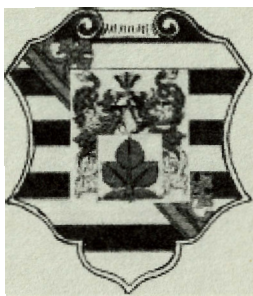


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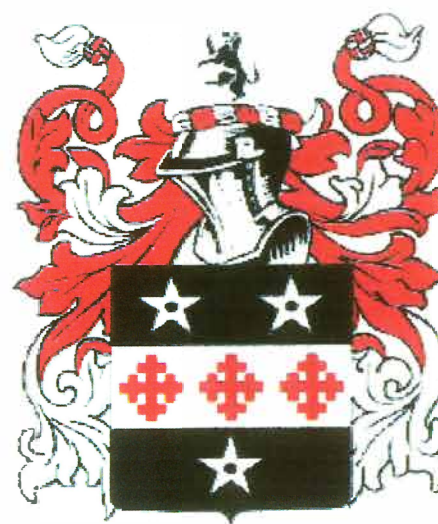
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The Gross Family Motto

Wenn Sie von meinem Bruder sprechen, sprechen Sie von mir.

When you speak of your brother, you speak of me.

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Courtesy of Earl Gross.

Marie Elizabeth (Gross) Bennington

Picture taken on her 80th Birthday

This book is dedicated to the one person who gave her all to the research and help in making this project come to be. The researchers, writers and staff of this book will always have a special place in their hearts for Marie. She was a true to life adviser when it came to the family. I remember asking about our great grandfather Conrad, and the answer I got was; "I knew them all"! One of the things that I always will remember is her smile; it glowed like the noon-day sun. Marie was called unto God at 83 years of age. In the cemetery Father Cotè remarked that the sun was shining so bright that you would think Marie was smiling on us. The Gross family is eternally grateful to Marie and her brother Earl for putting a grave stone on John Gross and Family Plot at their own expense.

Ron Gross

A GREAT PERSON WHO PAST THROUGH OUR TIME

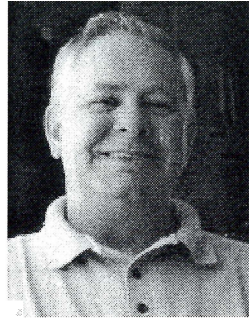
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Von dem wir alle auseinander sind.
From which we all are apart.



Courtesy of Pat Golem.

Ron Gross Researcher.

I remember my daughter came home from work and asked me about our family name “Gross.” Trying to think of what my father and mother told me and hoping the family bible had some information. Her boss was from Germany and had wondered where in Germany her family came from and of course how long they had been here. That Christmas my sister Alma telephoned me and said that she had received a Christmas card from Marie Bennington in Hanover. Marie wrote about Mr Jene Kleinschroth who was doing a family tree as his grandmother was Catherine Gross and a sister to our grandfather John Gross. Later that year I got in contact with Marie and then it all started to come together; well at least the Hanover part did. Soon after meeting Marie I got in contact with Mr. Jene Kleinschroth. Jene gave me a picture of the first family of pioneers to come to Canada along with a 1950 family history. Working in my spare time at the Grace Schmidt Room of the Kitchener Library and the LDS Church site in Kitchener, it all started to take shape. Also I started working up the Census from 1851 -1891 in counties of Bruce, Grey and Waterloo. This all took place at the Wilfred Laurier University Library in Waterloo and with the help of my cousin John Gross. The next step was the early church files of Carlsruhe and Hanover which John and I went over with a fine tooth comb. Walkerton also came into picture a few months later. Kitchener and area churches were next. I started with a brand new computer and off I went into cyber-space looking to find anything that fits in our family. One day while doing some research at the LDS Church site a genealogist from the University of Waterloo whom I was speaking too inform me about where to look in Europe. With my key board in hand and a little high speed internet I found more than what I was looking for. Then I printed a Library and Research copy and hoped that would motivate the relations to help us. The families soon came in from the rain and we got all our family information together and now off to the printer. “Well here it is nine years later”.

