



# Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter

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## To Search and To Share

Building a Vessel at Waldoboro, Me.

### Presidential Musings

By David Putnam

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Dear Friends, I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer wherever you are residing. Here in New England we have enjoyed a warm summer with very little rain. The sunny weather has been a treat, but the lawns are all brown. We are looking forward to the fall with the hope that we have some rain to relieve the drought.

As I am sure you all know, we held our annual meeting on August 6th in Waldoboro and it was a great success. What wonderful energy was in the room! Our guest speaker, **Cheryl Patten**, from the **Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA)** exceeded all expectations with her fine presentation about MOCA and her tutorial on the various ways to correctly clean, repair and preserve old headstones. I strongly suggest you visit the MOCA website [MOCA-ME.ORG](http://MOCA-ME.ORG) if you have any questions about cemeteries, gravestones, etc. MOCA also has published a book entitled **Maine Cemetery Trampers Companion** by **Mark Cheetham**. The book has chapters on the different types of markers and monuments, how they were constructed, the meaning of various symbols found on gravestones, and understanding the lettering on older stones. The information they offer is not just relevant to Maine cemeteries, but to older cemeteries throughout the country. I purchased a copy and I highly recommend the book to all of you. The book is available through the MOCA website.

We heard briefly from Jean Lawrence who gave us a preview of an article she was researching and writing about a local legend concerning soldiers from Waldoboro

who were with General Washington when he was rowed across the Delaware River on Christmas night of 1776. I had heard the legend from my grandmother, Gladys Welt Putnam, but I had discounted it because it is widely known that General Washington was rowed across the river by men ("Marblehead Mariners") from a regiment commanded by Colonel John Glover of Marblehead. Jean's article appears below and I am sure you will find it interesting and enjoyable.

We also briefly heard from Anette Rupel Rodriguez of the University of Maine. Anette formally announced that there will be a celebration next September in Castine ME for the 325th anniversary of the arrival of the Anspach-Beyruth Regiment at Fort George in Castine during the American Revolution. There will be a formal ceremony featuring visitors from Germany who are descendants of some of the officers who served in the regiment while it was stationed in Maine. If you recall from reading the **History of Broad Bay** by Japer Stahl (vol. 1, p.474), there was a lively clandestine exchange of goods between some of the German and Puritan

residents of Waldoboro and soldiers stationed at Fort George. Several soldiers stationed at the fort, including my ancestor Blasius Welt, were either discharged or deserted from the regiment and settled in Waldoboro. We look forward to further information from Anette regarding the plans for this event. I definitely plan on attending!

After a lively lunch Jean Lawrence conducted a tour of some historic sites in Waldoboro. The group visited the site of our new Moravian Mission sign, as well as the first landing place of the Lydia, Storers Wharf, Waldoboro Town Landing, Dutch Neck, and the Old German Meeting House. The tour was enlivened by Jean's knowledgeable commentary and professional delivery.

I was excited to greet all of our members, but I felt especially grateful to greet Tracie and Douglas Ott who traveled all the way from Washington State to be with us. Tracie is a descendant of the Gross family and has been doing extensive research on her branch of the Gross family. I was so impressed by Tracie's meticulous and methodical research that I asked her to write an article for this edition of the newsletter describing her research methods, the problems she encountered, and her findings. She agreed, and the first half of her article is featured below. The second part will appear in the January edition of the newsletter. I wanted to take a moment to thank all the members of the board of directors for their hard work at the annual meeting and their generosity in donating the food, desserts and beverages served at the meeting. I would also like to thank the following members for cash donations: **Walter Ulmer, Becky Boyd, Herb Kaler and Barbara Feyler**. These donations will go to defraying the cost of the Jasper J. Stahl Award next year.

## SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION AT MOODY'S DINER

Deirdre and I were recently traveling through Waldoboro on our way to Nova Scotia. Naturally, we stopped at Moody's Diner for a piece of their excellent lemon meringue pie and a cup of coffee. We sat at end of the counter and briefly greeted an older woman who sat down one seat away from me. A few moments later an elderly man came in and sat down next to the aforementioned woman. They began conversing and I could not help but overhear their conversation. They both resided in the area, but their fathers were born in Massachusetts. They further remarked that their grandparents and other ancestors were from the Waldoboro area. As the conversation went on, they discovered that both of their fathers were born in Cliftondale MA, a neighborhood in the town of Saugus. I was quite shocked at the coincidence because I am also from Saugus and grew up in the Cliftondale neighborhood. At this point, I felt I was justified to intrude into their conversation, so I introduced myself and informed them that I too had roots in Saugus. We were all astonished that three strangers sitting at a lunch counter in Waldoboro shared roots in a small neighborhood of a Massachusetts town. However, upon reflection, I guess it is not that surprising. Many residents of Waldoboro and the surrounding area moved to Massachusetts to work in the factories in the Lynn-Saugus area. Many of the people who lived in Saugus when I was a boy shared German surnames with families in Waldoboro. My grandmother always told me that they were my "cousins" from Waldoboro. I often wonder how many Waldoboro residents, like my great grandfather Herman Welt, moved to Massachusetts to work. How would I go about researching that question? It would seem that comparing various census reports would be one way to approach the question, though that would be a long and difficult task. If you have any suggestions about how I could research this question, please send them to me at [dputnam925@msn.com](mailto:dputnam925@msn.com).

