

## Genealogy Basics – Using the *nsroots* Email Mailing List

By Joe Petrie

### BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 2017, I received the following from *nsroots* about the Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics update:

The Nova Scotia Archives recently released their annual update of vital statistics.

2017 update: 26,646 new records available.

b Births and delayed birth registrations for 1916.  
Marriages for b 1941.  
Deaths for 1966

<https://www.novascotiagenealogy.com>

Enjoy!

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*nsroots* mailing list  
[nsroots@ednet.ns.ca](mailto:nsroots@ednet.ns.ca)  
<https://mailman.ednet.ns.ca/mailman/listinfo/nsroots>

What is important about *nsroots* is that it exchanges genealogical information! The above email informed me that Uncle Roy Petrie's Death certificate may be available. I searched for Uncle Roy in [www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com) and found image of his Death certificate.

Why was this important? Uncle Roy from Dominion, Cape Breton died in Glace Bay in 1966. His grave marker at St Eugene's cemetery had only the Year of Death. I have been looking for Uncle Roy's Month and Day of his death for my database. I had exact dates for all his siblings and most of their children who had passed on. Uncle Roy had never married nor had children.

If you read Death Records, please remember that Death Records may be slightly incorrect. The informant, Uncle Roy's brother-in-law, George Donovan, indicated the Roy was French. This was probably based on the fact that Roy's grandmother, Mary Ann (Boutilier) Cummings was half French (her mother was a Mackie). I would say that his Family was Irish because of Mackie, Cummings, Maher and Casey family roots. I believe that if Roy were to take a DNA test today, he would probably be mostly Irish.

Also, I believe that Petrie, a Scot name, would test out for Uncle Roy to be as minor a percentage for French and Scotland. Why? I believe that George Petrie, (supposedly a British officer in Sydney in 1785 that we Cape Breton Petries descended from) was from Northern Island. BUT I can't prove it!

## INTRODUCTION TO *NSROOTS*:

### *nsroots* -- Nova Scotia based Genealogy Mailing List

#### About *nsroots*

English (USA)

The Nova Scotia Roots genealogy mailing list has been in operation since November 1996. More than 900 people are subscribed worldwide at the present time.

[*nsroots*] is designed to be a medium of exchange for genealogical information pertaining to Nova Scotian families.

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [Archives](#).

#### Using *nsroots*

To post a message to all the list members, send email to [nsroots@ednet.ns.ca](mailto:nsroots@ednet.ns.ca).

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

#### Subscribing to *nsroots*

Subscribe to *nsroots* by filling out the following form. You will be sent email requesting confirmation, to prevent others from gratuitously subscribing you. This is a hidden list, which means that the list of members is available only to the list administrator.

Your email address:

Your name (optional):

You may enter a privacy password below. This provides only mild security, but should prevent others from messing with your subscription. **Do not use a valuable password** as it will occasionally be emailed back to you in cleartext.

If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always request a mail-back of your password when you edit your personal options.

Pick a password:

Reenter password to confirm:

Which language do you prefer to display your messages? English (USA)

Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest?  No  Yes

## ***nsroots* Subscribers**

*(The subscribers list is only available to the list administrator.)*

Enter your admin address and password to visit the subscribers list:

Admin address:  Password:

To unsubscribe from *nsroots*, get a password reminder, or change your subscription options enter your subscription email address:

If you leave the field blank, you will be prompted for your email address

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[\*nsroots\* list run by harvie57 at eastlink.ca](#)

[\*nsroots\* administrative interface \(requires authorization\)](#)

[\*Overview of all ednet.ns.ca mailing lists\*](#)

Please note that the form is easy to complete, i.e. very user friendly!

Also please note that this is one of a small list of mailing lists that I am a part of.

### **SUMMARY:**

There are about 900 names on the list. Lee Harvey does a tremendous job of keeping us informed. Kudos to Lee and to *nsroots* members that send information.

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

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