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INTRODUCTION

In the early Germanic tribes a persons name was usually given by the place you came from, what you looked like, or what you did for a living; "Bauer - Farmer". When it came to the name Gross it was not hard to find the meanings; Grôz, Saxon for enormous, Groß German for big. The Saxon name Grôs was also spelled Grôz. The Saxons were farmers but also were a tough and brutal tribe with warlike ways, who never took any captives, and often killed or sacrificed them to their Gods. Around 780 AD Charlemagne defeated the Saxons and converted them Christianity. Some of the Saxon tribe in the Rhine Valley moved to the island of Britain and became part of the early Saxons who lived in the southern part of Britain. The surname Grôs can be found in the Anglo - Saxon Chronicles and has been interwoven into the tapestry of the History of England. The Gross name can also be found in the Domes Day Book and this was only a census taken by the Norman King, William the Conqueror in 1066. In 1815 Lower - Saxony became a Prussian province and is now referred to as Neidersachsen. The shield of Neidersachsen is red with a white horse. The horse was based on Old Saxon tradition, and used on shields of the Old Saxon and Anglo-Saxon Kings Hengist and Horsa. Some of our weekday's are named after Anglo-Saxon Gods; Tiw (Tuesday), Woden (Wednesday), Thunor (Thursday), Frigg (Friday). Easter takes it name from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, Eostre. The Anglo-Saxons called Britain, "Egla-lond", which later became England.

Some of the family ask if the Gross family have any royalty in their heritage. Well we can start with the Saxons as early as 1097AD. The Saxon Duke Claudius Andrea's Grôz and his father Johannes Grôs the Older Magnus. A word like "Magnus" at this time in history would mean big or well-built and be referring too the name Grôz. There are Barons of the Holy Roman Empire and a Saxon Nobleman of England. There are prominent people such as Actors, Authors, Chemist, Criminologist, Medical Researcher, Neurological Surgeon, Nobel Peace Prize winner, Physicist, Professor, Sociologist to name a few. The Gross name in Germany is as common as the name Smith is in Canada.

Alsace (Elsass in German) had been fought over and changed hands often. In 1815 after Napoleons defeat at Waterloo the area known as Alsace with the peace treaty was returned to France. The German government told the Germans still living in this area that they could move back to Germany, or if they wished to stay not to forget their German heritage. It was getting hard for young people and their families to find work in the area; this was due to large number of people moving into the Rhine Valley. Soon families started to emigrate back to Germany and Russia and even to North America. Johann George Groß decided to move back to Germany and to the Lachen, Bavaria. The town of Lachen is now part of Neustadt, Bavaria. He had taken his cousin Maria Anna Schröeder for his wife. Working at farming for 4 years in Lachen they than moved to the Baden area where he had little better luck at farming through out the next 14 years. In 1848, Johnn George Groß decided to immigrate with his family to the Canada's.

As the ship would have started to depart, a band would begin to play (as this was the practise at this time); loved ones left behind waving good-bye would have wondered if they would ever see their relatives again. Sailing the North Atlantic at anytime of the year would have been rough and the living conditions would have been horrendous. The condition of the food would make most of us today sick just looking at it. The bread would most likely have weevils in it, the salt pork would start to taste bad with the salt water getting in the barrels, the potatoes would begin to rot, and fresh water would have been stale to drink. The sleeping conditions were four on a berth and sometimes you had to share it with a stranger. The clearance between decks was only five feet high. Cooking when it was permitted could be done on an oil stove below deck. Every one was on rations, so you had to stay and with your meal or someone would steal it, than you had nothing until next day. The Helen 44 days later docked at the Port of Quebec with no problems reported one death (a baby) on the trip. This would have been very good crossing time, as some older ships took as much as 12 weeks to cross the Atlantic. The new wooden hull steam ships could only do the trip in five weeks. The emigration agent who was at that time Mr. A.C. Buchanan, had seen that the passengers were processed and cleared. Three days later the ship sailed for Montreal where they disembarked and headed to their new homes in Upper Canada. The 404 German passengers were directed to Hamilton, Berlin, or to Waterloo and Wilmot Townships, in Wellington County (later Waterloo County). They had to walk to their destinations; this would have taken about 6 weeks. There was no real transportation in those days to speak of. You could take a boat to York (Toronto), if you had the fare, but most people came with empty pockets.

