace4cb21-5c2d-5a19-b277-4f8b8851bc46.html).

²⁸ Loudon County, Tennessee, County Marriage Record book, page 450, Johnnie C. Roberts to Edna Snow (1925); images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Loudon > 1870-1926 > image 580; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

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1930 Census²⁹

At 503 Cedar Street, Loudon, Tennessee, John C. Roberts, age sixty-two, and his wife, Hannie G, age sixty-one, lived in a rented house. Also in the home were: a son James W. Roberts, twenty-two, and daughter-in-law, Edna E. Roberts, twenty, widowed, and Lorene F. Roberts, granddaughter, age two and two months. All were born in Tennessee. John C. Roberts was unemployed, but had worked as a “color worker” in a hosiery mill. He was not a veteran. James also worked in the hosiery mill.

Death Certificate, Edna Roberts, born Snow

In Loudon County, Tennessee, Edna Roberts, age twenty-eight, died of tuberculosis on 15 July 1935. She lived in Loudon, Tennessee, and her husband was J C Roberts. Her parents were “C Th” Snow [indexed as C H Snow], born Tenn., and Mrs. Edna Tilley, born Tenn. The informant was Joe Roberts. Burial place, Riverside, 16 July 1935, undertaker F. M. Quinn.³⁰

Analysis: This appears to be Amos’s daughter, Edna. Since her father died when she was a small child, and her husband’s family may not have known him, the informant might have got her parents’ names wrong. He also had Edna’s mother’s name wrong, but Edna and Anna are somewhat similar sounding. If her mother was given as a “Mrs.”, the record should have said “Mrs. Annie Snow” but appears to have the incorrect first name and her maiden name of Tilley. It is possible he said Annie and a scribe heard Edna. The surnames match, however. The calculated year of birth from the death certificate, 1907, doesn’t match the earliest census record, 1909, but it is close.

Edna’s daughter, Lorene F. Roberts, was enumerated in her paternal grandfather’s household in 1930 and her maternal grandmother, Annie’s household in 1940.³¹ This connection gives strength to the other records for Edna that have discrepancies.

Gravestone Inscription³²

In the late 1930s, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) performed a cemetery survey in middle and eastern Tennessee. Their papers were given to the Tennessee state archives. The gravestones in the Riverview Cemetery were transcribed as part of the project.³³

29 1930 U.S. census, Loudon County, Tennessee, Loudon, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 53-2, sheet 6-B, dwelling 137, family 137, John C. Roberts household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>), citing National Archives microfilm T624; Edna was widowed.

30 Edna Roberts, death cert. no. 58, Loudon, Tennessee (1935); “Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1935 > image 119; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives; Nashville.

31 1930 U.S. census, Loudon Co., Tn., Loudon, pop. sch., (ED) 53-2, sheet 6-B, dwell. 137, fam. 137, John C. Roberts household; and 1940 U.S. census, Loudon Co., Tn., Loudon, pop. sch., (ED) 53-1, sheet 9-B, house. 168, Joe Snyder household.

32 Janet Franklin, transcriber, “Riverview Cemetery WPA Historical Records,” *The Tombstone Transcription Project USGenWeb* (<http://www.usgw-tombstones.org/tennessee/loudon.html>).

33 “Historical Records Survey, Tennessee Cemeteries, ca. 1930s,” *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://www.sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/historical-records-survey-tennessee-cemeteries-ca-1930s> : 3 July 2019).

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“Edna E. Snow
Wife of J. J. Roberts
Aug 11, 1908---July 12, 1935
Asleep in Jesus”

About the cemetery³⁴

“The Riverview cemetery is located 1 1/2 miles from Loudon, Tennessee, on Fork Creek Road. The first interment was made around 1840, while the city of Loudon was a trading post. Several Cherokee Indians are suppose to be buried here. During the Civil War soldiers of both Confederate and Union Armies were buried in this Cemetery. In 1928 it was incorporated as the Riverside Cemetery, and is one of the most beautiful locations anywhere overlooking the Tennessee River. There are 295 unmarked graves. Copied by Richard Flohr, Lenoir City, Tenn. Route 2, Oct 11, 1937.”

