

Dorothy and Allan married in 1920. The newly weds spent a week at Pinos Altos and then went to Hot Springs where Allan's parents lived. Then Dorothy and Allan moved to Brownwood, Texas for six months and then to Moran, Kansas.

In the next few years Russell, Helen and Annabelle were born. The family moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma. During that time Allan worked as an oil field surveyor for Clyde Becker, brother-in-law. An offer for work as a geologist for another firm moved the family to Coleman, Texas where Betty was born. The next moves took the family to Ozona, Texas and San Angelo, TX where Allan Jr. was born.

The 1929 stock market crash caused the geological exploration company for which Allan worked to fail. In 1931 when the company could no longer pay wages, Allan moved the family from San Angelo to Las Cruces, New Mexico. The family moved into a large tent across the street from Allan's father's home. After a month or two Helen got the measles and the family moved to Faywood Hot Springs (the City of Rocks). Then Dorothy and the children moved to the Davidson house in Fierro. All this time Allan continued to explore for oil mostly around Tyler, Texas.

Allan joined the family in Fierro and went to work for the Hanover Bessemer Mill. Later he operated the Maggie Mine. After Roosevelt's New Deal Allan took a position as superin-tendent of a CCC, Civilian conservation Corps, camp at Gila near Cliff, New Mexico. The family moved to Silver City, NM but summers were spent in Fierro. Three years later Allan was transferred to Mountainair and once again the family moved. In two years Allan was transferred to Hatch but the family moved to Mesilla Park, NM.

At the beginning of World War II Allan's job was to close the CCC camps. He quit his job with the CCC in order to go to Richmond, CA to build ships for the war effort. The war ended in 1945 and the family returned to New Mexico to work an apple orchard they had purchased. The orchard did not thrive because of the root borer and Allan decided to go into pig farming.

In 1946 Allan had a heart attack. He continued to work the farm for 29 years but was unable to expand the farm so that it could become truly prosperous. However, they helped and encouraged all five children to complete college educations. The children married and grandchildren arrived.

All of his life Allan attended church and Sunday School and he especially enjoyed his men's bible class at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

For further details read: Dorothy Scott Davidson Gray by Russell Davidson Gray.