

James Patrick Dorcy and Ruth Almina Mason

The following is from the memory of their daughter, Virginia.

James Patrick Dorcy was the first son born to John Carroll Dorcy and Bridget Corr Dorcy at McHenry, Mississippi on Dec. 28, 1893.

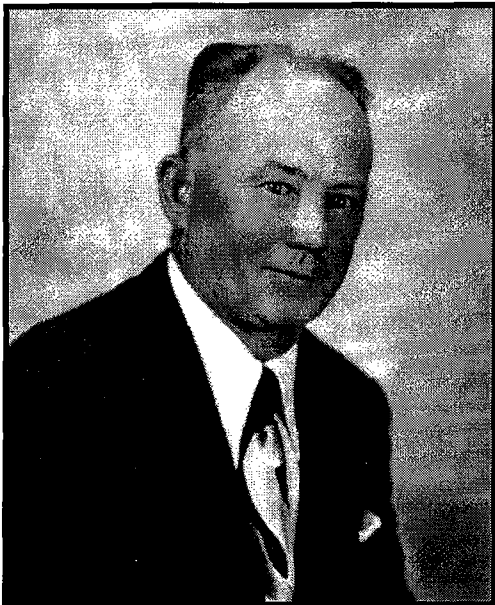
As a very young man he moved west with his family who eventually ended up in the Sedro Wooley, WA. area. He became a logger and head rigger at Simpson Camp #2 near Shelton, WA. When World War I broke he entered the army at Camp Lewis and served till honorably discharged Sept 26, 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

He met Ruth Almina Mason and they were married in Shelton Dec 22, 1919. Jim and Ruth made their home in Shelton. They had two daughters, Anna Dorothea, Sept. 4, 1920 and Virginia Ruth, Nov. 11, 1921. Ruth died at age 28 in Shelton.

Later Jim became a person with many skills. His small business of reclaiming the abundance of downed logs left by logging was becoming too successful and he was always sure in his own mind that he was purposely burned out for that reason.



James Patrick Dorcy in 1918



Jim Dorcy

He ran a service station for several years, did a stint in the Civilian Conservation Corp, cruised timber because he knew the woods so well, served several years as state fire warden, and became invaluable to older people especially as a house repairman -i.e. steps, leveling, leaks, etc. He seemed to be able to fix or hay-wire most anything into working order for a pittance. The day he suffered a stroke and died, he was putting a foundation under a house on Capitol Hill in Shelton.

He loved to dance and was much in demand by the widows of the community.

He resumed his allegiance to the Catholic Church and left a sizable piece of property to the Church when he died Oct. 19, 1957 at age 63 years.

The Descendants of John Dorcy, Civil War Soldier

Ruth Mason was born in 1898 in Rawlake, Michigan, the daughter of Charles and Martha L. Mason who farmed in the Olympia and Shelton areas. She died in 1926 at age 28 in Shelton where Jim and she made their home. Jim and Ruth had two children:

(4) **Anna Dorothea Dorcy** was born in 1920 in Shelton. She was unmarried and died in 1945 in Shelton.

(4) **Virginia Ruth Dorcy** was born in 1921 in Shelton and is a lifelong resident. She graduated from Shelton High School in 1940 and that same year married Marvin James Leman in Shelton. Virginia is a homemaker who excels in sewing and in 1960 she had to oversee the construction of their new home while Marvin was on

assignment in the Philippines. Marvin was born in 1918 in Fairborn, So Dakota to Mary Louvina Stuck and Edwin Lionel Leman. He was schooled in Shelton and served in WWII mainly on US Submarine Bases as Electricians Mate and was discharged at Bremerton, Washington. Later Marvin was an engineer for Simpson Timber Company. He had a vast knowledge of power generation and was highly regarded as a specialist on boilers and methods of eliminating emissions from bark burners, plywood dryers and wood waste fueled power generators. He held two patents in the area of pollution abatement and power generation. Simpson Timber Co. sent him on inspections to Chili, and to the Philippines for the year of 1960 where he oversaw the re-construction of a power plant which was dismantled in Coos Bay, Oregon and re-assembled on the Island of Mindanao, P. I. He was a dedicated Christian layman with a very real concern for the missionary work and people of the Philippines. Marvin died while on a business trip in Heber City, Utah in September, 1975. Virginia married Joe Fadden in 1977 and moved to a waterfront home at Agate near Shelton. She learned to enjoy fishing, hunting, camping and all outdoor pursuits. She and Joe traveled extensively in their RV from Canada to Mexico. When Joe died in 1992 Virginia sold their home and moved to a retirement park for seniors called Christmas Village in Shelton. She loves traveling and her highlight trip was a Mediterranean cruise with all of her children and grand-children in the summer of 1995. Her favorite past times are playing pinochle, going to the theater and dining out. Virginia and Marvin had two children:



