

Oct. 20, 1960

Route 4,

Sevierville, Tenn.

Mr. Robert Runyon

Brownsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Runyon:

I received your letter and the copy of the Isaac Runyan grant. Nothing in the grant indicates the exact location of this land. It was surveyed in 1807, about the same time that the Barefoot Ruagan grant was surveyed- these were the first Tennessee grants. Most who received such grant got them as "occupants," and had been here for many years. This Isaac Runyan grant was not issued until 1812, probably because of the large number that had accumulated in the t governor's office, or because he did not have enough money to pay the one-tenth instalment due in 1808. They paid \$1.00 per acre and at first were required to pay one-tenth down and the balance with interest in 9 equal installments each year. However, in 1809 a new act allowed them to obtain their grants without any down payment. It is my opinion that this Isaac Runyan came to Sevier County about the same time that Barefoot, perhaps came with Barefoot, and as I suggested to you they may have been brothers rather than father and son. Anyway the younger Isaac would have been too young to have land surveyed for him in 1807.

The Barefoot grant was located in the present Pigeon Forge section and on West Fork of Little Pigeon. But as I stated above this Isaac Grant only mentions the "Pigeon River," so it may have been on East Fork of Little Pigeon, or below Sevierville on the "Little Pigeon# , below the junction of the two forks at Sevierville. If the plat and survey certificate could be obtained from Nashvill we might be able to determine its exact location- also this would show whether he obtained it by "Right of Occupancy." I think Barefoot was here as early as 1790. We know he was here in 1792 when he signed the Lovelady will. I believe that Isaac and Barefoot were two different men, probably brothers who came here from Virginia about the same time, and that Barefoot had a son Isaac who he was living with in Alabama in thê census of 1830 or 1840. The older Isaac may have been the one you found in Bledsoe County. Of course this is all theory.

About 1951 Mrs. Laura Runyan Nichols (now deceased) gage me the following data, just from her memory. She was the daughter of Aaron Runyan II.

Deborah Runyan m. Welcome Amorine- went to Aaaabama.

Barefoot W. Runyan m. \_\_\_\_\_ went to Texas.

Mitchell P. Runyan went to Texas.

Penelope E. Runyan went to Alabama- m. \_\_\_\_\_ Jenkins.

Aaron Runyan m. Abigale McMahan, dau. Abraham McMahan and Susannah Bush.

Rained family in Sevier County.

James Runyan m. \_\_\_\_\_ had two children- went to Arkansas.

Sally M. Runyan m. George McCown, his second wife, his first wife was Mary Porter.

Nancy J. Runyan m. Gideon Maples, lived and died at Alder Branch, Sevier County.

John H. Ruany m. Kate Mize, sister of Uncle Bob Mize, Union soldier of Sevier County.