Also, listed just above Edna:

P. H. Tilley, 1843-1927

Laura, wife of P. H. Tilley, 1864-1928

[Likely Edna’s grandparents – see Annie’s death certificate.]

The transcription was created in the 1930’s, so later graves are not in this document.

Unnamed Child possibly born to Amos Snow and Annie Tilley

There may have been a second child of Amos and Annie Snow, who died a few hours after birth on 16 May 1911, in Philadelphia, Loudon County, Tennessee. It is possible this was not the same couple, and more evidence placing them in the town of Philadelphia would be helpful. Since Amos was a farm laborer, they may have moved for work. The mother’s name could have been written incorrectly. Also, Annie’s birthplace was listed as Kingston on Paul’s birth certificate. Even so, it is possible that Annie lost a baby and three months later conceived again, to have Paul in April 1912.

Extracted from Record of Births:³⁵

Bold indicates data given on the form. Some headings were changed on the form.

Page 27 “Record of Births”

Date: **May 16 1911**

Name: [no given name] **Snow**

³⁴ Franklin, transcriber, “Riverview Cemetery WPA Historical Records.”

³⁵ Loudon County, Tennessee, *County Court Clerk’s Office Vital Statistics Birth 1908-1936*, 27; images, “Tennessee Births and Christenings, 1828-1939,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F6L1-S8J> : 3 July 2019), Amos Snow in entry for Snow, 16 May 1911; citing Loudon, Tennessee, reference p27; FHL microfilm 1,011,363.

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Sex **F** Col. **W**

Name of Father **Amos Snow**

Nativity of Father **Loudon Co.**

Name of Mother **Nannie Snow**

Nativity of Mother **Loudon Co**

Occupation of Father **Farmer**

~~Residence of Parents~~ Name of Physician Present at Birth **Dr Penland**

~~Kinship if any~~ Midwife

Date Recorded **July 13 1911**

Death, 1911, Loudon County

Report by Thos Penland, died 16 May 1911, recorded 13 July 1911, female infant, no given name "Snow," died a few hours after birth, Philadelphia, Tenn.³⁶

Same-named Person Eliminated

Amos Snow, WWI, Draft record, Chattanooga, Race: Negro, b. 15 June 1884.³⁷

The birth year for this record matches the year on the *Find A Grave* memorial for Amos Snow buried at Corinth cemetery in Loudon. The calculated year of birth for Amos Snow of Loudon from two census records is 1888. Someone may have confused the two people in their records and used this person's birth information.

Records Reviewed Where Nothing Was Found

Tennessee Death Records, 1911-1919³⁸

Because I observed several incorrect indexes, images of death certificates from 1911 through 1917 for the counties of Roane and Loudon were viewed online. Earnest Amos Snow was not found. A record for a possible middle child for Amos and Annie was found that died a few hours after birth. This record possibly places them in the town of Philadelphia, Loudon County, in 1911.³⁹

36 [Infant] Snow, 16 May 1911, cert. no. 54729, "Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1911 > image 46.

37 "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YRB-9G6B?cc=1968530&wc=9FWQ-VZ9%3A928312101%2C928359501:3> July 2019), Tennessee > Chattanooga City no 1; N-Z > image 1393 of 2647; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

38 "Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Roane [and Loudon] > 1912 [through 1919]; citing Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

39 [Infant] Snow, 16 May 1911, cert. no. 54729, "Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Death Certificates > Loudon > 1911 > image 46.

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Tennessee, City Death Records, 1872-1923⁴⁰

Searches used: various combinations with “Amos,” “Earnest,” surname Snow, death range 1911-1917 using 1916 +/- 5 years.

This database covers Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. Nothing found for Earnest Amos Snow.

