

# Descendants of Isaac Barefoot RUNYAN

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**Isaac Barefoot RUNYAN** was born about 1750 in New Jersey?. He died about 1867. The following article appeared in "The Reporter and Watchtower", Talladega, Alabama, Wednesday, 16 April 1879;

Isaac Runyan, Sr., who resided in the neighborhood of Alpine many years since, and afterwards, on lands now owned by Esquire Henry Sims in Castebeat, died at the age of 117... Mr. Runyan could walk about with a staff until he was 110 years old...

Isaac Barefoot RUNYAN was married to Margaret RAMBO on May 19, 1777 in Rockingham County, Virginia. **Margaret RAMBO** died about 1802 in Sevier County, Tennessee. Isaac Barefoot RUNYAN and Margaret RAMBO had the following children:

I. **John Wesley RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born about 1778 in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He died on November 23, 1851 in Hamilton County, Tennessee. He was buried in Corinth Cemetery, Meigs County, Tennessee.

John Wesley RUNYAN was married to Nancy MULLENDORE (daughter of Abraham MULLENDORE and Susannah LAYMAN) in November 1802. **Nancy MULLENDORE**<sup>1,2</sup> was born about 1786. She died on August 10, 1874 in Meigs County, Tennessee.<sup>3</sup> "Descendants of Isaac Barefoot Runyan" by Marie Runyan Wright say's Nancy died 27 Aug 1875 in Hamilton County, however, I (David Allen Witt) have visited her grave and her headstone says she died 10 Aug 1874. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Meig, Bradley, and Hamilton counties. She was buried in Corinth Cemetery, Meigs County, Tennessee. Corinth cemetery is located on the north side of the old Ada Wrinkle farm, west of No Pone Valley Road and about 2 ½ miles north of Mt Zion Church. The church site was between the spring and cemetery and is found only with a guide. Only a few graves are marked, one of which is Nancy Runyan's. John Wesley RUNYAN and Nancy MULLENDORE had the following children:

A. **William RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on August 31, 1804 in Sevier County, Tennessee. He died on June 19, 1865 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

William RUNYAN was married to Malinda MUREY in 1825.<sup>1</sup> **Malinda MUREY**<sup>1</sup> was born on February 8, 1805 in North Carolina. She died on June 19, 1881 in Strawberry, Lawrence County, Arkansas. She was buried in Ruben Wilmuth Farm, Strawberry, Arkansas.

B. **Tavenor RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on January 27, 1810 in Sevier County, Tennessee. He died in 1849 in Meigs County, Tennessee.

Tavenor RUNYAN was married to Jane TILERY on January 8, 1833 in Rhea County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup>

C. **Claibourn Juda RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on November 17, 1813 in Tennessee. She died in 1864. He went by Juda.

Claibourn Juda RUNYAN was married to K. H. BLEDSOE on August 20, 1829 in Rhea County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup>

D. **John W. RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on January 27, 1816 in Bledsoe County, Tennessee.

John W. RUNYAN was married to Lorinda LEWIS on August 23, 1835.<sup>1</sup>

E. **Susan RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on November 11, 1818 in Bledsoe County, Tennessee.

Susan RUNYAN was married to Peter NEIL on October 7, 1835 in Rhea County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> **Peter NEIL**<sup>1</sup> was born on November 11, 1812.

F. **Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr.**<sup>1,2,4</sup> was born on June 25, 1821. He died on June 16, 1894.<sup>5</sup> Simeon P. Runyan, a prosperous farmer of the Fourth District of James County, was born in Bledsoe County, June 26, 1821. He is the sixth of nine children of John and Nancy (Mullendore) Runyan. The parents were natives of Sevier County, Tenn., of Welsh and German descent. The father was born about 1778, and died in Hamilton (now James) County in 1854. He was a successful farmer and stanch Democrat. The mother was born in 1794, and died at the home of our subject, August 27, 1875, in her eighty-first year. They were married in their native county, and spent their lives in Sevier, Rhea and Bledsoe Counties, East Tenn. Our subject received a liberal education. He taught school several

