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Source of the RANN surname (from the Familysearch website)

Some characteristic forenames: Jewish Aviva, Mort.

South German: topographic name for someone who lived by an area of wasteland in a forest or field, Middle High German ranne.

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): acronymic surname of uncertain derivation.

English: variant of Rand.

John RANN b c1675

I have identified four earlier generations of RANN in England, the earliest being another John RANN, born in or near Birmingham around 1675. I cannot find any reasonable baptism record for this John, and one can never be very sure of the accuracy of these early records, or even if there were other John's at this time. John's wife was not named, but they did have at least one child, also John, born in 1709.

John RANN b1709

John RANN was born in 1709 in or near Birmingham. This is around 15 miles east of Dudley, so they did not move very far in the 150 years before leaving for Australia. This John RANN married Amphylliss BEALE in 1744 in Kidderminster, also not far from Birmingham. Their youngest child was Thomas RANN, born 1758.

At this time, Birmingham was pre-industrial, so Dudley would have still been a rural farming village. However, by the early 1800's Dudley would become a suburb of Birmingham, and the farmlands gone.



Thomas RANN b1758

Thomas RANN was born in 1758, and he married Elizabeth LAMBSDALE in Bromsgrove in 1784, only 20 or so miles from Birmingham, and they also had four children. I still cannot find occupations, but the eldest, Joseph RANN, was born in 1792. Birmingham would have been growing because of the industrial revolution at this time, so farmland would be giving way to industry and housing.

Joseph RANN b1792

Joseph RANN was born in 1792 married Ann GWINNUTT in 1815. Ann lived in Dudley, where they married and raised their children. There were nine children in total, the fifth being our John RANN.

John RANN b1821

John RANN was born in 1821, in Dudley, and he is the subject of this narrative. He is the grandfather of Maud RANN, my (Jan SQUIRE)'s grandmother. John married Sarah Anne STANLEY in Dudley in 1844. Their first two children were born there, including John Albert RANN, born 1845. In December 1854, they boarded a ship in Liverpool for the three-month journey to Port Adelaide. On the way, their third child, Sarah Jane Northern Light RANN was born, with the name of the ship being included in her given names. They all arrived safely in Port Adelaide on 7 April 1855. John and Sarah had two boys in England, a daughter born at sea, and two more girls born in Port Adelaide. John was well-known as a carpenter and builder around Port Adelaide, and both John and his son John Albert are listed as builders in the 1900 Sands and MacDougall Directories.

John also took a keen interest in local affairs, and was a Councillor of the Port Adelaide Corporation for many years. He was also active in the Port Adelaide Institute, and in the Rechabites Lodge. The Port Adelaide Institute was said to be the driving force behind the formation of the Cricket and Football clubs. The current Port Adelaide Football Club is the club John helped to create.

John Albert RANN b1845

John Albert RANN was the eldest of John and Sarah's children, and he became established as a builder. On 13 May 1870, John A was mentioned in a notice in the Evening Journal (13 May 1870; TROVE) as being a member of a group proposing to form the Port Adelaide Football Club, with John being a committee member. John and his brother Richard played in the early football teams. There was also a mention of John A RANN playing cricket in 1879 (TROVE Port Adelaide News, 1 November 1879 page 2), where he was last in, needing four runs to win, and managing to hold up his end while his partner scored the runs. I would like to think John, at No 11, was one of their main bowlers . . .

FOOTBALL.—The Port Adelaide Cricket Club has recently adopted the title of the Port Adelaide Cricket and Football Club, with the following officers:—Messrs. John Hart, jun. (President), R. J. W. Leicester (Secretary), G. Ireland (Treasurer), J. A. Rann, R. Carr, and F. Bridgman (Committee). It will be seen from an advertisement that the opening football practice takes place on Saturday, May 14, at Glanville, on the grounds, of Captain Hart.

John Albert RANN married Fanny MUSSON in 1889, and had seven children. Their eldest, Maude Holbrook RANN, was born 1890.

Maud Holbrook RANN b 1889

Maud RANN was born in 1890, in Port Adelaide, and went on to marry Edwin Morris RUNDLE, who is part of my previous RUNDLE narrative. Maude is interesting because she is described as an accountant on her marriage certificate. It is also of interest that Maude RANN is mentioned on the marriage certificate of John SQUIRE and Ethel GILL in 1914, as a witness. There is also a narrative for the SQUIRE surname. One wonders whether this role as a witness was a convenience, as John and Ethel married the day Ethel arrived at Port Adelaide from England, and two witnesses were needed. The other was the minister's wife. Ethel SQUIRE (nee GILL) and Maude RUNDLE (nee RANN) must have remained close friends, as their children Ken SQUIRE and Constance (Connie) RUNDLE later married. Both these family lineages have been previously described.