World War I Draft Registration Cards⁴¹

Searches used: “Amos Snow,” “Earnest Snow” with Tennessee in the location field.

The subject, Earnest Amos Snow, was not found. An Amos Snow, negro, from Chattanooga was found, but is not the right person.⁴²

Tax Lists⁴³

The available lists don’t cover the time period of interest.

GenealogyBank Obituary Search⁴⁴

- Searches used for Earnest/Ernest Amos Snow, various name combinations, date range 1912-1917, state: Tennessee, keywords: Loudon, Philadelphia.
- Searches at GenealogyBank for Annie Snyder obituary: 1941, Tennessee, various search combinations, surname Snyder/Snider, first name Annie, keyword Tilley, Fred Snyder (son of Annie).

Tennessee Death Records 1908-1912 and 1914-1933.⁴⁵

A search of the online database at Tennessee State Library and Archives did not produce a record for Earnest, Amos, or similar names with surname of Snow for Loudon or Roane counties.

Newspaper searches for Snow death notices.⁴⁶

Searches of Chronicling America used the following terms:

state: Tennessee.

keywords: Amos Snow, Ernest Snow, Earnest Snow, snow died.

range: 1911-1917.

40 “Tennessee, City Death Records, 1872-1923,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : 3 July 2019).

41 “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : 3 July 2019), Tennessee; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

42 “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YRB-9G6B?cc=1968530&wc=9FWQ-VZ9%3A928312101%2C928359501> : 3 July 2019), Tennessee > Chattanooga City no 1; N-Z > image 1393 of 2647; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

43 “Early Tennessee Tax Lists at the Tennessee State Library and Archives,” *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/early-tennessee-tax-lists-tennessee-state-library-and-archives> : 3 July 2019).

44 *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>)

45 “Tennessee Death Records 1908-1912,” *Tennessee State Library and Archives* (<https://tslaindexes.tn.gov/death-records-search> : accessed 30 June 2019).

46 *Chronicling America* (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> : accessed 4 July 2019); searched for Tennessee, 1911-1917.

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WORK PLAN GUIDING THIS SESSION

- Since Amos Snow was alive to father a child born in 1912, there may be a death certificate for him. Death records in Loudon began about 1908.⁴⁷ Family stories and Find A Grave suggest a death year of 1912 for Amos. Locations to search: Loudon and Roane Counties. The starting range should be 1911, to include a probable conception date for Paul Amos Snow. The end of the range should be 1919, the calculated conception date for Annie's first child in her second marriage.
- Study close family members of Amos Snow:
 - Richard Snow, father.
 - Annie Tilley, wife.
 - Edna Snow, daughter.
 - Paul Amos Snow, son.
- World War I – 1914-1918.
- Corinth Baptist Church – Since Amos Snow is thought to have been buried there, this connection needs further study.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The research to-date has focused on finding evidence for how and when Amos Snow died, but it was based on family stories of his death at an early age. The assumption has been that he died around 1912. An alternative theory would be that Amos and Annie divorced and Amos died in another place and time. If further research doesn't find evidence of his death, this theory should be explored.

For continuing the search for evidence of his death between August 1911 and 1917

The locations of interest include Loudon County, where Amos was enumerated in census records, and Roane County, specifically Kingston, where son Paul was born, supposedly around the time Amos died. Amos and Annie Snow may have had a child who died at birth in 1911, born in Philadelphia, Loudon County.

This research session used only online resources. The next session should use records in libraries and archives and will require some travel. Funeral home records should be the next starting point. Genealogical journals should also be searched.

⁴⁷ "Loudon County, Tennessee Genealogy," *FamilySearch Wiki* (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Loudon_County,_Tennessee_Genealogy).

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Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, may have records providing information on the death of Earnest Amos Snow.

