

In 1904 Russell decided to take 8 year old Dorothy back to Nova Scotia for a visit; because of finances the whole family could not go.

In 1911 and 1912 both brothers were interested and involved in the statehood movement.

During these years Russell spent a lot of time traveling by buggy or horseback around the Santa Rita, Silver City and Faywood area to contract sales of lumber from the sawmill. After 1912 when F.J. moved to San Diego to start a construction business, Russell managed the family business.

Russell arranged for his children Dorothy, Dave, and Bob to attend high school in Santa Monica, CA where Belle's sister-in-law Aunt Georgia lived. All the children graduated from high school and went on to college. School was expensive and Russell decided to sell his mercantile business and house in Pinos Altos. The family moved into the F.J. house.

Russell and Belle met May and her family at this time. May and her mother moved to Michigan after the death of May's father.

Russell was extremely opposed to liquor and at various times he and the children demonstrated in front of the Pinos Altos saloons. Russell would point to a passed out drunk and explain the evils of drinking. No wonder when there was an effort in New Mexico to vote the state dry, Russell was in the forefront campaigning for prohibition.

After selling the Mercantile Company, Russell and Clyde Becker started mining copper in a mine at Fierro. They patented the Dewey and the Sleigh mines. One of the tunnels was named the Davidson tunnel. The move to Fierro was supposed to be temporary. However the family continued to live there until 1930 even after Belle's death in 1922.

Russell (age 62) and Belle had kept in touch with May and several years after Belle's death he decided to close the Davidson Mine and go to Michigan and marry May. The family all called her Auntie May. After visiting Allan and Dorothy's family in San Angelo Russell and May went to Delano, CA. In CA they had a Thompson seedless grape vineyard. They made raisins from the grapes.

Russell and May continued to live in Delano, CA until his death December 6, 1942 at the age of 74.

For more information read Dorothy Scott Davidson Gray by Russell Davidson Gray.