

Addendum to my Father's Biography - My Dad was a Democrat

By Joe Petrie

INTRODUCTION:

My Dad, Leo I Petrie, voted Democrat in all State and National Elections.

When a dear friend who was a Republican who married a girl from Cape Breton was running for State Representative, Dad changed his record to vote Republican in a Primary election. He never changed back to Democrat. When he went to vote in State Elections, it was always to vote for the dear friend. Dad was listed as a Republican until he died.

Dad first arrived in Boston in 1920. He is listed on a Vanceboro Maine Border Crossing record in Ancestry as Leo Petries (not Leo Petrie). He was 14. He got a job at the Uphams Corner Grocery store in Dorchester.

In 1925, while being processed in Vanceboro, he submitted a form indicating that he wanted to become Naturalized.

In the 1940s, he became a citizen. He could not vote until he was a citizen. The Naturalization paperwork was easier because Mom was naturalized. My brothers and I were citizens by birth.

We plastered Dad's automobile rear windows with Democrat Stickers. We scraped them off after the election.

STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS:

Dad always voted Democrat, even when the town of Dedham MA was electing Republicans.

In the late 1940s, Dad volunteered to take citizens to the polls. He advertised in the local newspaper. He had the interested people call him at Ziegler's Market, his workplace, during normal working hours to arrange to be picked up.

He did it every election year until the 1960s. Due to an accident at home, because he broke his hip, he had to stop!

He always asked us who we voted for. After one election, my brother Charles Edward (Chuck) answered that he wrote a Name in. Dad wanted to know if the person was a Democrat. Dad told Chuck to write in a GOOD DEMOCRAT.

The next election, Dad asked Chuck if he wrote in a Good Democrat. Chuck replied that he voted for Harry S. Truman. Later there was a recount. The late Harry S. Truman, a retired US President, got 1 vote.

Years later, when asked if I ever wrote in: I answered that I wrote in Ed Petrovick, our next door neighbor. After a recount when Ed got 11 votes, Ed asked me to stop!

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

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Due to illnesses and hospitalizations as well as fear of COVID-19, most of the activities have stopped.

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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 Keefe (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).