- The collection, “Funeral Home Records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives: Books & Manuscripts” includes one set of records for Roane county covering the period of interest (1911-1917), “J. G. D'Armond Funeral Home Records. Roane County, 1908-1939.”
- The archives staff can do some lookups and provide copies for a small fee.⁴⁸
- Newspapers for Loudon and Roane Counties.⁴⁹
 - *The Loudon County Record* covers the timeframe of interest for Loudon.
 - *The Rockwood Times* covers the timeframe for Roane.
- Court records: Probate, Estates, etc.⁵⁰

Probate and Estate Records

Although Amos lived on rented property, and may have had little estate, these records should be checked. He could have been an heir to someone else's estate and be mentioned in their records. Images of bonds and settlement files are available online at *FamilySearch*. They are not indexed in a searchable database and must be viewed a page at a time. There may be images of index pages to help locate people of interest. These should be studied for both Loudon and Roane counties.⁵¹ Additional records may exist in courthouses or the state archives, mentioned above.

Corinth Baptist Church records or church history. Sources would likely be found in a library at Loudon County, Roane County, or Knox County. Tennessee Genealogical societies may hold records related to the church. Societies and libraries in the area may also hold vertical files containing research done by others on the Snow and Tilley families.

Bible Records from Roane County

Published Source – Bible Records for Roane County families.⁵²

- Can be ordered online: <https://www.mountainpress.com/books/tn/details/tn-1342w.html>
- These records are also available at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.⁵³
- Suggested locations: Public Library of Henderson County or Charlotte, North Carolina.

48 “Funeral Home Records at the Tennessee State Library and Archives: Books & Manuscripts,” *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/funeral-home-records-tennessee-state-library-and-archives-books-manuscripts#l> : accessed 4 July 2019).

49 “Newspapers on Microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives,” *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/newspapers-microfilm-tennessee-state-library-and-archives> : accessed 4 July 2019).

50 “Inventories of County Records on Microfilm,” *Tennessee Secretary of State* (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/inventories-county-records-microfilm>: accessed 3 July 2019); focusing on Loudon and Roane.

51 “Tennessee Probate Court Books, 1795-1927,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : 5 July 2019); citing County courthouses, Tennessee.

52 Mountain Press, *Roane County, Tennessee bible records: W.P.A. Records* (Signal Mountain, Tenn: Mountain Press, 2012).

53 Historical Records Project (Tennessee), *Family Bible records of Roane County, Tennessee*; images *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/216469?availability=Family%20History%20Library>).

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Other Newspaper Services

Newspaper searches for the surname "Snow" often give results related to the weather rather than people. This makes them a little more time consuming. Even so, searches in various newspaper archives should be done. The following would be places to look:

- Newspapers.com.
- Newsbank.com.
- Microfilm at the state archives, mentioned above.

DOCUMENTS – PAUL AMOS SNOW BIRTH RECORD

157427

BIRTHS 497

Report made by A. L. Miller

Enumerator of the H School District of Boone County or _____

ward of the City of Paul Amos Tennessee.

Name of Child Paul Snow

Date of Birth April 2 1912

Sex male Color white

Place of Birth Roane Co R. B. #1

Name of Father Earnest Snow

Place of His Birth Kingston R. B. #1

Father's Occupation Harmon

Name of Mother Annie Annie Saura

Place of Her Birth Kingston

Name of Physician Dr. Girdle

Name of Midwife _____

Date Recorded 8-9-1912

D. A. Evans County Court Clerk.

NOTE—These reports must be filed with the County Court Clerk not later than the first day of August of the year taken and by him signed and forwarded to the State Board of Health, Nashville, within ten days after registration, as provided by Section 3, Chapter 341, Acts 1909.

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Roane County, Tennessee, birth record, Paul Amos Snow, 2 April 1912; images, "Tennessee, Birth Records (ER Series), 1908-1912," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS9Z-23ND-B?cc=2515873&wc=Q64L-W96%3A1590122657> : accessed 30 June 2019), 007794354 > image 2138 of 2719; citing The Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.