In closing, with Halloween right around the corner I would like to call your attention to the aforementioned first volume of the **History of Broad Bay**. On page 316, Stahl describes how Halloween was celebrated in 18<sup>th</sup> century Waldoboro:

*"To these occasions must be added the old folk festivals as observed in the fatherland, such as Halloween with its old folk customs-the ticktacks on the windows, the knocking at doors and then disappearing, the lifting of gates, and the lofting of carts and wagons."*

Happy Holidays to all of you, I hope no one lofts your cart!



## Web Links and Contacts:

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

Editorial comments & queries to [pmkriso@gmail.com](mailto:pmkriso@gmail.com)

Visit the OBBFHA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/waldoboromaineancestors>



## Compliments on the New Moravian Mission Site Sign

Many compliments have been shared with me regarding the gift of the new Moravian Mission Site sign which the OBBFHA gave to Waldoboro this June. It is a beauty and has caught the attention of many who travel the Friendship Road. As a result of the news article about the gift and some slides of earlier signs long gone shown at the July Annual Meeting of the W. H. Society, two members of the community have come forward and asked about the possibility of erecting signs in the Thomas' Hill and Rte. 32 Medomak River View areas. Modeling is a wonderful way to educate others. Thanks, OBBFHA, for your generous gift.

*—Jean Lawrence, for the Waldoborough Historical Society*

## Waldoboro's Revolutionary War Servicemen

Recently, a question from a visitor was left at the Waldoborough Historical Society desk. "Who were the other Waldoboro men in the boat with George Washington and Conrad Heyer when General Washington crossed the Delaware River, as depicted in the famous painting by German artist Emanuel Leutze and on the New Jersey quarter?" The following lines, composed after research, are the answer given to the questioner and were shared at the August 6, 2016, OBBFHA Annual Meeting.



Since the painting was created in 1851 as the artist's call to French citizens to follow for themselves the Americans' battle for freedom, only models were used for the figures, and if one looks closely at the scene, a variety of clothing and ancestry are a part of the painting. While the story that gives credit to Conrad Heyer as being one of Washington's body guards during the Revolutionary War is just that: a story; in Waldoboro, it is accepted as true because Conrad Heyer, the first-born white child after the German immigrants arrived on the banks of the Medomak River, lived to be a hundred and six years old. Heyer often related the story, and due to his old age was one of a very few Revolutionary soldiers to

be photographed. Along with his singing prowess and ability to walk for miles even in his nineties, Heyer's story has become part of his legend in the village. The Waldoborough Historical Society has his handmade rocking chair, several pictures of Heyer, and even a lock of his hair.

The history books of the area tell us that Conrad Heyer did serve in the Revolutionary War. He left Waldoboro and headed down to Boston either on foot or by boat when it became apparent that the colonists were going to go to war with England. Boston is the site of his recorded enlistment in 1775. Since what we call Maine today was at that time Massachusetts in name and possession, Boston was the place to go if one wanted to enlist in the Continental Army; otherwise, if he had stayed at home, no doubt he would have become a part of the Massachusetts Militia and would have fought along the Maine borders and coast. It is well known as related in history books that Washington preferred Continental soldiers over local militia, so if Heyer wanted to serve with Washington, he had to be a regular Continental soldier.

Research tells that four men from Waldoboro were a part of the Life Guard or body guards for Washington: Isaiah Cole, Conrad Heyer, George Ulmer and Charles (Hebner) Havener. All of these men were familiar with fishing and the sea, so it seems only reasonable that they might have been a part of the group some authors call Massachusetts Men, Men of the Massachusetts Line, or Marblehead Men. It appears that one



night and early morning when Washington wanted to get his men and supplies on their way to Valley Forge, these men were among the ones that manned the oars when Washington and his army moved across New York harbor in the fog right under the noses of the British frigates at rest in the harbor.

