

Daisy Girl Scout Story

You are a Daisy Girl Scout and are named after “Daisy” Gordon Low. Daisy Low started Girl Scouts a long time ago in 1912. Her real name was Juliette, but most people called her “Daisy.” Juliette was born in 1860 on Halloween in a place called Savannah, Georgia. Her uncle gave her the name “Daisy” when she was a baby. He looked at her one day and said “I bet she’s going to be a daisy!” He thought she was ‘some baby!’ Ever since then people called her Daisy.

Daisy had an older sister named Nellie and four younger sisters and brothers named Alice, Willy, Mabel and Arthur. Her father was a cotton trader, and her mother was a homemaker, busy taking care of all the children, the family and their house. They lived in a big house in Savannah (it is now a Girl Scout program center).



Photo: Juliette and her siblings.
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As a young girl, Daisy did many things. She liked to climb trees, play with her brothers, sisters and cousins, take care of animals, start and run clubs, write stories, draw pictures, tell jokes, write and be in plays, explore places, and do many other things.

One time she saved a kitten from being drowned in a flood. Another time she kept a cow from getting really sick by putting her mother’s blanket on the cow overnight. Her mother did not like that too much, because the blanket fell off the cow in the morning and the cow stepped on it. At least the cow did not get sick.



Photo: Juliette’s birthplace in Savannah, Georgia. GSUSA.

Daisy's father and grandmother knew that she loved animals, especially horses. When they thought she was old enough to take care of one, they bought her a horse. She named the horse Fire and spent many hours riding him, grooming him and talking to him. He was black with four white feet. Daisy was very, very, happy to have a horse and took very good care of him.

Later on, Daisy grew up and married a man named Willy Low. They went to live in England and Scotland, countries on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. They lived together for several years, but then Willy died. Other sad things happened to Daisy, too. She had problems with her ears and became partially deaf.

Even with these sad events in her life, she went on to do many wonderful things. She heard about Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from her friend Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Daisy decided to start the same thing for girls in the United States. After leading a few troops of Girl Guides in Scotland, she came back to the United States and started Girl Scouts. On March 12, 1912 the first troop met. That is why March 12th is the Girl Scout Birthday.



Photo: Juliette's portrait circa 1887.



Photo: Juliette's marker on The Extra Mile. Washington, D.C.