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The Schooner FANNIE PALMER Leaving Waldoboro, Maine, 1901

### Presidential Musings

*By David Putnam*

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Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association allow me to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Winter is fully upon us here in New England with all of it's beauty and aggravation. We look back upon 2016 with a great sense of satisfaction. Last year we decided to use the money from the Jasper J. Stahl Award to build and erect a new sign marking the site of the Moravian Meeting House on the Friendship Road. This was a large and relatively expensive project (for us!), but the positive feedback we have received reassures us that we were correct in undertaking it. The board will begin discussing possible projects for the upcoming year and we would welcome any suggestions from the membership.

The Waldoboro Public Library and the OBBFHA have worked together for many years to provide space for genealogical research materials in the library. This space is now known as "Randy's Corner" in honor of our late member Randy Gross. For several years the OBBFHA had gifted to the library an annual subscription to the New England Historic Genealogical Society. This membership allowed the library patrons to have online access to the American Ancestors research website, as well as a quarterly magazine for the library. The library advised us that they did not think library patrons were using the online research services enough to justify the considerable expense of the membership. I asked Library Director Cathrina Skov if she could come up with some suggestions for ways we could assist the library. She provided me a wish list with requests for a subscription to Family Tree Magazine,

as well as funds to purchase copies of three 19th century maps of Waldoboro. The entire cost was \$151 dollars and the board of directors quickly approved the disbursement. A check for the amount has been forwarded to the library and we look forward to seeing the maps and the magazine in the library in the near future.

The preparations for our annual meeting have begun. I am currently looking for a featured speaker and welcome any suggestions. The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 5th, 2017. I hope all of you will plan to attend. Don't forget that the Ladies Auxiliary of the German Lutheran Society will hold their annual church service at the Old German Meetinghouse in Waldoboro on Sunday, August 6th, 2017.

I hope you will all enjoy the Winter edition of our newsletter. We are featuring Part II of Tracie Ott's article about her research into her ancestors in the Gross Family. I am sure you will enjoy her story and be impressed with her intuitive and methodical research methods. She makes Sherlock Holmes seem like an amateur! Additionally, we have a piece from Jean Lawrence with news and upcoming events at the Waldoboro Historical Society. Anette Ruppel Rodriguez has also submitted a piece updating us on the scheduled commemoration (September 9th and 10th, 2017) in Castine of the 1782 arrival of German troops to Fort George. Anette is also looking for someone with a boat who would be willing to sail from Waldoboro to Castine as part of the commemoration. It would be interesting to see how long of a trip it would be via an ocean route. Stay well everyone, it won't be long until Spring is upon us!



**Reserve the date – September 9 & 10, 2017**

### “1779 – 1783 Fort George - Protected by the Crown”

Fort George in Castine is on the National Register of Historic Places due to the important role it played in the American Revolution and later in the War of 1812.

On the weekend of September 9 & 10, 2017, volunteers at Fort George and Castine will show us what life may have been like between 1779 and 1783 while Crown troops protected the Loyalists who had moved to the area believing that the Penobscot will be the border between the new United States of America and British North America.

Looking at the beautiful quiet little town of Castine today, it is not easy to imagine the important international role it played militarily and politically during the American Revolution. Fort George was of great importance after the Patriots were defeated in the Penobscot Expedition in the summer of 1779 and it remained securely in British hands until late 1783, actually until January of 1784. The fort and its surroundings became a safe haven for Loyalists who moved there in great numbers.



Since the British assumed that the Penobscot River would be the border of British North America and the new United States of America, they reinforced the military presence. In 1782. The c. 600 Scottish Highland troops were joined by c. 200 German Braunschweig (Brunswick) troops and c. 200 German Ansbach-Bayreuth troops – part of the so-called Hessians.