A number of Waldoboro men are found on the lists of Continental Army at Valley Forge: George Ulmer, Jr., John Stahl, Philip (Reiser) Razor, Daniel Beckler, George Leissner, Lt. Philip Ulmer and Ezekiel Winslow. Other men who are listed as Massachusetts Men are Christopher Walck (Walch or Wallace), John Benner, Michael Castner, Joseph Gross, Rueben Gross, Matthew Hebner, Christian Hoffses, George Hoffses, John Newbert, Ezra Pitcher, Henry Storer, Ezekiel Winslow and Frederick Swartz. On the list, one can read family names that are still found in the village today.

While Heyer was involved in supporting and protecting General Washington, on the home front many of his neighbors were engaged in protecting the coast against British invasion. In 1776, the following officers were commissioned and local militia groups served under them: Captain Jacob Ludwig and Second Lieutenant Jacob Winchenbach led the Eighth Company. Captain Andrew Schenck and First Lieutenant George Demuth led the Third Company. Colonel Mason Wheaton and Lieutenant Colonel William Farnsworth led the Fourth Company. Several of these officers had defended the territory in the French and Indian War; therefore, many local men were willing to serve terms of duty under their leadership. Like those who served at Valley Forge, these names are found in the lists of immigrants who first settled in Waldoboro and still have descendants living in the area. Waldoboro men might not have been in the boat with General Washington, but they are recorded as serving their country in its fight for freedom and independence.

References: *Waldoboro and Old Broad Bay*, Dr. Jasper Stahl; *History of the Town of Waldoboro, Maine*, Samuel Miller; Interview, Richard Wallace (Heyer descendant); "Washington Crossing the Delaware," eyewitness to history.com; history.com; metmuseum.org. and genealogy files Waldoborough Historical Society.

Writer: Jean Lawrence, OBBFHA Trustee, retired educator, President Waldoborough Historical Society, local history writer, and story teller.

Editor's note:

Conrad Heyer - born April 10, 1749  
died February 19, 1856 age 106  
Daguerreotype in 1852, thought to be  
the earliest known photograph to exist.



**Wishing everyone a very  
Happy Thanksgiving**



## A Family Story: Discovering Gross, Part I

Tracie E. Gross Ott

October 4, 2016

In August, my husband, Doug and I traveled from the shores of Port Townsend, Washington to the mid-coast of Maine to see its rocky shores, eat lobster, meet new friends, and discover Gross family history. Our attendance at the annual Old Broad Bay Family Association meeting proved informational and very enjoyable.

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As a child, family history and photographs thrilled me and at some point along the way I filled out a family tree going back as far as my 2d great grandfather, Spencer B. Gross (b. 22 Apr 1850; South Haven now Bangor,<sup>[1]</sup> Van Buren, Michigan<sup>[2]</sup>) and his wife, Sarah Jane Gregory. I could go back another generation for Sarah<sup>[3]</sup> but, not Spencer<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1992, my grandfather's (Louis Edwin Gross) first cousin, Marie Gross, also interested in genealogy, gave me data about the Gross line along with a family story.<sup>[4]</sup> She told me that Spencer Gross had been:

1. Adopted,
2. Took the surname of the family-farm he worked on,
3. His middle name was Byron,
4. His mother's name was Cora Seeley,
5. Father Unknown.

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..."Research is a form of problem solving that begins with the selection of an appropriate method to answer a research question(s), and continues through the process of critically analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the evidence obtained."<sup>[5]</sup>

Ethics in research guided my path to reporting using integrity, reliability of sources, and not allowing my personal biases and subjective impressions get in the way. Though, a human who makes mistakes and with the knowledge that as time passes this family story will continue along its path. With this in mind, I started a new journey of discovery, the hunt for the truth.

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Late 2003, I subscribed to Ancestry.com and found the 1850 U.S. Federal Census<sup>[6]</sup> for Spencer Gross age 4/12, b. Michigan, living in South Haven, Van Buren, Michigan with Christian 38, farmer, b. Maine; Helen 22, b. Ireland; Byron 2, b. Michigan.<sup>[7]</sup>

I kept hunting for answers from any possible source including LDS Family History Library microfilms. When I stumbled upon a newspaper article published in the South Haven Sentinel, dated July 1, 1899, "*1849 v. 1899: Fifty years! Half a Century!*" by A.J. Pierce. Mr. Pierce, a small child at the first Fourth of July celebration in South Haven, felt it fitting to republish the 1870s original article found in a scrapbook and "penned" by his maternal grandfather, R.A. Roys.