Free land grants were sold by the Canada Patent Company to the Canada Land Company, which was owned by the British Emigration Department. These Free Land Grants come under the Crown Land Act. Arriving in Waterloo Township Johann George Groß was amazed at the size of the trees and thought he would be rich. He started cutting them down and took them to sell. He was told, you can't sell them they don't belong to you, "read your contract". This of course was where the Crown Land Act came in. The Canada Patent Company did by the trees off Johann, they paid him a lot less than he would have gotten if he had owned them. He then clear cut for farming and settled in for the next 11 years, his brother in-law William Gehl bought the land from him and in return gave him Crown Land in the Township of Normanby, in Grey County.

The next 135 years saw the family prosper in the Grey County area from 1861 until 2006 and is still to this day doing well for it self in Carlsruhe, Hanover, Kitchener-Waterloo and Woodstock. This is our family history from which we all are apart, and all the families are listed in the tree section. There is a section which does respect those who served in all three branches of the Canadian Armed Forces. There are some interesting stories of the men who were honoured in their home towns after returning home. All were discharged /released honourably.

The Gross family name

The history of the Gross family name begins in the German province of Lower-Saxony and in Bavaria. Gross is a nickname surname, a class of German names derived from eke-names, or added names, that described people by a personal characteristic or other attribute. Gross is a name for a large person. This family name derived from the German word gross, indicating prodigious size. The variations in the spelling of the name have occurred in the way it sounded by dialect and sometimes it even changed between father and son. The different spellings found were; Groß (German proper), Grô (Saxon), Groes, Groess, Groesse, Grose, Grosse, Grouse, Grosz (low-German), Gross (English proper) to name a few examples. The Gross name is found in the royalty and notable families of Germany and England. They were married into the Houses of Saxony, Franconia, Welfen, and Wittelbach.

Some of the families from the Rhine Valley had come to England about the year 400AD and were found to be descended from the Saxon race. The Saxon Chronicle is a manuscript of the oldest family names recorded, the distinguished history of the Gross surname is interwoven into the tapestry of the history of England. The Gross name also has been recorded in the Domes Day Book of 1066. The Domes Day Book is a great land survey commissioned by William the Conqueror to assess the extent of the land and resources being owned in England. The family name Gross emerged as a notable English family name in the county of Norfolk where they were recorded as a family of great antiquity seated with several manors and estates. They later branched to Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire in the year 1190 where they held many manors and estates. Notable amongst these families at this time was Jordan Gross of Bedfordshire.

Famous People with the name Gross

Royalty

Johannes Grôz the Older Magnus (the older Grôz) 1097AD. Claudius Andrea's Grôz; Duke of Lower-Saxony 1097AD. Baron Johannes Grosse von Dobelin, Sachen - Altenberg 1300AD. Baron Groß von Breithardt, Baron Groß von Degerfelden, Baron Guenther Groß von Trockau, Heinrich Groß von Trockau Bishop of Bamberg 1487-1501, Baron Otto Philip Groß von Trockau, Baron Franz Philip Groß von Trockau, Jordan Gross of Bedfordshire a Nobleman.

Prominent People

Barnard Gross, a Brazilian Physicist born in Stuttgart, David J. Gross, a American Chemist and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2005, Julius Gross, a Poet and Author of Munich, Ludwig Gross, a renowned and internationally recognized Medical Researcher, Hans Gross, a famous Austrian Criminologist, Johannes Gross, a Television and Newspaper Journalist, Michael Gross, an American Television Actor, Neil Gross, Sociologist, Paul Gross, Canadian Television Actor, Richard Gross, a Professor of Education, Sidney Gross, a American Neurological Surgeon.