Broad Bay – Waldoboro – had a longstanding relationship with Fort George. Jasper Stahl mentioned that the “Dutch” as early at 1780 beat a trail through the woods north of the town across the Penobscot to drive

cattle on hoof for the use of the troops at Fort George.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jasper J. Stahl, *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*, The Bond Wheelwright Company, Portland, Maine, pg. 474  
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An April 24, 1780 receipt for “work done in getting Lyme Stone and loading the brig *Molly* transport and cutting wood” shows the names of 18 “Dutchman from Broad Bay”. The signature of the German prisoner of war from the Saratoga surrender, Heinrich Isense, is on the right side of the list in German cursive handwriting, which differs from the other names written.<sup>2</sup>

24. 1780

1799 Duplicate

Fort George April 24 1780

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Government

To Secondary Accounts

For work done in getting Lyme Stone and Loading the Brig Molly Transport Cutting wood

	By Day	Half a Day	By whom received
Geo. Locke	5	26	12.6
Hen. Isense	5		12.6
In: Outag	5		12.6
Gottlieb Mlystein	5		12.6
In: Schmaudigel	5		12.6
Geo. Schmaudigel	5		12.6
Geo. Stilluy	4		10.
Peter Lohr	4		10.
John Bratche	4		10.
John Bratche	4		10.
Chr. Seidlinger	4		10.
Geo. Seidlinger	4		10.
Dan Seidlinger	4		10.
Martin Binnet	4		10.
Martin Brodman	4		10.
Gottlieb Millare	4		10.
Mich. Kock	4		10.
Jacob. Eichhorn	4		10.
			9.15.

Dutchman from Broad Bay

Peter Lohr  
 Simon Isense  
 Martin Binnet  
 George Seidlinger

1780  
 3. 10.  
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 P 8. 11.

Another Waldoboro Fort George connection is proven by the capture of the ship *George* and Josef Cly (Cline) were sailing on in June 1780. Josef Greenleaf, Justice of the Peace at Suffolk wrote after interrogating Josef:

“I have also examined Josef Cly, son of George, a lad of about twelve years of age, who appears to have been a mere passenger, who was going to Bagaduce to be put to School by his father.”<sup>3</sup>

In previous presentations at the OBBFHA’s annual meetings and reprinted in the newsletter, the close connection between Fort George and Broad Bay was shown. German deserters, after they arrived at Fort

<sup>2</sup> UK/TNA, AO 3/141, Copy provided by Robert Brooks

<sup>3</sup> Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. XVIII containing the Baxter Collection, Published by the Maine Historical Society, Portland Lefavor Company, 1914, pg. 302

George in the fall of 1782, made their way to Waldoboro since it was the only German settlement in the Maine province.

Captain Henrich Urban Cleve, commanding the Braunschweig troops at Fort George was glad to have found a supplier of shoe leather in Broad Bay, more economical than those at Fort George. Unfortunately the material was confiscated as contraband after it was delivered.

After the German troops left Fort George in the summer of 1783, not everyone went back to Germany. An example from those Ansbach-Bayreuth soldiers who had been stationed at Fort George and then may have received permission to stay in North America is Blasius (Pleosus) Welt whose family became prominent citizens in Waldoboro.

We hope there will be many visitors in Castine on September 9 & 10, 2017 with Broad Bay - Waldoboro connections. Perhaps some can even arrive by sail to let us know how one traveled to Fort George, Penobscot over 200 years ago.

*Submitted by Anette Ruppel Rodrigues*

## Winter Postcards From Barb Rogers Collection





**2017 Calendar of Programs**  
**Waldoborough Historical Society**  
**The public is invited to attend all programs;**  
**No admission**



### From the Waldoborough Historical Society Museum

We have been blessed with gifts of several Waldoboro rugs. A gift from Marjorie Freeman's family was created in 1983 and is our most recent artifact created by a local hooking artist. Marjorie was very active in OBBFHA in its formative years and served the WHS as secretary as well. We keep her in our prayers in her illness. The closing of the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, MA has brought us three Waldoboro rugs which will be on view in 2017. Their years of creation range from 1890-1920. We are also the recipients of several posters, postcards and copies of Mildred Cole Peladeau's book *Art Under Foot: The story of Waldoboro Hooked Rugs*.

Our calendar of programs for the new year is almost complete. We will begin with a Pot Luck Supper on April 26, at the Broad Bay Church followed by Larry Allen's presentation "What Your Teacher Didn't Tell You About the Revolutionary War!" On May 21, we will salute the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars by sharing the history of these two groups in Waldoboro. This continues our recognition of founders of these groups and the work they do in our community. The names of these groups are based on local families: Lilley, Soule and Schumann.