*"Historic Grand Celebration at South Haven, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1849.*

The first old settlers picnic of American Independence with 16 people, representing the entire population of the vicinity. "The grand procession was formed, Mr. [Clark] Pierce, acting as chief marshall, on horseback, carrying a mammoth tin trumpet with which to sound to the denizens of the forest the notes of civilization, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Wood, assistant marshals, on horseback, Mrs. Gross taking charge of the juvenile band of trumpets drawn by four stout oxen on an ox sled, discoursing a variety of music such as only domestic life can produce, Ole Bull or Mme Parepa can't beat it. Messrs. [Mason] Wood and [C.B.] Gross alternately acting as pioneers and teamster, chopping fallen timbers out of the road, was no small part of the anniversary, while the old hunter [Mr. Baird] served as flank guard\* on the right,

left and rear of the procession. In this order they proceeded to meander their way among logs and lofty hemlocks.”<sup>[8]</sup>

This newspaper article describing the wilds of Michigan proved interesting however, it only told me Christian B. Gross, wife Helen, and young son Byron were among the first to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Pushing on I continued seeking the truth about Cousin Marie’s story about Spencer’s surname, Gross. However, I never found any documentation proving his adoption.<sup>[9]</sup> Then, two years before Marie’s death in 2008, my father Richard Louis Gross and I visited her, now in assisted living and with no memory of the story she told me years earlier. During her funeral gathering I spoke with her niece Barbara (first time we met) in hopes she could shed light on the family story. No luck. However, Barbara mentioned that she kept in contact with Jean Thomas, a descendant of Spencer’s sister. Really? I didn’t know he had a sister. I hadn’t been able to locate his mother after the 1850 census<sup>[6]</sup> and could not find Spencer in the 1860 census<sup>[10,11]</sup> and still can’t. I did know –

“Mrs. G. left her husband two or three years after the event. She died in the interior of the State March, 1899.”<sup>[8]</sup>

With renewed enthusiasm, I phoned Jean Thomas in Bangor, Michigan.<sup>[12]</sup> She told me Spencer and Sarah were her Uncle and Aunt, and her mother was Lillian Hine Gorman. I eventually discovered Spencer’s mother married a Seeley and Helen Smith Gross was aka Elizabeth Wilson.<sup>[11,13,14]</sup>

Back to Marie’s story about Spencer B. Gross, b. 1850:

1. Spencer was adopted. I never found any documents to that fact so, highly unlikely;<sup>[9]</sup>
2. He did live and work on a farm;<sup>[15]</sup>
3. Byron was his brother,<sup>[16]</sup> not his middle name. Correct middle name, Bryant;<sup>[2,17]</sup>
4. Cora Seeley was Spencer’s half-sister, not his mother<sup>[16, 23]</sup>
5. Father was known, Christian B. Gross.<sup>[6,17]</sup>

Notes:

Christian’s middle initial “B”<sup>[7,8,16,18-22]</sup>

Byron’s middle initial “B”<sup>[16,22]</sup>

So far, no records found revealing their middle names. Is there a significance for “B”?

Interesting... One of Marie’s brother’s was named Spencer Bernard Gross... another “B”.

Unfortunately, Christian’s death record was incorrectly written and recorded as GOSS.<sup>[21]</sup> Despite extensive documented proof sent to the State of Michigan to correct the error, this error will remain throughout time. The State would not make a correction due to “ineligible applicant. Changes can only be accepted from immediate next of kin, and grandchildren are not considered next of kin by our Michigan Laws for changing vital records.”<sup>[24]</sup> Van Buren County stated, I must produce the original 1887 funeral home record.

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

Was Christian B. Gross born in Maine the one who was adopted?

Was 14 Jan 1812 his true birthday since his age varies in nearly all records?

What motivated him to travel from the wilds of Maine to the wilds of Michigan\* before March of 1845?

To Be Continued...

Sources:

