

Virginia Alice Dorcy

Virginia was born in Getchell, Washington in 1908 soon after the family had moved from Michigan and Colorado. She says you can't even find Getchell now, someone knocked the road sign down! Puses parents were living with her uncle, Fred Knapp in Getchell when she was born. Her dad and brother were working at the lumber mill in trade for lumber to build a home. Her father always called Virginia Puss which he said meant beautiful in Gaelic. Friends and family called her either Puss or Alice, but later in business she used Virginia.

She attended school in Anacortes, Washington, and after high school graduation entered the Dominican convent in Everett, Washington in 1925. She was called Sister Maureen and she remained in the convent teaching school until 1934.

She left the convent and married Kenneth Hockett in 1937. He was a machinest at Western Gear in Seattle and later went to Arabia to work. Alice divorced him in 1946 or 1947. She married, second, Art Dawley but the marriage lasted a very short time and they had no children.

Alice has always been very skilled in all sorts of handcraft such as embroidery, knitting, and sewing. She supported her family with these skills for many years, and in 1996, at age 88, she still runs her business of sewing, alterations, re-weaving, re-knitting, and invisible repair. Alice was especially skilled at paper cutting as was her sister, Frances. She has marketed all types of her handcrafted work.



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Alice and Ken had two girls:

(4) **Marilyn Rae Hockett** was born in 1937 in Seattle. She married Larry K. Smith, a career Army man, in 1957. Larry was born in 1934 in Bellingham, WA. Marilyn calls her husband "Smith" and she is called "Skip" by friends and family. After retiring from the Army, Smith worked at different times in Paccar Foundry, as a ship builder for Lockheed and at Boeing. He is currently taking care of things at home while Skip works. She is a skilled seamstress, specializing in making drapes, and also currently delivers medicines to hospitals. Their children are:

(5) **Stephen Michael Smith** was born in 1957 in Everett, WA and was killed in a motorcycle accident in front of their home in Renton, WA in 1988.

The Descendants of John Dorcy, Civil War Soldier

- (5) **Virginia Rae Smith** was born in 1959 in Everett, WA. She married Norman Dixon in 1978. Their children are:
 - (6) **Stephanie Anne Dixon**
 - (6) **Carla Dixon**
 - (6) **Jeffrey Dixon**
 - (5) **James Kelly Smith** was born in 1960 in Riverside, CA. He married Beverly. Their children are:
 - (6) **Bradley James Smith**
 - (6) **Kelly Jean Smith**
 - (5) **Lori Kay Smith** was born in 1961 in Riverside, CA.
 - (5) **Michael Anne Smith** was born in 1960 in Riverside, CA. She married Eddie Nellis. Their children are:
 - (6) **Christopher Eddie Nellis** was born in Renton, WA.
 - (6) **Nicole Michael Nellis** was born in Renton, WA.
 - (4) **Kimmerly Anne Hockett** was born in 1954 in Seattle, WA. She married John Knight. He is the nephew of her Uncle Fred Achey, Fred's sister's son. Kimmerly and John's child is:
 - (5) **John Sebastian Knight** called Sandy, was born in 1969 in Seattle, WA. John was raised by his grandmother, Virginia Alice Dorcy Hockett.
- Kim later married a Mr. Dawson and their children are:
- (5) **Justin Marion Dawson** was born in 1986 in Bellingham, WA.
 - (5) **Deena Nicole Dawson** was born in 1988 in San Jose, CA.



**Virginia Alice (Dorcy)
Hockett in 1991**