

On 8/23/2010 5:26 AM, JEAN.MARTIN4@forces.gc.ca wrote:

Mr. Grou,

HMCS Grou was a River Class frigate commissioned in Montreal on 4 December 1943, and paid off on the west coast on 25 February 1946. She was named after Jean Grou, an early settler at Pointe-Aux-Trembles, on the eastern tip of Montreal island. Several of those ships received names honouring Canadian towns. HMCS Grou was also associated to the town of Pointe-aux-Trembles, but it seems that, the place name being considered too long, it was decided to use the name of one of its early inhabitants instead.

Jean Grou was a farmer and a cobbler who was killed by the Iroquois in 1690, after being captured in an attack near the place called "La coulée Grou". He is most likely your ancestor since, according to historian Lionel Groulx, Jean Grou was the only French settler bearing that name in Canada.

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