The Museum will be open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 3 P.M. beginning June 19 through September 2. It will open weekends in September and on through October 9. We feature new exhibits every year!

### **"Waldoboro's Past in Photos" Calendar Sale** *Over 275 have sold! Only 25 left, so hurry!*

The Waldoboro Historical Society has created an 18 months black and white photo calendar entitled "Waldoboro's Past in Photos." We are selling each for \$10 plus \$3.00 for mailing. Checks may be made out to Waldoborough Historical Society and sent to P.O. Box 110, Waldoboro, ME 04572 with order directions. Photos are taken from our archives and include the Schooner Governor Ames, Conrad Heyer, Schooner Singleton Palmer, Labor Day Parade gathering in front of the old Sproul Block, the Water Witch Engine, the Custom House with Engine House in background and many more. They are great gifts and wonderful keepsakes of Waldoboro's past. We sold out the first 100 and are now working on our second order!



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The Old Broad Bay Family History Association, on the web at: [www.rootsweb.com/~meobbfha/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~meobbfha/)

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## A Family Story: Discovering Gross, Part II

By Tracie Gross Ott

January 4, 2017

Let's revisit *Discovering Gross, Part I*, OBBFHA Vol 14, No. 4, Fall 2016, and my Cousin Marie's story<sup>[4]</sup> about my 2d great grandfather Spencer B. Gross who was born 22 Apr 1850 in Bangor, Van Buren County, Michigan.

Marie's Story	My Findings
Spencer was adopted.	I never found any documents to that fact so, highly unlikely <sup>[9]</sup>
He worked on a farm.	He did live and work on a farm in Columbia township, just a few miles NE of Bangor <sup>[15]</sup>
His middle name was Byron.	Byron was his brother <sup>[16]</sup> not his middle name. Correct middle name, Bryant <sup>[2,17]</sup>
His mother was named Cora Seeley.	Cora Seeley was Spencer's half-sister, not his mother <sup>[16, 23]</sup> . His mother was Elizabeth Wilson <sup>[22]</sup>
Father Unknown	Father was known, Christian B. Gross <sup>[6,17]</sup>

- Was Christian's birth date as 14 Jan 1812 and place as Maine<sup>[21]</sup> correct since his age varies in nearly all records? However, all records are consistent listing Maine as the State of his birth.
- Was Christian B. Gross the one who was adopted? If so, did the middle initial "B" in both Christian's<sup>[7,8,16,18-22]</sup> and Byron's<sup>[16,22]</sup> name provide a clue? So far I haven't found any records in Michigan revealing the name. However, I did find a record stating Marie's brother's full name, Spencer Bernard Gross<sup>[5]</sup>.
- What motivated him to travel from the wilds of Maine to the wilds of Michigan\* before March of 1845?

The thrill of the hunt... the journey took a new turn.

At this point, I'm not sure what motivated Christian to remove to Michigan however, he more than likely arrived with people from New York. Charles U. Cross, born in Georgetown, Madison, New York settled in March of 1837, becoming the first family to build a log cabin in what is now Bangor Township. They arrived to brave the cold winter nights filled with the sounds of the wild, "wind moaning, sobbing among the tall pines, and drawling howl[s] of the wol[ves]." The early pioneers commenced the "hard struggle for existence,"<sup>[1]</sup> not unfamiliar to our Broad Bay ancestors.

Many years later, "Calvin Cross, a brother of the earliest pioneer in Bangor, came in May of 1844, and pursued his calling of a millwright. Ten months later, Christian B. Gross married in Arlington Township.

### Record of Marriage<sup>[3]</sup>

Date & Place: March 6, 1845 in Arlington, Van Buren County, Michigan

Residence: Christian B. Gross & Hellen E. Smith, of Arlington

Witnesses: Isaac Drake & Urial T. Barnes, of Arlington

Justice of the Peace: James T. Ward (sic Hard)

Calvin Cross, [along with his brother], Charles U. Cross erected in 1846 a sawmill on the Black River, being assisted in its construction by William Rea, Orlando S. Brown, David Taylor, Christian

B. Gross, and William H. Hurlburt. Then in 1846, William Rea purchased land lying in Arlington Township, a portion of which is now in the village of Bangor. William S. Camp settled upon 160 acres of land and became resident of the hamlet. Rossiter Hoppin and Christian B. Gross soon after located within the city limits, p. 412<sup>[1]</sup>.