years, in connection with his farming interests. At twenty-two or twenty-three years of age he purchased and settled on a farm in Hamilton (now James) County. He lived there fourteen years. In 1858 he moved to his present place of residence. He served one year in the war with the Cherokee Indians, in Col. Powell's Regiment. He was quartermaster sergeant of the Fifth Tennessee Regiment, Mounted Infantry, Federal Army, for one year, during the late civil war. He is a Republican and a worthy citizen. By his own efforts and judicious management has become the possessor of upward of 1,000 acres of valuable land. July 22, 1844, he married Miss Nancy C. Birgar, who was born in Roane County about 1825, and died September 4, 1860. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), and mother of five sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are dead. One son, recruited in the Federal Army, was in battle before he was mustered into service, and no particular account of him was given in the battle of Knoxville. February 8, 1871, our subject wedded Mrs. Susan J. Ezell, born in McMinn County in 1846. To this union one son and two daughters have been born. Mr. and Mrs. Runyan are members of the Methodist Church. After his brother, Tavenor, Sr.'s death, Simeon P. was appointed guardian of the deceased's children.

“Goodspeed’s History of East Tennessee,” James County, 1887.

Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. was married to Nancy Caroline BARGER on July 22, 1844 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>1,2</sup> **Nancy Caroline BARGER**<sup>2,1</sup> was born about 1825. She died on September 4, 1860 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>6</sup> She was buried in Edwards Cemetery. I (David Allen Witt) visited her grave, located on the Shelly Farm near Georgetown, Tn, on 5 Nov 1988; the headstone was laying face up and was weathered but legible. Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. and Nancy Caroline BARGER had the following children:

1. **John RUNYAN** was born about 1845.
2. **Nancy Jane RUNYAN**<sup>1,2</sup> was born about 1847.

Nancy Jane RUNYAN was married to Levi BROOKS (son of Gideon BROOKS and Winny \_\_\_\_\_) on August 21, 1866 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>7</sup> **Levi BROOKS**<sup>8</sup> was born about 1842. Nancy Jane RUNYAN and Levi BROOKS had the following children:

- a. **Caroline "Callie" BROOKS**<sup>9,10,11,12</sup> was born about 1867. She died about September 1899 in Georgetown, Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>13</sup> She had red hair and went by the nickname "Callie."

Caroline "Callie" BROOKS was married to William Hopkins WITT (son of Captain Joseph N. WITT and Mary Isabel WHITMORE) about 1889. **William Hopkins WITT**<sup>14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21</sup> was born on January 29, 1860 in Georgetown, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He died on October 31, 1938 in Kennewick, Benton County, Washington.<sup>20</sup>

A newspaper local to Kennewick, Washington, November 1938: PIONEER FARMER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS AT HOME - W.H. Witt, Kennewick pioneer for the past 32 years, passed away at his home in the valley Monday morning following a several months' illness. William Hopkins Witt was born January 29, 1860 at Georgetown, Tennessee. On Jan 8, 1902, he was married to Hattie M. Crowe at Georgetown and in 1906 he came to Kennewick, where he has made his home since that time. He is survived by his widow, Hattie M. Witt; three sons, W.T. Witt, Reseda, California; Owen Witt, Georgetown, Tennessee and Natt Witt, Kennewick; four daughters, Mrs. L.E. Stuart, Gladstone, Oregon; Mrs. Glen Mitchell, Ellensburg; Miss Isabel Witt, Seattle; and Mrs. Myron Davis, Walla Walla. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. W.W. Beard, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted at the funeral chapel by Rev. R.B. Holden Tuesday afternoon. The Masonic lodge of which order Mr. Witt had been a member for more than 50 years, had charge of the services at the cemetery. Interment was made in the Riverview Heights cemetery.

He was buried on November 1, 1938 in Riverview Heights Cemetery, Kennewick, Washington. He went by Bill. Occupations include school teacher, farmer and postmaster.

A letter from Willette to her brother Owen notifying him of their fathers death:

Gladstone, Ore  
Nov. 15, 1938  
Dear Brother Owen:

I should have written you two weeks ago I told Mama I would, but I have been so busy seems like I don't get time to write. I guess you know Dad had been sick for over two years didn't you? Well in July he went

to bed and was in bed 17 weeks. Oct 31, he passed away. I don't believe he suffered very much and he knew us all most of the time up till the very last. We knew of course that he could never get well so I think we were all glad when death released him. I feel so lost tho sometimes when I think of him being gone. I think he was the very grandest and best man that ever lived, he didn't drink or swear and he was always kind and just. I wish you could have known him, he has always been my ideal and I know my life has been better by trying to live up to his principals. Mama & Natt are alone on the place now, we all felt so sorry for her she looked so forlorn, but Natt is a good boy and I think she will get over it quicker by having someone to keep house for someone to need her. She certainly was good to Dad while he was sick I am sure no hospital ever gave beter care than he got and he seemed so happy & content to be home. I went up Sat. night before he died Mon. He knew me and was so glad I came.