Edwin RUNDLE and Maude RANN lived in Cheltenham. This is Edwin and Maude in front of their Cheltenham



house, probably in the early 1940's. Their house was named ELDNUR. Can you work out how the name came about?

Maude died in March 1946 at age 56 years. Edwin married again to Rita BAWDEN and he died in 1958 aged 70 years. Edwin and Maude's three children, now all deceased, were Lance, Constance (Connie) and Neil. They all married and had children in Adelaide, where many of us still live today.

John RANN b1821's family page: <https://jansquire.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=130&tree=squire>

RUNDLE narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=80&medialinkID=80>

SQUIRE narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=75&medialinkID=76>

FACEBOOK SUMMARY

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John RANN

♂ 1821 - 1903 (82 years)

Generation: 1

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1. John RANN was born in 1821 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 17 Oct 1821 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England (son of Joseph RANN and Ann GWINNUTT); died on 17 Apr 1903 in Tea Tree Gully, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 18 Apr 1903 in Woodville, South Australia, Australia.

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Dudley, Worcestershire, England
- o Emigration: 11 Dec 1854, Liverpool, Lancashire, England
- o Immigration: 7 Apr 1855, Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Notes:

Name:

The Biographical Index of South Australia contains the following entry for John :

Born c1823, Lan Eng. Arrived in Australia in 1855 aboard the "Northern Light". His occupation was a carpenter. His residence was at Port Adelaide (Portland Estate). Religion was Church of England. He married Sarah Anne STANLEY, who was born c1827. Their children were John Albert (c1846 -), Richard (c1853 -), Sarah Jane Northern Light and Louisa (1862 - 1938).

Northern Light.

The ship Northern Light, built in Quebec in 1853 was a three masted Schooner of 1,283 (nm) tons, owned by Lemon and Company and registered in Liverpool, England. On the 14th December 1863, during a gale in Port Phillip, the Northern Light was washed ashore on Swan Island, but survived to be refloated on the 19th February 1864. On the voyage bringing our immigrants it departed from Liverpool, England under the command of Captain H.W. Plan on the 7th December 1854 there were 435 immigrants, 104 adult males, 217 females, 48 male children and 66 female children all under the age of 14 years, overseen by the Surgeon Superintendent J.T.S. Jolley. The ship arrived at Port Adelaide after a voyage of 119 days with 432 immigrants on the 9th April 1855 as three of the girls had died.

Died:

Obituary:

Mr. John Rann, sen., who for a long time, resided at Port Adelaide, died at his residence, Teatree Gully on Friday. For several years he was a carpenter and builder at the Port. He took keen interest in political and municipal affairs, and for a long time was a councillor in the Port Adelaide Corporation. Much of the success of the Port Adelaide Institute in the early days was due to his untiring energy. He served on the institute committee for a number of years. His remains were conveyed to the Port, and to-day will be interred in the Woodville Cemetery.

John married Sarah Anne STANLEY in Q3 1845 in Dudley, Staffordshire, England. Sarah (daughter of William Titus STANLEY and Sarah) was born on 24 Dec 1826 in Dudley, West Midlands, England; died on 26 Jul 1913 in Queenstown, South Australia, Australia. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

Children:

- i. John Albert RANN was born on 09 Jun 1845 in Dudley, Staffordshire, England; died on 27 Apr 1912 in Church Place, Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 29 Apr 1912 in Cemetery, Cheltenham, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Richard Joseph RANN was born in Q2 1852 in Dudley, Staffordshire, England; was christened on 19 Nov 1854 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 16 May 1916 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 16 May 1916 in Woodville Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Sara Jane Northern Light RANN was born on 15 Mar 1855 in At Sea,,Algoa Bay,South Africa; died on 10 Dec 1921 in Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Louisa RANN was born on 13 Feb 1862 in Portland Estate, South Australia, Australia; died on 19 Jul 1938 in Salisbury, South Australia, Australia; was buried in St John's Cemetery, Salisbury, South Australia, Australia.
- v. Ann RANN was born on 05 Jun 1865 in Portland Estate, South Australia, Australia; died on 23 Oct 1895 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2. Joseph RANN was born in 1792 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England; was christened on 18 Nov 1792 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England (son of Thomas RANN and Elizabeth LANDSALE); died on 5 Jul 1828 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was buried on 6 Jul 1828 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.

