

*While going through some old papers belonging to my Grandparents Virgil Timothy & Audra Camilla (Anderson) Denny I found a land grant for 2 ½ acres in the first district, White Co., TN. The assignee was William P. Anderson. The grant states: THERE IS GRANTED BY THE SAID STATE OF TENNESSEE UNTO David Young assignee of the said William P. Anderson. I researched the grant and believe it to be that of David Adolphous Young, signed by Willie Blount, Governor of the State of Tennessee.*

*\*See Grant – David Young.*

*Then I read the excellent stories contributed by Thelma C. Johnson in the Volume XXV, No. 1, Spring 2000 issue of the UCGA. She mentioned the Mormon influence in Putnam Co., TN, the family of William F. Young and a story on John Doyle Lee. In some old store journals from the 1830's in Buffalo Valley area there was an obvious Mormon influence as stores were selling copies of "The Times and Seasons" a Mormon paper.*

*I read several interesting books by Juanita Brooks, on the Mormons and about John Doyle Lee called: The Mountain Meadows Massacre; John Doyle Lee - Zealot, Pioneer Builder, Scapegoat; and a book about Emma Lee one of the wives of John Doyle Lee. These books mention David Young & his family. John Doyle Lee was a Mormon preacher who came through middle, Tennessee. On a baptismal day held April 12, 1842, John Doyle Lee baptized 23 persons, among whom were Mary Vance "Polly" & Lavina Young, both of whom later would become his wives, along with their parents and brother David. The books tell of the lives of Mary Vance "Polly" & Lavina Young and their Mormon ways during hard times and the deaths of their parents and brother David.*

*I (Audrey June (Denny) Lambert) fit in to all of this by being a descendant of Capt. William Jared & Elizabeth Raulston and their son Joseph Jared who married his second wife Rachel Rhea Ray after Dorcas Bryne died. Joseph Jared being the brother of Moses Jared who married Malinda Byrne. Moses & Malinda's daughter Rhoda B. Jared marrying Adolphia Young. Adolphia being the son of John Young who was the brother of Mark & David Young. Mark Young having marrying Ruth Raulston who was the sister of Elizabeth Raulston who married Capt. William Jared. David Young who married Elizabeth Vance whose daughters Mary Vance "Polly" Young & Lavina Young married John Doyle Lee. What started my search on this line of the family was the discovery of the land grant to David Young by the assignee of the said William P. Anderson. I am researching the connection of William P. Anderson at this time.*

*I have not yet figured out how the Grant was in the possessions of my grandparents, Virgil Timothy & Audra Camilla (Anderson) Denny. Some theories are that: William P. Anderson had acquired a NC warrant for land in Tennessee. He probably purchased it from some individual and it appears obvious that Anderson then sold the right of the 2 1/2 acres to David Young. William P.*

*Anderson was dealing in selling the land rights. The grant was for 2 1/2 acres, since this was for such a small tract of land the reasoning would be that it was located on valuable land. Land near a river that could be used to run a mill or near a river that a ferry crossing could be set up was valuable land. The grant does state that it was lying in White County in the first District on the Falling Water of Caney Fork. Maybe it was in such a area that a ferry could be set up. The best bet would be that it was valuable land because of the salt peter cave located on the property, salt was valuable.*

*In the 1860 Census, Putnam Co., TN, there was a person named William Anderson 23 b. TN – md Catherine 22 – b. TN, with a daughter Rebecca 7 months living in the Falling Water area. Could this be the William P. Anderson assignee of the Grant? Still looking!  
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