I researched every person I could find that was in some way connected to Christian. Among those persons, the families of Clarke Pierce, Mason Wood, and Mr. Baird who celebrated *the first Fourth of July celebration in South Haven*<sup>[8]</sup> with Christian's family; plus, several of the 12 individuals/surnames in the 1850 census of Van Buren County, listed as born in Maine: Clay, Drew, Heath, Hopkins, Leonard, Libby, Lord, Rowe, Wilson<sup>[10]</sup>.

I just couldn't find a documented connection of family or friend to Christian B. Gross from Maine. That seemed really odd given the threats to survival traveling in the wilderness of the 1840s. It appeared he traveled to the west coast of Michigan without family or friends from Maine.

Simultaneously, and guided by perceived clues, I researched the surnames Gross, Spencer, Byron, and Bryant, thinking that maybe Christian came from the Bangor area of Maine. Next, I zeroed in on Old Broad Bay because of its history and Christian's 1880 census listing that his parents were born in Holland<sup>[19]</sup>.

Feeling more confident Waldoboro was the place my ancestry, I studied Gross and related families of Bornheimer/Burnheimer/Burns, Benner, Woltz, Walther, and Wallace. Plus, I researched the surname Barnard; Nathaniel Thomas Waterman b. 13 Jan 1812<sup>[11]</sup> and Samuel Kincaid (Illegitimate) [[born]] 31st December 1811<sup>[25]</sup>. This research was becoming very confusing and I still could not find a connection.

Like most genealogists, I moved on to different family lines and would revisit Christian from time to time in hopes that more experience and new strategies would lead me to discovering Gross.

One new and recent strategy involved using DNA for genealogy. My father, Richard Louis Gross gave samples of his DNA to both [www.ancestrydna.com](http://www.ancestrydna.com) (autosomal, both parents) and [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) (Y-DNA, male line only) back in 2015, only a few months before his untimely death during a surgical procedure.

His Y-DNA has been analyzed to the extent of current technology with numerous matches to men who live in the Russian Federation and surrounding countries. Their Y-DNA ([www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)) is designated "Slavic". This gives hope to the possibility of confirming Gross (German spelling) as our surname since the eldest male in Old Broad Bay used a Slavic spelling, Grosz. His ancient grave stone is preserved inside the Old German Meeting House<sup>[12]</sup>.

Hier light begraben HERR JOHN MERTIN GROSZ und ist geboren den 1 Februar an 1679 und ist bestorben den 11 Februar 1768 in 90 Tahr.	Here lies buried Mr. John Martin Gross and is born the 1 February, 1679 and has died the 11 February, 1768, in (his) 90 year.
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Using [ancestrydna.com](http://ancestrydna.com) results for autosomal DNA, there are four individuals who match as 5-8<sup>th</sup> Cousins. Of the four, I contacted three and none have replied to my queries. These individuals descend directly from Gross females. This is the part, I hope I'm not letting my personal biases and subjective impressions get in my way....finding what I hope to find.

Waldoborough per township records<sup>[11]</sup>.

Johann "Peter" Gross b. 1745 and wife, Anna Mariah Bornheimer/Burnheimer b. 1745.

1. Johannes "John" George Gross, b. 2 May 1767

2. Johann “Bertram” Christian Gross, b. 7 May 1769
3. Johann Conrad “Cornelius” Gross, b. 10 July 1771
4. “Catharina” Margretha Gross, 10 Jan 1774
5. “Mary” Gertruad Gross, b. 10 Sept 1778
6. Johannes “Peter” “John P.” Gross, b. 22 Mar 1781
7. “Jacob” Frederick Gross, b. 4 May 1786

By analyzing numerous vital records, wills, deeds, family histories, history books etc., I determined nearly everyone who fit into the sex and age categories from the 1790 census to the 1840 census categories of sex, age, occupation. In addition, I continued analyzing the censuses from 1850 to 1900, looking for any clue.