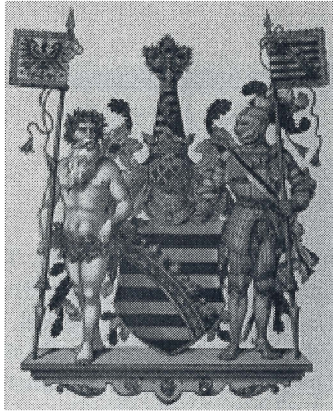
Germany and the Roman Empire

It is believed that the German history began in the year 9 AD. That is when Arminius, a prince of a Germanic tribe called the Cherusci who had vanquished three Roman Legions in the Teutoburg forest (southeast of modern -day Bielefeld). Arminius was regarded as the first German hero and a huge memorial to him was built near Detmold in the years 1835-75. By the 2nd Century AD Germanic pressures on the Romans frontiers intensified. The Emperor Marcus Aurelius waged successful warfare against the Germanic tribes. Over the next few hundred years, the Germanic tribes adopted Christianity and laid the foundations of medieval Europe.

Charlemagne, was the first Christian Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and had been born on April 2nd, 742 Liège and died in Aachen January 28th, 814. He was the son of Pepin the short of the line of Arnulf, his mother was Bertha the daughter of Charibert the count of Laon. He was first crowned "Charles The Great", King of the Franks in 768, and then King of the Lombards in 774. He has become a legendary figure because of his physical strength and courageous spirit. Charlemagne chose the city of Aachen as his capital and his chapel still remains there today, where he is buried. He is commonly looked upon as the founder of the European Culture. He was also a Knight of the Nine Worthies who were the champions of chivalry. In the 12th Century in Rome he was accorded Sainthood. Charlemagne was married five times and had four sons and seven daughters. Many genealogists claim that all Germans can trace their heritage back to the Emperor Charlemagne as this is considered to be true, as the descendants of Charlemagne married into many houses of Germany.

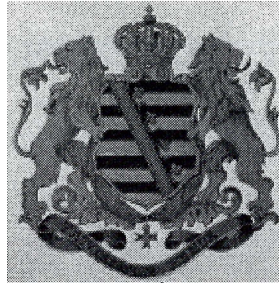
The Coronation of Charlemagne As Emperor From the accounts of Pope Leo II

Charlemagne's Coronation as Emperor was during the Pontifical Mass on Christmas day in the year 800AD. The mass was celebrated by Pope Leo II; Charles The Great as he knelt in prayer before the high altar beneath which lay the bodies of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the pope approached him, placed upon his head the Imperial Crown of the Emperor, did him formal reverence after the ancient manner, saluted him as Emperor and Augustus and anointed him, while the Roman's present burst out with the acclamation thrice repeated: "To Carolus Augustus Crowned by God. Mighty and Pacific Emperor. Be life and Victory. "



Die großen Arme von der preussischen Provinz von Sachsen.
The great Arms of the Prussian Province of Saxony