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- Sketches of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers. Philadelphia: D.W. Ensign & Co., p. 412.
- <sup>2</sup> State of Michigan Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.  
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
- <sup>3</sup> State of Michigan, County of Van Buren.  
Certified Copy of Record of Marriage. Record Number: 2353.  
Date & Place: Feb 27, 1877. Columbia, Van Buren, Michigan  
Spencer B. Gross, age 26, b. Bangor, Michigan, Farmer  
Sarah J. Gregory, age 20, b. Saratoga, New York  
Witnesses: George & Jane Gregory of Columbia  
Justice of the Peace: A.G. Eastman
- <sup>4</sup> Personal Conversation with Marie Louise Gross, Aug 1992 in Woodinville, Washington at the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Richard Louis Gross.
- <sup>5</sup> Shaughnessy, J. J. & Zechmeister, E. B. (1990). *Research Methods in Psychology*, p. xiv (4th ed.).  
York: McGraw Hill.
- <sup>6</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, South Haven, Van Buren County, Michigan, roll M432\_363, p. 172A.
- <sup>7</sup> State of Michigan, County of Van Buren.  
Certified Copy of Record of Marriage. Record Number: Liber A, p. 38.  
Date & Place: March 6, 1845. Arlington, Van Buren, Michigan  
Residence: Christian B. Gross & Hellen E. Smith, both of Arlington.  
Witnesses: Isaac Drake & Uriel T. Barnes, both of Arlington.  
Justice of the Peace: James T. Ward (sic Hard)
- <sup>8</sup> South Haven Sentinel, South Haven, Michigan, July 1, 1899, p. 3. Pierce, A. J. (1999). *1849 v. 1899: Fifty years! Half a Century!* A.J. Pierce. Original Article: *Historic Grand Celebration at South Haven July 4th 1849 (1870s)*. R.A. Roys.  
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- <sup>9</sup> Van Buren County, Michigan. Record of Guardianship, 1845-1866. LDS Family History Library Microfilm #1321502, Microfilm item #2, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- <sup>10</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Bangor, Van Buren, Michigan, roll M653\_562, p. 700.  
Gross, Christian 45, farmer, b. Maine  
Gross, Byron 12, b. Michigan
- <sup>11</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Hudson, Lenawee, Michigan, roll M653\_551, p. 650.  
Seeley [indexed Skeels], Hulbert 30, b. New York  
Seeley, Elizabeth 32, b. England  
Seeley, Chase [sic Grace] 5, b. Michigan  
Seeley, Herbert 11/12, b. Michigan
- <sup>12</sup> Telephone Conversation with Jean Gorman Thomas on Monday, Dec 29, 2008. Her mother, Lillian Hines Gorman  
Took care of the Spencer Gross gravesites and every Memorial Day placed flowers.
- <sup>13</sup> State of Michigan, County of Lenawee.  
Certified Copy of Record of Marriage, Vol. A, Page 45, Record 256.  
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

<sup>14</sup> Michigan. Department of State – Division of Vital Statistics.

Certificate and Record of Death, Register No. 10.

Elizabeth Seeley

Death: Mar 2, 1899; Fairplain, Montcalm, Michigan; Age 72.

Born: England

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Age at first marriage: 14 years & Gave birth to 10 children, 5 living.

Undertaker: Giddings of Sheridan

<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>20</sup> Tax Records, 1837-1868. Van Buren County, Michigan. LDS Family History Library

Microfilm #2209502, Salt Lake City, Utah. 1869 Tax Record for Christian B. Gross, owned 40 acres in the SW ¼-SW ¼ of section 5 in Bangor.

<sup>21</sup> State of Michigan, County of Van Buren. Paw Paw, Michigan.

Certified Copy of Record of Death. Liber B, p. 254, #106.

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

<sup>23</sup> Michigan Department of Health, Bureau of Records and Statistics.

Certificate of Death, State Office No. 183 2636, Register No. 89.

Cora Isabell Hine

Death: July 4, 1939, Cadillac, Wexford, Michigan; Age 77y 8m 26d.

Father: Herbert Seeley & Mother: Elizabeth Barnes [sic Wilson]

Informant: Harry Hine

Undertaker M.N. Flynn

<sup>24</sup> State of Michigan. Department of Community Health. Vital Records Request, dated 10 Dec 2004.

Richard Wheat, Manager. Vital Records & Health Data Services Section.



## **2016 Calendar of Programs – Waldoborough Historical Society** **The public is invited to attend all programs; no admission**

**October 12, Wednesday**

The Waldoboro Historical Society announces that it is proud to sponsor an evening with Metal Artist Jay Sawyer who will present a program “Making New Art from Old Items” on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 PM, at the Broad Bay UCC Sanctuary on Main Street. Jay is a graduate of Medomak Valley High School and the Maine Maritime Academy. He is a talented artist whose sculpture is now on view at the Emery Community Arts Center at the University of Maine Farmington. He has taken pieces of history and made them into art! The public is invited to attend this free program. A pot luck supper will be held in the vestry at 5:30 PM. Bring a salad or casserole to share. Kathie Hills will coordinate. Come and support this local artist.

### **Waldoborough Historical Society Museum**

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**

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.!





## Membership

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: \_\_\_\_\_