After exhaustive research, I strongly believe my Christian B. Gross is the son of Johannes Peter Gross and his first wife, Mary Walch/Wallace. They were married 15 Jan 1805<sup>[14]</sup> and she was born 1776 – 1794<sup>[26]</sup>. According to Dutch Neck Cemetery records, John P. Gross is buried here along with his 2d wife, Polly, and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mary. I visited the cemetery in August 2016 and did not find a stone for Mary Wallace, “also buried on this lot”<sup>[23]</sup>. No death date is listed in the record however; she must’ve died before John’s 2d marriage to Mary “Polly” Walter [Walther], Intention 30 Jan 1830<sup>[24]</sup>.

Feeling more confident to stick with the surname Gross to figure out which male Christian might have descended from I used several 22” x 28” boards; columns for censuses and rows for Gross. Example below:

Census	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850
Peter Sr.	Gros, Peter Waldoborough	Groace, Peter Waldoborough	Gross, Peter Waldoborough	<i>Will Probate</i> 7 Jan 1814			
“John” George	Gros, John Waldoborough	Grow, John Bristol	Gross, John Bristol	Gross, John Bristol	Gross, John Bremen	Groy, John Bremen	<i>Died</i> 11 July 1842
“Bertram”	Living with parents	Groace, Batram Waldoborough	Gross, Bertram Waldoborough	Gross, Bartam Waldoboro	Grose, Bartram Waldoboro	Grass, Bertram Waldoboro	Gross, Bertram Waldoboro
“Cornelius”	Living with parents	?	Gross, Cornelius Bristol	Gross, Cornelius Bremen	Gross, Cornelius Bremen	Groy, Cornelius Bremen	<i>Died</i> 8 Mar 1846
“Catharina” m. Cornelius Burnhaimer <i>Intention:</i> 25 Sep 1796	Living with parents	Burns, Cornelius Waldoborough	Burns, Cornelius Waldoborough				
“Mary” <i>! Theory, m.</i> = William Burheimer 1791-1797 (aka Burns)	Living with parents <i>! Theory, d.</i> = Bet. 4 Aug 1797-1800	Burns, William Bristol					
“Peter” or “John P.”	Living with parents	Living with parents	Gross, Peter Waldoborough	Gross, John Peter Waldoboro	Grose, John P. Waldoboro	Gross, John P. Waldoboro	Gross, John P. Waldoboro
“Jacob” or “Jacob F.”	Living with parents	Living with parents	Living with parents	Gross, Jacob Waldoboro	Grose, JacobF. Waldoboro	Gross, JacobF. Waldoboro	<i>Died</i> 18 Feb 1848

At this point, no document and no Y-DNA has been found to prove our surname is Gross and which family my Christian B. Gross came from. However, my conclusions seem sensible and logical.

Many twists along this journey! I will not give up.

- If Christian had been adopted, why didn’t I find guardianship/apprenticeship records in Lincoln County?
- If Christian had been in trouble with the law, why didn’t I find him in the Lincoln County jail records?



- Why would someone leave a large family, church-going, close-knit ethnic community?
- Why didn't I find Christina during the U.S. Federal Census 1840?
- Did Christian abandon a family and travel to Michigan?

My wish is that more descendants of our Old Broad Bay ancestors will embrace the recent technology of using DNA for genealogy.

Thank you for your time and interest in reading about my journey thus far... on the road to discovering Gross.

I did not cite all my sources because this article would become very lengthy. If you're interested, contact me and I will provide that information [tracott@comcast.net](mailto:tracott@comcast.net).

### ***To Be Continued...***

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Certificate of Death. Record No. 366; State Office No. 213 6763.  
Spencer Bryant Gross  
Death: 27 Aug 1932; Battle Creek, Calhoun, Michigan  
Birth: 22 Apr 1850; Michigan  
Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross & Mother: Unknown  
Informant: M.N. Sherrod of Bangor, Michigan; Undertaker.
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Date & Place: March 6, 1845. Arlington, Van Buren, Michigan  
Residence: Christian B. Gross & Hellen E. Smith, both of Arlington.  
Witnesses: Isaac Drake & Urial T. Barnes, both of Arlington.  
Justice of the Peace: James T. Ward (sic Hard).
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Date & Place: July 4, 1853. Clayton, Michigan  
Hurlbert H. Seeley, age 23  
Elizabeth Wilson, age 24  
Witnesses: E.M. Sample & J.H. Simmons  
Justice of the Peace: Newman Perkins.