Joseph married Ann GWINNUTT on 02 Apr 1815 in Brewood, Staffordshire, England. Ann (daughter of Richard GWINNUTT and Sarah DANKS) was born in 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 26 Mar 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 02 Mar 1877. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

3. Ann GWINNUTT was born in 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 26 Mar 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England (daughter of Richard GWINNUTT and Sarah DANKS); died on 02 Mar 1877.
Children:
- i. Sarah Elizabeth RANN was born in 1815 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 28 Jul 1816 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 23 Mar 1904.
 - ii. Ann Maria RANN was christened on 07 Feb 1817 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
 - iii. Joseph RANN was christened on 12 Aug 1818 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
 - iv. Thomas Gwinnutt RANN was christened on 05 Mar 1820 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
 - v. 1. John RANN was born in 1821 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 17 Oct 1821 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 17 Apr 1903 in Tea Tree Gully, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 18 Apr 1903 in Woodville, South Australia, Australia.
 - vi. William Henry RANN was christened on 02 Feb 1823 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
 - vii. Mary Ann RANN was christened on 13 Aug 1824 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 01 Apr 1901.
 - viii. Henry James RANN was christened on 27 Dec 1826 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 17 Nov 1896.
 - ix. Louisa RANN was christened on 15 Aug 1828 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England.

Generation: 3

4. Thomas RANN was born in 1758 in Aston Juxta, Birmingham, England; was christened on 21 Feb 1758 in Aston Juxta, Birmingham, England (son of John RANN and Amphylliss BEALE); died on 29 Dec 1838.

Notes:

Name:

Master and Governor, Charity school, Redall Hill, Rowley Regis.

Thomas married Elizabeth LANDSALE on 12 Jul 1784. Elizabeth was born in 1764; died on 01 Apr 1822 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

5. Elizabeth LANDSALE was born in 1764; died on 01 Apr 1822 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England.
Children:
- i. 2. Joseph RANN was born in 1792 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England; was christened on 18 Nov 1792 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England; died on 5 Jul 1828 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was buried on 6 Jul 1828 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
 - ii. Mary Anne RANN was born in 1797 in Rowley Regis, Stratfordshire, England; was christened on 31 Jul 1797 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England.
 - iii. Amphiliss Elizabeth RANN was born in 1800 in Rowley Regis, Stratfordshire, England; was christened on 2 Mar 1800 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England.
 - iv. Richard Beale RANN was born in 1805 in Rowley Regis, Stratfordshire, England; was christened on 24 Mar 1805 in Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, England.
6. Richard GWINNUTT was born in 1763 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 30 Jan 1763 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England (son of Thomas GWINNUTT and Ann PEARSON).

Richard married Sarah DANKS on 25 Jul 1784 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

7. Sarah DANKS

Children:

- i. 3. Ann GWINNUTT was born in 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 26 Mar 1797 in St Thomas, Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 02 Mar 1877.

Generation: 4

8. John RANN was born in 1709 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; was christened on 2 Feb 1709 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England (son of John RANN and Sarah DUDLEY).

John married Amphylliss BEALE on 03 May 1744 in Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

9. Amphylliss BEALE

Children:

- i. John RANN

- ii. Amphylliss RANN was born in 1750 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; was christened on 27 Feb 1750 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.
- iii. 4. Thomas RANN was born in 1758 in Aston Juxta, Birmingham, England; was christened on 21 Feb 1758 in Aston Juxta, Birmingham, England; died on 29 Dec 1838.

12. Thomas GWINNUTT

Thomas married Ann PEARSON on 5 May 1761 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

13. Ann PEARSON

Children:

- i. 6. Richard GWINNUTT was born in 1763 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 30 Jan 1763 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England.
- ii. William GWINNUTT was born in 1768 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 7 Apr 1768 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
- iii. Thomas GWINNUTT was born in 1770 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 22 Jul 1770 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
- iv. Nancy GWINNUTT was born in 1773 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 31 Jan 1773 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; died on 31 Mar 1776 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
- v. Mary GWINNUTT was born in 1775 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 7 May 1775 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England; died on 4 Aug 1777 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
- vi. Sarah GWINNUTT was born in 1780 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 16 Jan 1780 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England.
- vii. Frances GWINNUTT was born in 1781 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England; was christened on 9 Dec 1781 in Worcester, Worcestershire, England.

Generation: 5

16. John RANN was born in 1675.

John married Sarah DUDLEY on 9 Apr 1695 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

17. Sarah DUDLEY

Children:

- i. 8. John RANN was born in 1709 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; was christened on 2 Feb 1709 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

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