

NINA ISABELLE SCOTT DAVIDSON

Born: April 24, 1869
Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, Canada

Parents: William John Scott and Lavinia (McNeil) Scott

Brothers and Sisters: William, Hannah, Joseph,
Roland, Adaline, Annie, Alice & John (twins),
Ella, Sara Jane, Nina Isabelle. Three other
children-unknown.

Married: Russell Arnard Davidson, November 20, 1895
Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, Canada

Died: February 13, 1922
Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico

Nina Isabelle was the 13th child in a family of 14. Her father John Scott operated the store of Elmsdale after his death in 1872, the family ran the store for 20 years. After Joseph Scott, their son, drowned Lavinia sold the store and she and Ella converted their home into the Scott Hotel which remained in existence until the 1980s. Joseph's wife Georgia then moved to Compton California.

The Davidson and the Scotts undoubtedly knew each other and the children played together. All of them attended the Presbyterian church. All were of Scottish descent.

Nina Isabelle visited her sister in Pinos Altos and got reacquainted with Russell. They fell in love and returned to Elmsdale to be married. Thus two brothers married two sisters. Nina Isabelle following the example of her brother-in-law and her husband also changed her name and from then on was Belle.

Belle and Russell started their married life in an adobe house and later moved into a bigger house. None of the houses they lived in had any amenities. Keeping house in that era was hard work. All five of their children were born in Pinos Altos, New Mexico. In the arch of the second house the Davidsons hung a U.S. and a Canadian flag.

On February 12, 1907 Belle's mother Lavinia Scott died in Elmsdale. Belle and her family were unable to attend the funeral.