During the third and fourth centuries AD the great tribal confederations of the Alamanni; Bajuvaren, Franks, Frisians, Saxons and Thuringians, which took the place of the numerous petty tribes with their popular tribal form of government. With the exception of the Saxons all these confederations were ruled by kings; the Saxons were originally a small tribe living on the North Sea between the Elbe and Eider Rivers. The Saxon name derived from their weapon called Sax, a stone knife, this is first mentioned by the Roman author Claudius Ptolemy (130 AD). In the third and fourth century the Saxon fought their victoriously towards the west, and their name was given to the great tribal confederation that stretched towards the west exactly to the former boundary of the Roman Empire, consequently almost to the Rhine. Only a small strip of land on the right bank of the Rhine remained to the Frankish tribe. Towards the south the Saxons pushed as far as the Harz Mountains and the Eichsfeld, and in the succeeding centuries absorbed the greater part of Thuringia. In the east their power extended at first as far as the Elbe and Saale Rivers; in the later centuries it certainly extended much farther. All the coast of the German Ocean belonged to the Saxons excepting that west of the Weser; which the Frisians retained. The history of the powerful Saxon tribe is also the history of the conversion to Christianity of that part of Germany which lies between the Rhine and the Oder, that is almost the whole of the present Northern Germany. Pope Adrian had called upon Charlemagne to convert the Saxons by force. Charlemagne's campaigns were intended mainly to punish the Saxons for their annual marauding expeditions to the Rhine, in which they burned churches and monasteries, killed the priests, and sacrificed their prisoners of war to the gods. The earliest date at which it can be proved that Charlemagne had the conquest of the Saxon districts in view is 776. It is evident that if peace was to be permanent the overthrow of the Saxons must be accompanied by their conversion to Christianity. It is also true that various measures taken by Charlemagne, as the execution of 4500 Saxons at Verdun in 782 were short-sighted. Saxony became a Prussian province in 1815. Today it is still called Prussian Saxony or Lower Saxony.



PROVIDENTIC - MEMOR
Providence - Mindful

The Saxons of England

In company with the East-German tribe of Angles (*Angeln in German*) (*Englas in old English*) as part of the Saxon tribes settled on the island of Britain from which the Romans had withdrawn about the 5th century, where as Anglo-Saxons, after having accepted Christianity about 600AD, they laid the foundation of Anglo-Saxon civilization and the present Great Britain. They settled mainly in the south of England in the counties of East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Mercia, Northumbria, Sussex and Wessex. They favoured this area because of its southern position and access to the English Channel, and its warm Gulf Stream waters, which provided a temperate climate. The Saxon language leads to the Old English language, as known today as the Low-Saxon language.

Early Saxons kings were tough and often brutal. The 8th century saw Marcia as the dominant kingdom of the Heptarchy under King Offa. A man of vision and immense ambition, he made a pact with the Emperor Charlemagne to encourage trade between England and the Continent. The progress of Saxon England was slowed down by the Danish Viking invasions and this brought Wessex to the fore as defenders of English territory. One of the well known Saxon kings was Alfred of Wessex; born in Wessex about 849 the son of Aethelwulf of Wessex, ascended to the throne on the 4th April 871AD, and crowned that same year. He married Ethelswitha, a Mercian Princess; she gave him three sons and three daughters. One of their sons later became King Edward the Elder. Alfred was known as Alfred the Great and his grandfather was Ecgberht; sometimes thought of as the first King of England. Alfred was an educated man who could read and write, and translate works from Latin into Anglo-Saxon. In 891AD he compiled the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, a history of England from before the arrival of the Romans. Alfred was on good terms with the Church and an admirer of Pope Gregory. King Alfred died on the 26th October 899AD and is buried at Newminster Abbey, Winchester.

Modern day royalty of the Saxons are; Albert of Saxe-Coburg, husband of Queen Victoria, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg mother of Queen Victoria. The Saxons are in the forefront of a lot of royal families in Europe.

The Old Saxon Language

The Old Saxon language around 1000AD was part of the old Germanic language or Theodish, later known as Deutsch. By using these three versions of the Lords Prayer to show what the language would have looked like, also how it compared to the Lords Prayer of today.

The Lords Prayer - 900AD In Lower - Saxony

Fadar ūsa firiho barno, thu bist an them hōhon himila rīkea, geuūhid sī thīn namouuordo gehuulico. Cuma thīn crsftag rīki. Uuerðo, thīn uulleo ober thesa uuerold alla, sō sama an erðo, sō thar uppa is anthem hōhon himilo rīkea. Gef ūs dago gehuulikes rād, drohtin the gōdo, thīna hēlaga, endi alāt ūs, hebenes uuard, managroro mēnschildio, al sō uue ôðrum mannum dōan. Ne lāt ūs farlêdean lēða uuihi sō forð an iro uulleon, sō uui uuirðige sind, ac help ūs uuiðar allun ubilon dādun.