There was such a large crowd at the funeral and just banks of flowers. There was a church service at the funeral home and Masonic services at the grave.

Write to me Owen won't you and tell me about yourself. I had a nice trip to California this summer, my oldest girl lives in San Diego and Timmons is near Los Angeles.

Vivian & Ruth live in Spokane, Vivian is married & has a good man and two nice boys. Ruth works but makes her home with Vivian. At home I have Bill who is 17, Helen 14, Carolyn 12, Bill is last year H. S. and works part time at the electric Co. Helen is 1st year H. S. Carolyn 7th grade.

Well I guess thats all I can think of now. Be sure & write me.

Love to all from Your sister Willette Caroline "Callie" BROOKS and William Hopkins WITT had the following children:

- i. **Willette WITT**<sup>22</sup> was born in March 1890 in James County, Tennessee. She died in 1980 in Spokane, Washington.<sup>23</sup>
  
- ii. **Warren Timmons WITT** was born on July 2, 1892 in James County, Tennessee. He died on May 7, 1971 in Porterville, California.<sup>24</sup>
  
- iii. **Linnie Alma WITT**<sup>25</sup> was born on August 30, 1895 in James County, Tennessee. She died on June 28, 1993 in Washington.<sup>26</sup> Notes from Linnie Alma Witt as given to her son, Harold in 1989: Linnie remembers certain details of their trip from Tennessee, seeing their first train in Chattanooga, changing trains in either St. Louis or Kansas City (not sure which), possibly changed more than once. She believes this was Jan or Feb of 1905. At the large ranch house near Harrington (about 50 miles west of Spokane) she and her sblings and all the cousins had a merry time. By now there were four of the Witt clan here: William Hopkins Witt, George M. Witt, Natt Witt and their sister May Witt Anderson and husband Nick. Linnie saw the first flush toilet at the home of her Uncle George, Aunt Alma & their daughter Maida.  
 In 1909 Wm H. Witt and his brother-in-law, Nick Anderson, bought approximately 20 acres each, adjoining tracts, of good farmland about 3 miles southwest of Kennewick, Wa. They raised asparagus and strawberries for the market, alfalfa hay for the cows and horses, and Wm H. Witt kept bees for honey. As money and time permitted they started planting apple trees, finally reaching ten acres in Red Delicious apples. W.H. was apparently a very good and resourceful farmer and added many improvements to both house and farm. He was very much opposed to alcohol and card-playing, but did smoke a pipe after meals.
  
- iv. **William Owen WITT Sr.**<sup>27,20,28,29</sup> was born on December 18, 1898 in James County, Tennessee. He died on July 16, 1962 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>30</sup>  
 "Chattanooga Times" 17 Jul 1962: Witt - William O. Sr., 63, Runyan Road, Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., died in a local hospital at 7:10 o'clock Monday morning. A lifelong resident of Hamilton County. Mr Witt owned the Witt Barber Shop on Runyan Road., off Highway 58. He was a member of the Methodist Church. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Grace Allen Witt, Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn.; four daughters, Mrs. Claire Saulters, Couldersport, Pa., Mrs. G.F. Cope Jr., Mrs. George Hixson, Chattanooga and Mrs. Noel Scaffa, Old Bridge, N.J.; eight sons, W.O. Witt Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., J. Eugene Witt, St Mary's, Pa., R.M. (Mike) Witt, Birmingham, Ala., Barney Witt, Walter Witt, and Douglas Witt, Chattanooga, James (Tony) Witt, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico and Harry H. Witt, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Willette Stuart, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Linnie Mitchell, Spokane, Wash.; a brother, W.T. Witt, Terra Bella, Calif., and 20 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel of J.

Avery Bryan Company, Rev., Willard O'Rear officiating. Interment in the McDonald Cemetery at Greenwood. The family requests that flowers be omitted with donations going to cancer fund. Pallbearers: G.W. Anderson, Bob Anderson, Judge R.J. Gross Jr., Eway Bowan, Herbert Holder and Herman Moon. The body is at the funeral home of J. Avery Bryan Co.

