

The family always observed the sabbath properly which included going to church and Sunday school. In those days people did not work or play on Sundays. Russell would read out of the Christian Herald; Belle would play on the piano the only song she knew, "Amazing Grace," and everybody would sing even though none could carry a tune. All the children took piano lessons but nobody learned to play.

During those years the family traveled to California for a wedding but the parents of the groom, F.J. and his wife Aunt Jen did not attend.

After the sale of the Mercantile Company, the family moved to Fierro where Russell started mining. Belle was always afraid for Russell's safety. She also disliked the steep mountain roads because the Model "T" Ford which they owned had a hard time negotiating the roads. The house was located in a canyon so when the thunder storms raged the echo was scary and Belle was afraid.

In Fierro the family attended worship services in the school building where Russell led the congregation. Most people in Fierro were Spanish speaking Catholics; there were few Protestants in the community.

The children grew, attended school in Fierro then in California for a high school education. All of the children went on to college.

The XIX Amendment granting the women the right to vote was proclaimed August 26, 1920. Belle decided it was time to become a U.S. citizen.

Russell and Belle's daughter, Dorothy, was married to Allan Gray October 12, 1920 in their home in Fierro. The house was decorated with chrysanthemums.

February 13, 1922 in a hospital in Silver City Belle died from cancer of the uterus. Her obituary in the Silver City newspaper is a glowing tribute to her life.

Belle was survived by her husband, Russell Arnard Davidson, her sister Sara Jane (Aunt Jen), her sister Ella and her children Dorothy (Mrs. Allan Gray), David Johnson, Robert Scott, Jean Lavinia, Lawrence Arnard and one grandchild, Russell Davidson Gray.

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