

Genealogy Basics – Attribution

By Joe Petrie

INTRODUCTION

When I conduct my free genealogy lectures and individual consultations, I stress the importance of attribution, ie. giving credit to the source.

In PAF 5.2, my database software, I use the Notes Section. I currently enter the source of the record as “ORAL” until I verify the information. Once I verify the information (usually from one web site or more), I add the web site(s) source to the Note. In fact, I usually put the web site(s) first followed by the oral source(s).

SAMPLE

The sample on the following page shows the PAF 5.2 Individual report for my grandaunt who was born in Bridgeport, Cape Breton.

In the Notes Section, Ancestry now has a copy of Antigonish Catholic Diocese records.

Individual Summary for Annabelle Petrie "Ann"

5 May 2020

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Event	Date(s)	Place	Description
Born	10 Dec 1892	Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada	
Christened	28 Dec 1892	IC, Bridgeport, CB, Nova Scotia, Canada	
Died	1 Jan 1977	Berlin, Washington, Vermont, USA	
Buried		Barre, Washington, Vermont, USA	

Baptized
Endowed
SealPar

Nickname:

AKA:

Married Name:

Sex: F

ID:

AFN:

Last Changed: 5 May 2020

Parents

Father

Mother

Richard P Petrie "Ed"

Agnes O'Brien

Marriages

Spouse

Marriage Date/Place

Sealed Date/Place

James MacDonald

8 Sep 1917

Notes

Web Sites:

Family Search Community Tree, Antigonish Catholic Diocese lists her as Annie Bell Petrie

Ancestry: Census of Canada, 1911. She was listed as a Peterie

Ancestry, US Border Crossing record dated June 21, 1913.

Ancestry, Vermont Death Records 1909 - 2008

Name: Annabelle MacDonald

[Annabelle Petrie]

Gender: Female

Race: White

Age: 84

Birth Date: 10 Dec 1892

Birth Place: Nova Scotia, Canada

Residence Place: Barre, Vermont, USA

Veteran: Not applicable

Death Date: 1 Jan 1977

Death Place: Berlin, Washington, Vermont, USA

Cause of Death: Accident, Fracture Rt Hip

Date Filed: 3 Jan 1977

Father: Richard Petrie

Mother: Agnes Petrie

Oral History

Dad introduced us to 8 of his father's 11 siblings.

We saw his aunt Ann often. Periodically, we went to Springfield MA to visit her and her husband Jim. We always looked forward to the visit. Uncle Jim and Aunt Ann always had great things to do. Usually Uncle Jim took us out and spoiled us so that our parents could visit aunt Ann without 3 kids looking for entertainment.

When we came home from the hospital with our first child, aunt Ann was visiting my parents, Every day she came to our apartment to help my wife care for our son. I'll never forget it - 56 years later.

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Please note that Friends of Irish Research is the repository for my published genealogy articles in the *Newfoundland Ancestor*; and in *EZINE*, the electronic magazine of the Cape Breton Genealogy and Historical Association. (Please see friendsofirishresearch.org specifically: the Tabs for Publications and Joe's Free Web Sites.) Also, please note that I am the author of the Genealogy Basics Series.

Membership in Ireland Reaching Out (irelandxo.com) is free. It has an Electronic Magazine named XO Chronicles (irelandxo.com/irelandxo/history-and-genealogy). One of the three XO Chronicles Series is XO People. XO People focus on the Irish Diaspora (people who immigrated and never returned permanently). XO People has seven of my XO People articles about ancestors. My relatives are: John Cummings (Thurles Parish, Tipperary, Newfoundland and Lingan, Cape Breton Island); Patrick Tobin (Gowran Parish, Kilkenney and Newfoundland); and Judith Keeffe (Gowran Parish, Kilkenney and Newfoundland). My wife's relatives are; John McGrath (Ballyphilip, Kilcockan, Kockanore, Waterford and Massachusetts); Helena O'Brien (Fermoy, Youghal, Cork, Boston); Peter Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway, Boston) and Mary A (Nee) Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway, Boston).