He was buried on July 17, 1962 in McDonald Eastview Cemetery, Hamilton County, TN. He went by Owen.

b. **Mary BROOKS** was born about 1870 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

c. **Flora Isabell BROOKS** was born about 1872 in Hamilton County, Tennessee. She died about 1942 in Georgetown, Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>31</sup>

Clipping from unknown newspaper: ROBERSON-Funeral services for Mrs. Flora Isabell Roberson, 70, who died at her residence in Georgetown, Tenn., Friday night, Monday at 2 p.m. at the Savannah Methodist church, with Rev. L.H. Sylar and Rev. Scott Butler officiating. She is survived by husband, R.M. Roberson; three sons, Claude and Carl of Georgetown, and Edgar, of Kennewick, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. B.F. Epperson and Mrs. L.L. Knox, both of Georgetown; Half-brother, O.L. Bettis, of Georgetown, and fourteen grandchildren. Interment will follow in the McDonald cemetery. The body is at the residence. Smith Funeral Home in charge.

Flora Isabell BROOKS and Reece ROBERSON had the following children:

i. **Pearl ROBERSON**<sup>32</sup>.

ii. **Carl ROBERSON**.

iii. **Claude ROBERSON**.

iv. **Edgar ROBERSON**. Edgar lived in Kennewick, Washington.

v. \_\_\_\_\_ **ROBERSON**.

Nancy Jane RUNYAN was married to James M. BETTIS (son of Alfred BETTIS and Anny \_\_\_\_\_) about 1873 in Tennessee.<sup>33</sup> **James M. BETTIS**<sup>34,33</sup> was born about 1842 in Tennessee. Nancy Jane RUNYAN and James M. BETTIS had the following children:

d. **Elizabeth BETTIS**<sup>33</sup> was born about 1874.

e. **Alfred BETTIS**<sup>33</sup> was born about 1876.

f. **Simeon BETTIS**<sup>33</sup> was born about 1879.

g. **O. L. BETTIS**<sup>35</sup>.

3. **Isaac RUNYAN** was born about 1849.

4. **Mary Jane RUNYAN** was born about 1850 in Tennessee. She died after 1938.

Mary Jane RUNYAN was married to William Francis ANDERSON (son of Col. John ANDERSON III and Purlymly LUTTRELL) on September 8, 1870 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>36</sup> **William Francis ANDERSON**<sup>36,37</sup> was born on May 27, 1844 in Long Savannah, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He died on October 18, 1909 in Long Savannah, James County, Tennessee. Mary Jane RUNYAN and William Francis ANDERSON had the following children:

a. **Nannie ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on June 19, 1871 in Tennessee.

b. **Hugh Nicholas ANDERSON**<sup>38,39</sup> was born on March 28, 1873. He died in 1950. He was buried in Riverview Heights Cemetery, Kennewick, Washington. He went by Nick.

Hugh Nicholas ANDERSON was married to May Belle WITT (daughter of Captain Joseph N. WITT and Mary Isabel WHITMORE).<sup>40</sup> **May Belle WITT**<sup>41,42,43</sup> was born in 1875. She died in 1929. She was buried in Riverview Heights Cemetery, Kennewick, Washington.

c. **Purlymly ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on October 2, 1875 in Tennessee.

d. **Pearl ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on March 2, 1878 in Tennessee.

e. **Mary ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on March 2, 1879 in Tennessee.

f. **Lena ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on January 5, 1882 in Tennessee.

g. **John Simeon ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on February 26, 1885.

h. **Roscoe ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on April 26, 1889 in Tennessee.

i. **Chester ANDERSON**<sup>36</sup> was born on July 12, 1895 in Tennessee.

5. **Alfred RUNYAN**<sup>44</sup> was born about 1855.

6. **Simeon P. RUNYAN Jr.**<sup>45,46</sup> was born about 1857 in Tennessee. He died on July 7, 1938 in Georgetown, Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>47</sup> Unable to find his name listed in the 1938 Death Certificate Index.

"Chattanooga Times" 8 July 1938: S.P. ("Babe") Runyan S.P. Runyan Jr, 80, retired farmer, died at his home, Georgetown, route 2, early yesterday morning. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs Mary Jane Anderson, and Mrs Maggie Spriggs; several nieces and nephews. His body is at Smith's chapel. Funeral services will be held at the New Union Baptist Church at 2 p.m. today, the Revs S.C. Buckner and Tony Lewis officiating. Interment in Mathis cemetery.