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- <sup>15</sup> 1870 U.S. Census; *Columbia, Van Buren, Michigan*, roll M593\_706, p. 311B.  
Brown [indexed Brome], Amos S. 51, farmer & mill proprietor, b. Vermont  
...several others in household...  
Gross, Spencer 19, farm laborer, b. Michigan.
- <sup>16</sup> The Bangor Advance, Sept. 27, 1912, p. 5, col. 3. Van Buren District Library, Decatur, Michigan.  
*Aged Odd Fellow Passes Away*  
"The death of Byron B. Gross occurred at his home in Bangor Village. ... [He] moved to West Bangor and cared for his father C.B. Gross for 18 years, he dying in 1887... [Byron's] village of his birth—Bangor... There are left to revere the memory of Mr. Gross one brother, Spencer of Lynden, Wash.; two half brothers, Lee and Reuben [Seeley]; one half sister, Mrs. Haines [sic Hine] of Luther."
- <sup>17</sup> News-Palladium Aug 29, 1932; Benton Harbor, Michigan.  
*Bangor Pioneer Taken By Death*  
"Bangor, Aug 29—Funeral services for Spencer Bryant Gross, one of the best known men in Van Buren county... Mr. Gross, who was the son of Christian B. and Elizabeth Wilson Gross, was born in Bangor Township April 22, 1851 [sic 1850] in a log cabin, which occupied the present site of the Harvey sp? on Monroe street across from the Bangor city hall. Bangor village was not in existence at that time. ...Survived by a brother and a sister."
- <sup>18</sup> 1870 U.S. Census; *Bangor, Van Buren, Michigan*, roll M593\_706, p. 260B.  
Gross, C.B. 58, farmer, b. Maine  
Gross, Byron 22, son, works on farm, b. Michigan  
Gross, Sarah 18, daughter-in-law, keeping house, b. New York.
- <sup>19</sup> 1880 U.S. Census; *Bangor, Van Buren, Michigan*, roll 607, p. 354D.  
Gross, Byron 31, farmer, b. Michigan/Father b. Maine/Mother b. Unk  
Gross, Sarah 25, wife, keeps house, b. NY/NY/NY  
Gross, C.B. 76, father, b. Maine/Holland/Holland.
- <sup>21</sup> State of Michigan, County of Van Buren. Paw Paw, Michigan.  
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Christian B. Goss [State record also Goss; sic Gross]  
Death: October 26, 1887; Geneva, Michigan; Age 75y 9m 12ds.  
Birthplace: Maine  
Father: Unknown & Mother: Unknown  
Date of Record: May 31, 1888.  
Susan H. Ray, Deputy Clerk, 4 Oct 2004.
- <sup>22</sup> State of Michigan Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.  
Certificate of Death. Registered Number 16.  
Byron B. Gross  
Death: 19 Sept 1912; Bangor, Van Buren, Michigan  
Birth: 14 June 1848; Michigan  
Father: Christian B. Gross, b. Maine; Mother: Elizabeth Wilson, b. England  
Informant: B.M. Sherrod of Bangor, Michigan; Undertaker.
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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the founding families, and in particular the founding German families, of what is now Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine.

There are three types of membership: individual, family, and library. An individual membership confers the right to one vote. A family membership confers the right to two votes. A library membership is solely for the purpose of allowing distribution of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies and confers no right to vote.

The membership year is July 1 to June 30. This year the newsletter will be issued twice: in April (Winter / Spring) and in October (Summer / Fall).

Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to: Deirdre Putnam, OBB Treasurer, 17 Bush Hill Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938.

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## Old Broad Bay Family History Association Application for Membership

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Second member in the household: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### How do you want to receive the newsletter?

Individual membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ US mail \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ US mail \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a list of your Broad Bay ancestors or write the list on the back of this form.**

**Research facilities (libraries, archives, historical societies, etc.):** We welcome the placement of this newsletter in your collection. Please fill out this portion of the membership form. Once you are on our subscription list you will receive a renewal invoice by mail each year. **Subscription: \$15 per year.**

Name of research facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

