

Bobby Denison was the first born son to Ida Baldwin, December 1951. He was born during a brief marriage of his mother Ida to a gentleman by the name of Bob Carl Day. The marriage was short-lived and by September 1952 they were divorced. Bobby was the product of that union. Ida was the only child of M. A. (Fuzz) and Ethel Baldwin, owners of an 8000 acre cattle ranch in Stonewall County, Old Glory, TX.

Marshall A. Baldwin, Ida's father, adored Bobby as he had no sons. Bobby and Fuzz (Mr. Baldwin's nick name) remained companions until Fuzz's death. Fuzz was a graduate of TCU in 1911. Fuzz was inducted into the TCU Hall of Fame in the 1960's along with TCU greats like Sammy Baugh, Dutch Meyer and Pete Wright. For as long as Bobby could remember he was told by Fuzz that Bobby was to be a football player, a cowman and a rancher. TCU had a ranch management program in which Bobby graduated from in 1989. He attended college to get his degrees in Ag Business and Range Management. Bobby attended Cisco Jr. College, Angelo State University, McMurry University, Abilene Christian University and Texas Christian University. Today he is 12 hours short of attaining those degrees.

As a young man his grandmother, Ethel Baldwin sent him to Graham School for Cattlemen and Horsemen.

While attending college in Abilene at McMurry University, Bob was 23 years old when he got his real estate license. Bob got his real estate license in August 1974 becoming a broker three years later in 1977.

2 years after Bobby was born Ida married a used car dealer from Rule, TX by the name of Billy Wayne Denison. Billy Wayne's father was a share cropper north of Rule. Billy Wayne's family was very poor. Billy Wayne's father broke his back in a stall while trying to milk a cow. The cow crushed his back and he was never the same after that. Billy Wayne, as the oldest of 3 brothers and 3 sisters went to work to help provide for the family.

Ida and Billy Wayne's marriage produced a 2<sup>nd</sup> son, John Wayne. Billy Wayne was often heard saying "You can marry more in 5 minutes then you can earn in a lifetime". When Bobby was very young Billy Wayne began to tell Bobby and Ida that Bobby "should have been knocked in the head as a baby".

As a young man, Bobby employed his education by suggesting his parents invest in more cattle as the ones on the ranch were very old. The more Bobby learned about ranching the more Billy Wayne became resentful of Bobby's suggestions. Billy Wayne always wanted to 'sell high and buy low' but the condition of the cattle made that impossible as did the market at the time. Overall, Billy Wayne was resistant to change. Bobby advised his parents on how best to borrow funds to purchase new seed cattle. He suggested they indebt 2 of the poorest sections of land (1240 Acres) on the ranch to procure funds for the new cattle. They followed his advice, but Billy Wayne remained resentful of Bobby and his education.

Bobby was raised by Billy Wayne and Ida, but Bobby had the added benefit of being raised by and living with his grandparents too, who loved him as their own (Fuzz and Ethel Baldwin). Fuzz died in 1967. After his death, in 1968 Bobby's grandmother moved from the Ranch headquarters (the old Rayner Courthouse in Old Glory) to the home of Ida and Billy Wayne in Rule. Billy Wayne, Ida and Johnny moved into the Ranch house in Old Glory. Bobby, for the most part, remained with Ethel (Gammie), his grandmother so he could finish school with his class mates in Rule, play football and other sports. Bobby had a bedroom at the Ranch house as well and usually spent weekends with his parents at the Rayner Courthouse.

Bobby graduated from Rule High School in 1970. Bobby was President of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) his senior year, active in 4H and FFA, raising and showing steers, heifers and hogs. Bobby was active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. He lacked only one merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

Johnny attended Rule schools up until the time his parents moved to the Ranch house in 1968. He attended the Old Glory School in Old Glory, TX. Johnny's interest in school began to wane. Billy Wayne had given Johnny run of the ranch roads in an old pickup at a young age. By the time Johnny hit high school he began to have an aversion to waking up to go to school. Driving the pickup on the ranch was a lot more fun. Johnny met Isaac Castro, his future attorney, while attending school in Old Glory. Eventually Johnny dropped out of high school in Aspermont. Later, John attended meat cutting school in Waco, TX but he soon dropped out of that as well. By the time Johnny was 20 years old Billy Wayne bought him a brand new black Pontiac Trans Am just like the one in Smokey and the Bandit, which came out that same year. Jackie Gleason's character was Buford T. Justice. Little did we know Johnny would be the antithesis of this character when Johnny became Constable of Stonewall County.



In the early 1990's Johnny learned there was a quirk in Texas law in which every County was entitled to have a Constable if they wanted one. At that time Stonewall County did not have a Constable nor did they see the need to have one. The last Stonewall County Constable was shot to death on the Courthouse steps for harassing a citizen in the 1940s. There had not been a Constable for Stonewall County since that day.

One day in the early 1990s, unbeknownst to the rest of the good citizens of Stonewall County, Johnny Denison sauntered in, applying for a job no one had offered. He entered his name to be on the Election Ballot. After an election of sorts, procuring a small handful of votes, John Wayne Denison became the first Constable of Stonewall County since the 1940s. The County Commissioners and the community were enraged to find out they had just hired a Constable without their knowing it and right under their noses. I don't think the county had figured into their budget a salary for the unknown position of Constable that year.