He went by the nickname "Babe."

Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. was married to Susan EZELL on February 8, 1871 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>48,49</sup> **Susan EZELL**<sup>1</sup> was born in 1846 in McMinn County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> She went by Jane. Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. and Susan EZELL had the following children:

7. **Sarah M. RUNYAN** was born on March 25, 1872. She died on March 13, 1891.<sup>5,50</sup>

Her obituary was written by D. J. Nelson, Chattanooga, Tennessee and published in a church bulletin: Runnyan [sic]: -Sarh [sic] M. daughter of Simeon and Jane Runnyan, was born March 25, 1872, and died March 13th 1891; age 18 years 11 months and 18 days. Sarah professed religion about three years ago and in a short while joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in whose communion she lived a faithful life until death set her free, and the great Head of the church said, "come up higher." She was a most estimable young lady; always obedient to her parents and never gave them a moments trouble in her life. To know her was to love her, and those who knew her best loved her most. We extend our sympathy to the heartbroken and grief-stricken family, and pray that they may all meet Sarah in her new home in the skies.

She was buried in Ruyan Cemetery. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnhamilt/runyanc.htm>

8. **Franklin RUNYAN** was born about 1872.

Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. was married to Jane MALONE before 1880. **Jane MALONE** died on September 13, 1926 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>51</sup> Unable to find her name listed in the 1926 Death Certificate Index.

"Chattanooga Times," Tuesday, 14 Sep 1926: Mrs. Jane Runyan, wife of S.P. Runyan, Sr., died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F.L. Spriggs, near Georgetown, after a long illness. Surviving her are her daughter,

three grandsons, J.P., F.T. and Earl Runyan; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Jane Bettis, of Arkansas, and two stepsons, I.I. Runyan, of Washington, and S.P. Runyan, of Georgetown. Mrs. Runyan was loved by a wide circle of friends. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Motley, will be held at New Union church at 10 o'clock this morning, followed by interment in Malone cemetery.

Simeon P. RUNYAN Sr. and Jane MALONE had the following children:

9. **Margaret RUNYAN**<sup>49,27,29</sup> was born on March 11, 1877.<sup>5</sup> She died on January 1, 1939 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>52</sup> She was adopted. She went by Mag.

Margaret and Husband Frank Spriggs raised William Owen Witt, son of William and Callie (Brooks) Witt. "Owen" was the grandson of Margaret's half-sister Nancy Jane (Runyan) Brooks. Callie died when Owen was about nine months old, William "Bill" Witt had three other small children to care for. Apparently Owen was left in the care of "Aunt Mag" and Frank; they never had children of their own. I believe they must have become very attached to Owen. Bill Witt remarried in 1905 and moved to Washington state. Owen never saw his family again but he did correspond with his sister Willette.

Margaret RUNYAN was married to Frank L. SPRIGGS (son of Marcus D. L. SPRIGGS and George Ann \_\_\_\_\_) on November 26, 1893 in Tennessee.<sup>5</sup> **Frank L. SPRIGGS**<sup>53,27,29</sup> was born on November 4, 1871.<sup>5</sup> He died on August 17, 1925 in Hamilton County, Tennessee.<sup>5</sup> He was buried in Anderson Cemetery.<sup>54</sup>

G. **Malinda J. RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on August 25, 1824 in Tennessee. She died on April 7, 1911 in Tennessee.<sup>55</sup> She was buried in Barger Cemetery, Georgetown, Tennessee.

**John Anderson BARGER**<sup>1</sup> was born on August 30, 1820. He died on December 24, 1904 in Barger Cemetery, Georgetown, Tennessee. one-half mile from Georgetown Road on White Oak Road.

H. **Isaac L. RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on May 18, 1826 in Tennessee. He died on April 8, 1917 in Tennessee. He was buried in Pierce Cemetery, Meigs County, Tennessee. seven mile north of Dayton Tennessee.

Isaac L. RUNYAN was married to Ravanna M. BLEVINS on July 25, 1860 in Meigs County, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> **Ravanna M. BLEVINS**<sup>1</sup> was born on November 22, 1839. She died on October 23, 1918 in Meigs County, Tennessee. She was buried in Pierce Cemetery, Meigs County, Tennessee.

