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Lawyers Cite Growing Demands—Forman Mentioned for Position

Creation of two new judgeships in the United States District Court in New Jersey has been brought under discussion in legal circles by the death of Federal Judge Runyon.

Judge Runyon, senior member of the New Jersey district bench, died yesterday. His position, created by special act of Congress shortly after enactment of the prohibition laws, passed out of existence with his death.

Noting the congestion of the Federal calendar during the past eighteen months, members of the legal profession in the State express the opinion not only Judge Runyon's position should be recreated but an additional judgeship should be provided as well. At present there are three permanent judges.

Speculation on a successor has brought forward the name of Philip Forman, United States District Attorney. Forman was appointed in 1928 after serving five years as an assistant.

Justice Bodine of the New Jersey Supreme Court, former Judge Lynch of Paterson, and Judge Davis of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, all served as District Attorney before elevation to the bench.

Names of other members of the legal profession figuring in the speculation included William B. Knight, of Camden, formerly speaker of the Assembly and proposed for the position in 1922 when Judge Runyon was appointed. Knight lacked support of the Republican organization, however. Senator Albert R. McAllister, of Bridgeton, in line as the next majority leader of the State Senate until his defeat at the general elections, was mentioned, as was Judge Walter L. Hetfield, Jr., of Plainfield, member of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and former Judge Robert Carey, of Jersey City, who opposed Governor Larson for the gubernatorial nomination.

The position carries a salary of $10,000 a year and the term is for life.

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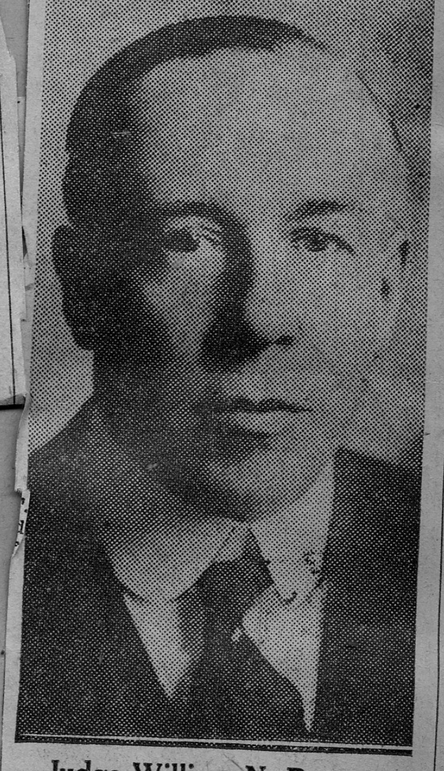

Judge William N. Runyon

FEDERAL JUDGE, LONG ILL, DIES AT PLAINFIELD

Former Acting Governor Had Noted Career in State Politics

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Nov. 9 (AP).—Federal Judge William Nelson Runyon, one-time acting Republican Governor of New Jersey, and widely known in political circles, died at his home today. He was 60 years old.

Judge Runyon had suffered from asthma since he was 18 years old. In later years dropsy and heart trouble impaired his physical fitness. His condition declined sharply three years ago and during recent months he was unable to sleep in a bed, but rested in a chair. He was near death several months ago, but rallied.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Judge Runyon is survived by his widow, who was Miss Florence M. MacDonald, of Elizabeth, and five children—Paul A. Runyon, 19, an adopted son; Jane Trow Runyon, 17; William N. Runyon, 15; James N. Runyon, 12, also adopted, and Florence, 5. Another son, Frederic Walter, is dead.

The two adopted sons, Paul and James, were taken from the State Board of Children's Guardians at Trenton. Mrs. Runyon tells the story of the adoption of Paul, the older of the boys, a tale revelatory of the judge's love of children.

Mrs. Runyon had gone to Trenton and picked out James, then a baby. She heard another boy say: "Oh, nobody wants an older boy. They only want babies." Paul was only 7, but Mrs. Runyon knew he was voicing the most touching of all truthful criticisms of orphanages. She went home and told her husband.

"If you want him, too, you may take him," she was told, and she needed no further encouragement.

Judge Runyon was prominent in fraternal organizations. He was the first exalted ruler of the Plainfield Lodge of Elks when it was organized in 1903 and served three terms in that office. He was also past chancellor commander of Perseverance Lodge, No. 74, Knights of Pythias, Plainfield; and a member of Lodge 393, of the Loyal Order of Moose, Elizabeth; and past master of Anchor Lodge, No. 149, F. and A. M., of Plainfield. He was also a member of the Park Avenue Baptist Church.

A brother, Carl T. Runyon, also survives.

William N. Runyon was a descendant of one of the oldest New Jersey families. Coming from French Huguenot stock, his people have always lived in Central New Jersey, since his forefathers came to the shores of this country in 1668.

Judge Runyon was born in Plainfield, on March 5, 1871, the son of Nelson Runyon and Wilhemina Trow Runyon. Nelson Runyon was the dean of the Plainfield bar at the time of his death in 1915.

It was natural that young Runyon, in view of his father's success, should elect to follow in his footsteps. Af-

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ter four years of preparation at the Plainfield High School, where he was president of the class of 1888 in his senior year, he entered Yale University, graduating in 1892. While in college, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and "Scroll and Key" Senior Society.

Upon leaving college Governor Runyon entered the New York Law School, graduating in 1894, and being admitted to the New York bar the same year. He was admitted as an attorney in New Jersey in 1898, and as a counselor in 1901. He was