

DOROTHY SCOTT DAVIDSON GRAY

Born: November 30, 1896

Pinos Altos, Grant County, New Mexico

Parents: Russell Arnard Davidson and
Nina Isabelle Scott Davidson

Brothers and Sisters: David Johnson, Robert Scott,
Jean Lavinia, Lawrence Arnard

Married: Allan Brasted Gray, October 12, 1920
In her parents' home, Fierro, New Mexico

Died: September 15, 1991, Good Samaritan Nursing Home
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dorothy was born the first child. Nearby lived her aunt and uncle Sara Jane and F. J. and their two sons, Gordon and Vic. This child was born a U.S. citizen to a Canadian mother,

While Dorothy was still a baby, Belle was visiting a friend when the house caught fire. Belle ran out, handed the baby to a stranger and told him to take her to the Davidson home. Belle stayed and fought the fire. Later she shuddered at her blind trust of a stranger.

When Dorothy was a year old the family moved into a bigger house. When Dorothy was four years old Russell built a swing for his and the neighborhood children. At this time the first car came to Pinos Altos.

Very early Dorothy rode horseback and used a western saddle. She started school at age six. At school she enjoyed playing marbles and ball games with the boys. She also remembered panning for gold in town especially after a rain. At age eight Dorothy went with her father to Nova Scotia to visit. The rest of the family could not afford to go.

After finishing eighth grade at age 14, Dorothy went to Compton, CA to stay with her Aunt Georgia and attended high school for a year before returning home. When Dave and Bob were ready for high school Dorothy and her brothers returned to Santa Monica, CA. sometimes living with Aunt Georgia and other times living nearby.

Dorothy returned to Pinos Altos, NM and went to the New Mexico Normal Teachers College in Silver City. There she earned a teacher's certificate to teach in New Mexico public schools. She accepted a position teaching at the Cleveland Mine where all her pupils were Spanish speaking and knew very little English.