I. **Abraham M. RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born on April 5, 1831 in Hamilton County, Tennessee. He died on September 12, 1895 in Aldrich, Mo near Bolivar, Mo.. He was buried in Barren Creek Cemetery, Aldrich, Mo..

Abraham M. RUNYAN was married to Mary Ann JARNAGIN on February 10, 1852.<sup>1</sup> **Mary Ann JARNAGIN**<sup>1</sup> was born on January 6, 1833 in McMinn County, Tennessee. She died on November 18, 1911.

II. **Aaron Alexander RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born in 1786 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He died on June 6, 1869 in Sevier County, Tennessee. He was buried in Shiloh Cemetery, Sevier County, Tennessee.

Aaron Alexander RUNYAN was married to Ester PORTER in 1808.

III. **Tavenor RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born about 1787. He died in 1802 in Sevier County, Tennessee. Killed by a band of Indians near his home.

IV. **Ware RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born about 1791 in Sevier County, Tennessee. He died on October 23, 1837 in Alabama.

Ware RUNYAN was married to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ about 1817.

V. **Isaac RUNYAN II**<sup>1</sup> was born on March 17, 1793 in Sevier County, Tennessee. He died on August 13, 1873 in Clark County, Arkansas.

Isaac RUNYAN II was married to Mary LOWRY about 1820. **Mary LOWRY**<sup>1</sup> was born on May 19, 1801 in Tennessee.

# Descendants of Isaac Barefoot RUNYAN

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VI. **Loami RUNYAN**<sup>1</sup> was born about 1802 in Sevier County, Tennessee. It is said that John Wesley Runyan asked his mother how she felt after giving birth; her response was "low am I Wesley," thus the name Loami Wesley Runyan.

Loami RUNYAN was married to Nancy WHITE on June 30, 1843. 2nd marriage for Loami.

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3. Nancy Mullendore Runyan's headstone in Corinth Cemetery, southeast corner of Meigs County, Tennessee.
4. "Goodspeed's History of East Tennessee," James County. 1887.
5. Spriggs, Margaret Runyan. Family Bible Records.
6. HEADSTONE: Barger, Nancy Jane, Edwards Cemetery, Hamilton County, Tennessee. Old Shelby farm south of Georgetown, Tn.
7. James L. Douthat. "Hamilton County, Tennessee, Marriage Book #2 1864-1874". Published by the author; 1987. page 72.
8. United States Census Bureau. 1860 Hamilton County, Tennessee Census; page 31; district 9 - Long Savannah Post Office; dwelling 213; family 213; Brooks, Gideon.
9. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tennessee Census; dwelling 248; family 258; page 28; supervisor dist# 2; enumerator# 62; civil district# 4; Runyan, Simeon P. 13 years of age and living with her mother's family.
10. Barney Allen Witt. "Have been told I got my red hair from my father's mother".
11. Mary Katherine "Kate" Witt Beard's photo album, vintage: late 1800's to early 1900's. Photo of Callie taken at Anderson studio in Cleveland, Tennessee. Also another photo of William (standing, bushy beard, hat in right hand, jacket & vest), Callie (sitting in a chair wearing long dress), Warren (about 18 months, sitting in Callie's lap) and Willette (standing beside Callie). Outside shot with trees in the background. (circa 1894).
12. JoAnn Knox. Provided information regarding Callie's mother, father and two sisters.
13. Barney Allen Witt. "Callie died about nine months after the birth of William Owen Witt".
14. Meigs County, Tennessee 1860 census. 4 months of age.
15. Hamilton County, Tennessee, 1870 Census, page 588 line 40. 10 years of age.
16. James County, Tennessee 1900 Census, page 237-b. 40 years of age.
17. Correspondence with Helen Witt Anderson Trent.
18. Dona and Margaret Beard in 1988. Informed me Bill and Hattie had gone to Washington state. They also knew the names of all four wives of "Uncle Bill," they used a ryme: Maggie, Mattie, Callie and Hattie.
19. Mary Katherine "Kate" Witt Beard's photo album, vintage: late 1800's to early 1900's. Photo of William and Hattie taken in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Also another photo of William (standing, bushy beard, hat in right hand, jacket & vest), Callie (sitting in a chair wearing long dress), Warren (about 18 months, sitting in Callie's lap) and Willette (standing beside Callie). Outside shot with trees in the background. (circa 1894).
20. OBITUARY: Witt, William Hopkins. A newspaper local to Kennewick, Washington, November 1938.
21. LETTER: Willette (Witt) Stuart to brother William Owen Witt.
22. Ibid. Mentions her five children; Vivian, Ruth, Bill, Helen and Carolyn.
23. Correspondence with Harold Glen Mitchell. In a letter dated 9 Apr 1989 Harold informed me Willette had died in 1980.
24. Correspondence with Harry and Marion Witt - 1989.
25. Correspondence with Linnie Witt Mitchell and her son Harold Glen Mitchell.
26. Correspondence with Harold Glen Mitchell.
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29. United States Census Bureau. James County, Tn 1910 Census; Spriggs, Frank L.
30. OBITUARY: Witt, William Owen, Sr. "Chattanooga Times" 17 Jul 1962.
31. OBITUARY: Roberson, Flora I. Brooks. Clipping from unknown newspaper.
32. JoAnn Knox. Phone interview by David A. Witt, 1988.
33. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tennessee; dwelling 291 family 301; Bettis, James M.
34. United States Census Bureau. 1860 Hamilton County, Tn census; dwelling 287; family 288; page 41; district 9 Long Savannah Post Office; Bettis, Alfred.
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37. Penelope Allen. "Leaves from the Family Tree", page 6. Southern Historical Press; Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr.; P.O. Box 738; Easley, S.C. 29640; copyright 1982.