Ruth Almina Mason, 1898 - 1926

(5) **Linda Fay Leman** was born in 1943 in Shelton. She married Douglas Allen Hay in Shelton in 1965 when they both graduated from Oregon State University, she in Elementary Education and he in Agricultural Engineering. He is the son of Everett and Grace (Leek) Hay and was born in 1942 in Huron, SD. Linda and Doug went to LaPorte, Indiana where they worked in their respective fields and also worked as youth sponsors in their church. Since 1967 when they returned to the Northwest they have lived in Portland and Albany, Oregon and presently live near Tacoma. Linda next focused on the family for seventeen years, during which time they had two foster children and seven international students living in their home. Linda earned a masters degree from Lesley College in Computer Education when she was forty eight, and currently teaches for the University Place School District. Hobbies for both are remodeling their home, sailing and hospitality. They continue to be active in their church and recently spent two weeks in remote Alaska building latrines in the rain at a kids camp. Their children are:

(6) **Tanya Denise Hay** was born in 1969 in Oregon City, Oregon. She graduated from Curtis High School in University Place in 1989. During high school she spent various summers working with street children in Gilbralter, and teaching English as a second language in Taiwan. She also spent seven years in the youth symphony program as a violinist. While in college, she earned a scholarship to study hospitality in Switzerland, and later worked a winter in a Swiss ski resort. She graduated with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Washington State University in 1993. Since that time she has worked as a civilian with the Air Force Moral, Welfare and Recreation department in the management of base officer clubs. She is currently at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. She has also completed one third of her MBA program at Willmington College.

(6) **Kevin Andrew Hay** was born in 1973 in Oregon City, Oregon. He graduated from Curtis High School in University Place in 1992. While still in high school, he spent one summer in Egypt working on an orphanage building project. In high school he was involved in jazz band and worked in a music store after school. He built his own bass guitar and continues to be asked to play in musical groups whenever he is home from college.

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Currently he attends GMI in Flint, Michigan where he is an Electrical Engineering student. He should graduate in 1997. He has internships with Weyerhaeuser and ITP Systems that require alternating academic and work quarters. His particular interest is in electric control systems.

- (5) **Dale Curtis Leman** was born in 1948 in Shelton. He graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Business and Accounting. He married Ruth Caroline Lakin in 1970 in Tacoma, WA. Ruth was born in 1951 in Tacoma. Together they own and operate "The Glass Eye Studio" in Seattle where they manufacture beautiful hand blown glass artwork. Dale travels abroad considerably and has continued his childhood love of boats. The family enjoys cruising the San Juan Islands in their boat. Their two girls are:

(6) **Tabriz Irene Leman** was born in 1977 in Seattle. She graduated from Mercer Island High School in 1995. and has completed her freshman year at the University of Washington. In the summer of 1996 she will be working at Fred Hutchison Cancer Research as a lab assistant and at the Glass Eye Studio in Pike Street Market area. Both Tabriz and her sister are working toward PHD's in molecular biology and their mother says, "it is very interesting to hear them talk together."

(6) **Natasha Ruth Leman** was born in 1978 in Seattle. She is a senior at Mercer Island High School and enjoys cheer leading at school. Family related heart disease and her own open heart surgery in 1993 has stimulated her interest in cardiovascular research. In 1996 she won a scholarship for summer internship from the Heart Association of Washington. She will work full time in the summer of 1996 at the Bristol Meyer/Squibb laboratory in molecular biology as well as continuing her volunteer work at Swedish Hospital.