This was a legal loop hole John slipped into, becoming the first Constable of Stonewall County in 50 years. It wasn't so much as John **won** his race for Constable. His campaign was a secret up until the time he filed, minutes before the deadline. Johnny had learned of this position through Highway Patrolman Gary Johnson, his friend.

Johnny Denison became the new Stonewall County Constable. There was quite a fuss over the salary of what the new Constable was to be paid. Great debate ensued, with some wanting to pay him \$1.00 a month. Over time he was able to take home a little less than \$600.00 per month. Johnny was known for the most part to have patrolled the County 'nocturnally'.

In 2002 Johnny left his constable position with nary a notice to the citizens of Stonewall County. After discovering he had disappeared from the county, slipping out about like he had slipped in, Stonewall County found themselves without a Constable once again. The citizens of Stonewall County voted to remove the position of Constable permanently.



Once Johnny left Stonewall County without a word to the County, he purchased a home owned by Alan Beard, Chief of Police for Rule, TX. Alan Beard and Patrick Pace, president of Rule Banking Center, (owned by Hamlin National Bank) without proper protocol in place, hired John Denison as an officer of the law for the City of Rule. On his cop car he installed the words "Texas Police".

When the Rule City Council found out they had a fit. John had already ordered a high end radar gun, but the City Council was adamant and John Denison was removed as a city cop. It was during this same time period that Johnny had purchased Alan Beard's home in Rule. John supposedly resides there today.

In the early 80's Johnny's first wife divorced him. He soon connected with Sonia Carter from Knox City. They married and lived in a small two bedroom house on the West Ranch where they homeschooled their children, 3 girls.

In the 1990's evidence showed Billy Wayne and Ida had become addicted to pharmaceutical prescriptions. They had multiple doctors from around the state who prescribed their meds and it was a job just traveling around to various pharmacies to collect their prescriptions, spending hundreds of dollars monthly. The condition of the ranch and the cattle began to decline. Many cows literally died from old age, being smooth mouthed, dying from starvation due to their inability to chew. One hard winter caused 40 dead cows to be hauled off. Many were in very poor shape. Despite this, Ida and Billy Wayne repeatedly told Bobby and Johnny to wait their turn before they could be allowed to make decisions about the running of the ranch. Ida told both of them they would be treated equally and fairly when the time came. However, Billy Wayne repeatedly told Bobby privately, "you are in for a surprise".

Billy Wayne expected to outlive Ida. Billy Wayne was Ida's care taker and was the one who procured her meds. Johnny and Sonia helped as well in that department. Ida had given up driving 15 years prior to her death. She rarely left the house. In an interesting twist of fate, Billy Wayne died unexpectedly on May 24, 1997 during day surgery for repair to his vocal cords caused by choking on a piece of meat at a local café in Aspermont.

Upon Billy Wayne's death, Johnny promptly stepped in to his shoes taking over as Ida's caretaker. Johnny and Sonia began to take care of the acquisition of her prescriptions from the various pharmacies all over west Texas, some coming by mail. Ida knew when the pills were ready, she just needed someone to pick them up and Johnny and Sonia fulfilled this role readily.

Less than a month after Billy Wayne passed away, by June 23, 1997 Johnny had gained Power of Attorney over all her assets. By July 1, 1997 after a substantial amount of income checks arrived in the mail, Ida mysteriously landed in the hospital and 26 days later passed from this life on July 26, 1997.

On July 8, 1997 a new death bed will was secretly signed, surrounded by mysterious circumstances. This will was signed by Ida Denison within hours after being admitted into intensive care on July 8, 1997 after midnight, having been transported from the little hospital in Hamlin, TX late evening on July 7th. Ida's condition was such that she even misspelled her own name on the Will.

By August 26, 1997 John Wayne Denison became the executor for the Estate of Ida Baldwin Denison naming him the Trustee for the Bob Marshall Denison Trust. Johnny wasted no time in firing long time family attorney Charles Brownfield and installing Isaac M. Castro as attorney for the estate.

Years later we had the will forensically studied by an acclaimed forensics handwriting analyst in San Antonio. It was her opinion Ida was under the influence of prescription medication at the time she signed the will. Medical records from intensive care support this claim. However, even a grade school student can look at her signature and determine things were not as they should be based on her signatures.

We asked Taylor County DA's office and 39<sup>th</sup> District D.A. Mike Fouts to have her body exhumed and tested for poisons, but all requests fell on deaf ears.

Other than this brief summary, I have decided to allow the evidence to speak for itself. I have on occasion added to some of the documents commentary in the form of a pop up yellow balloon for purposes of clarification as to what was going on at the time the document came into existence. There are transcripts of hearings that are substantial in size. If you the reader would like a copy of any of the transcripts I will be happy to send upon request for a small fee.

I am not a lawyer. I am Bobby Denison's wife. I have sadly watched the theft of his heritage and his ranch, aided and abetted by others of power and position. I have already received a threat to cease and desist.

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