38. Old James County Historical Society. "James County - A Lost County Of Tennessee". Old James County Chapter East Tennessee Historical Society

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39. Dona and Margaret Beard in 1988. Although "James County - a lost county of Tennessee" lists Hugh Nicholas Anderson as two people, ie Hugh and Nicholas, the Beard sisters said "Nick's" name was Hugh Nicholas.

40. Penelope Allen. "Leaves from the Family Tree", page 6. Southern Historical Press; Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr.; P.O. Box 738; Easley, S.C. 29640; copyright 1982. Page 8: Nicholas Anderson married Mary Witt, resides in Kennewick, Washington. (note: should read May Witt).

41. James County, Tennessee 1880 Census, page 143, 335a. 5 years of age.

42. Dona and Margaret Beard in 1988. Informed me Nick and May had gone to Washington state.

43. Mary Katherine "Kate" Witt Beard's photo album, vintage: late 1800's to early 1900's. Photo of May.

44. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tennessee; dwelling 291 family 301; Bettis, James M. 24 years of age. Alfred and Simeon "Babe" Runyan were living with their sister's family.

45. Mary Katherine "Kate" Witt Beard's photo album, vintage: late 1800's to early 1900's. Photo of Babe Runyan.

46. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tennessee; dwelling 291 family 301; Bettis, James M. 22 years of age. Alfred and Simeon "Babe" Runyan were living with their sister's family.

47. OBITUARY: Runyan, S.P., Jr. "Chattanooga Times" 8 July 1938.

48. James L. Douthat. "Hamilton County, Tennessee, Marriage Book #2 1864-1874". Published by the author; 1987. page 173.

49. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tennessee Census; dwelling 248; family 258; page 28; supervisor dist# 2; enumerator# 62; civil district# 4; Runyan, Simeon P.

50. D. J. Nelson, Chattanooga, Tennessee. OBITUARY: Runyan, Sarah M. unknown publication.

51. OBITUARY: Runyan, Jane Malone. "Chattanooga Times," Tuesday, 14 Sep 1926.

52. Tennessee Death Certificate #834; Maggie Spriggs. State of Tennessee, Vital Records; Chattanooga Library TENN.R 976.8 TEN.

53. United States Census Bureau. 1880 James County, Tn census.

54. HEADSTONE: Spriggs, Frank L. located in Anderson Cemetery which is thirty three miles northeast of Chattanooga, going north from Chattanooga to Leamon store which is eighteen miles. Then follow the Mahan road east for one mile to Snow Hill road to the Old Anderson Springs. The land for the cemetery was given by Mr John Anderson, his grave being the oldest one with a marker, 1834. There are about fifty unmarked graves, some which date back to the Indians. The farm is owned by Mr George Goodner, but the cemetery is deeded seperate from the farm. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnhamilt/cemetery.htm>.

55. E. J. WINKLER. OBITUARY: Runyan, Malinda J. unknown publication.

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