

Genealogy Basics – Kudos to Ancestry

By Joe Petrie

INTRODUCTION

Ancestry has made lots of changes and all are excellent!

I'll cover a few in this article. Specifically:

- Suggested Records - they disappeared but some searches have them
- Public Member Trees – the elimination of Trees submitted by individuals who are no longer Ancestry subscribers
- Public Member Trees – inclusion of a warning on the search page about the accuracy of the data

SUGGESTED RECORDS

Suggested Records are back.

The following screen print is for Martin Joseph Petrie, a second cousin. His mother was from a family where the middle name was used rather than the first name so he was known as Joe. (His two younger siblings are also known by their Middle Names.)

I used my name in the search and the Result list started with Joseph M.

Notice the Suggested Records section on the right side of the Result page for Joseph M. Petrie (aka Martin Joseph Petrie)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ancestry.com search results for Joseph Petrie. The browser's address bar shows the URL search.ancestrylibrary.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll. The page title is "Joseph Petrie in the U.S. Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002". The main content area is divided into three sections: a profile card, a source citation, and a suggested records list. The profile card includes fields for Name, Gender, Residence Years, Address, Residence Place, Zip Code, Phone Number, Spouse, and View Neighbors. The source citation section provides details about the data source, including the city, state, and year range. The suggested records list on the right side of the page includes several entries for Joseph M. Petrie, such as "U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current" and "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995".

Field	Value
Name	Joseph Petrie
Gender	Male
Residence Years	1993-1996
Address	42 Berkeley Rd
Residence Place	Dedham, Massachusetts, USA
Zip Code	02026-1708
Phone Number	617-326-2105
Spouse	Charlotte Petrie
View Neighbors	View Neighbors

Suggested Records

- [U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current](#)
Joseph M. Petrie
- [Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current](#)
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- [U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current](#)
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- [U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995](#)
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Joseph Petrie

The official birth record Martin Joseph Petrie is cited in an Ancestry database in the Index of Massachusetts Births. A copy of the page is shown on the print screen on the next page.

Please note that not all searches have Suggested Records. Some records I had previously searched for do not currently have suggested records. For example, my latest search for my Mother's records do not have Suggested Records. The last time I searched for my Mother, Ancestry had added the 1940 Census record for Ethel Petris and the record for her christening to her list in Suggested Records.

Massachusetts, Birth Index, 1860-1970 for Martin Joseph Petrie

Births > 1931-1935 > Meall - Pozza

Petrides	(Female)	Tewksbury	1934	105	57
	Demetrios	Worcester	1932	125	130
	James	"	1933	117	163
Petrie	(Male)	Boston	1934	22	487
	(Male Stillborn)	Lowell	1933	65	113
	Allen Roy	Boston	1934	8	71
	Angela Lorette	"	1934	8	98
	Anita Marie	"	1932	23	41
	Barbara Jean	"	1933	15	417
	Carolyn Ann	"	1935	8	79
	Catherine Theda	"	1935	33	286
	Dorothy Ann	Malden	1933	72	31
	Gloria Ann	Chelmsford	1931	51	186
	"	Lowell	1931	79	223
	" Bernardette	Boston	1932	10	76
	Jane Ann	Brockton	1931	43	263
	Jean Rose	Malden	1931	87	47
	Joseph William	Boston	1933	16	375
	June Elizabeth	Lowell	1932	71	185
	Marilyn Anne	North Adams	1933	83	449
	Martin Joseph	Boston	1935	7	9
	Patricia Agnes	"	1934	18	231
	Richard	Waltham	1932	116	216
	" Lawrence	Boston	1931	14	248
	Robert John	"	1935	17	161
	Roy	Waltham	1934	107	186
	William Edmund	Boston	1935	23	227
	" Joseph	"	1932	15	414

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I believe that Ancestry seems to be gradually reintroducing Suggested Records. Based on other records where Given Names or Surnames were changed, I expect Martin Joseph Petrie's Birth record will be merged with the Joseph M. Petrie listing in Suggested Records.

PUBLIC MEMBER TREES – THE ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC MEMBER TREES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NO LONGER ANCESTRY SUBSCRIBERS

A few years ago, I wrote an article on the accuracy on the date of death of my Petrie grandfather, Edmund Ernest Petrie. In total there were over 20 Public Member Trees and most had an incorrect date of death.

In those days, any one could comment. I wrote a comment on every incorrect Public Member Tree. I gave them the correct date of death.

Some corrected the date.

One who did not correct the date surprised me. We met often when I was staying a few miles away in California on business trips. I found her daughter in Washington. I called the daughter and found out that her mother had passed away.

The next screen print shows 3 Public Member Trees. There are 2 by Ms. Doran, a Park family cousin. I can't determine whether Mr. Ogle and I are related.

Edmund E Petrie - Public Membe x +

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All Public Member Trees results for Edmund E Petrie

Search Filters

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Edmund E

Petrie

Born: 1870

In: glace bay, cape ...

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Family Trees

Public Member Trees

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Results 1-20 of 118,970

Member Tree	Name	Parents
The Ogle Family Tree	Edmund Ernest "Ned" Petrie	
Public Member Tree 6 attached records, 15 sources	Birth: 22 Jun 1872 - Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Death: 31 Jan 1948 - Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Marriage: 1900 - Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Spouse: Hester (Ester) Cummings	F: Richard P (Ed) Petrie M: Agnes O'Brien
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Public Member Tree 5 attached records, 8 sources	Birth: 22 Jun 1872 - Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Death: 31 Jan 1948 - Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Marriage: 1900 - Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada Spouse: Hester Cummings	F: Richard P Petrie M: Agnes O'Brien
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Lapierre Family Tree	Elizabeth Petrie	

PUBLIC MEMBER TREES –A WARNING ON THE SEARCH PAGE ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA

The following screen print has a warning in the Note section, Public Member Trees – inclusion of a warning on the search page about the accuracy of the data.

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Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Public Member Trees* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2006.
Original data: Family trees submitted by Ancestry members.

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I was employed to design applications. If I was the designer, the note would be at the top of the page. When I give seminars. I always tell the attendees to use Public Member Trees data as a hint and to validate what they use.

Your corrections, comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please Email me at:

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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, Kilkenny and Newfoundland); and Judith Keeffe (Gowran Parish, Kilkenny 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).