The Lords Prayer - 1100AD in Old English

Fæder ure þu þe eart heofonum; Si þin nama garaged to become þIn rice gewurpe ðin willa on eorðan swa on heofonum. Urne gedæghwamlican half syle us todæg and forgyfus ure gyltas swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge ac alys us of yfele soþlice.

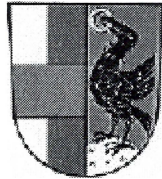
English Translation

Father of us, the sons of men, You are in the high heavenly kingdom, Blessed be your name in every word. May Your mighty kingdom come. May Your will be done over all this world, just the same on earth as it is up there in the high heavenly kingdom. Give us support each day, good Chieftain, Your holy help, and pardon us, Protector of Heaven, our many crimes, just as we do to other human beings. Do not let evil little creatures lead us off to do their will, as we deserve, but help us against all evil deeds.

Translation courtesy of Gen-144.

The closest Saxon relative to the Gross family was Claudius Andrea's Grōs, 1097AD, who was a Lower-Saxon Duke. Next to him was Johannes Grōs, Der älter Magnus, (The Older Magnus). Baron Johannes Grosse von Dobelin, 1300AD, who was born in Graefenhainicher, Sachsen - Altenberg, Thuringen.

Barone von Trockau, Bayern
Barons of Trockau, Bavaria



Trockau

The left side of the page on the crest shows the arms of Groß von Trockau family, who have lived in the local castle since 1316 and who played a major role in local history. The raven and ring in the right half of the page on the arms are the symbols of Saint Oswald, the local patron Saint. The colours of the crest of Trockau are Groß shield, silver back ground, a horizontal blue strip and a vertical red strip. The colours in the shield of St Oswald are yellow back ground, black raven, land and ring are silver.

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Baron Guenther Gross von Trockau and the founder of Trockau had fought under Godfrey von Bouillon against the Infidels.

Heinrich III Gross of Trockau Bishop of Bamberg 1487-1501

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Modern Royalty of Trockau

Baron Otto Philipp Gross von Trockau / Princess Maria Ernestine Karoline Sophia von Schonburg-Harlinstein the daughter of Prince Johannes von Schonbourg and Princess Sophie von Schonburg-Harlinstein

F - i Benedikta Gross von Trockau

M - ii Johannes Gross von Trockau / Baroness Maria Karoline von Spee

Baron Franz Philipp Gross von Trockau / Baroness Theresa Marie von Spee

Die FamilienGrosszeilenführung
The Gross Family Linage

Hans XIV Gross of Lower Saxony 1648-1727. Married 1671 in Schwindratzheim, Elsass.
Frau Katherina Oltz 1654-1717. The daughter of Hans Oltz and Christina Gambs.

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Jacob Gross of Schwindratzheim, Elsass 1685-1772. Married 1711 in Schwindratzheim.
Frau Katherina Gitz 1688-1756. The daughter of Diebold Gitz and Katherina Pfister.

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Nicolas Gross of Schwindratzheim, Elsass 1718-1758. Married 1734 in Schwindratzheim.
Frau Eva Bauer 1717-1783. The daughter of Martin Bauer and Margaretha Hans.

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Johann Gross of Schwindratzheim, Elsass 1739-1792. Married 1763 in Schwindratzheim.
Frau Maria Simonin of Duntzenlhein, Elsass 1741. Died 1796 in Schwindratzheim, Elsass.
The daughter of Jacob Simonin and Katherina Dastin.

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Jacob Gross of Schwindratzheim, Elsass 1769. Died 1827 in Lachen, Rheinpfalz. Married 1789 in
Schwindratzheim. Frau Anna Duttin of Lachen, Rheinpfalz. 1776-1836.
The daughter of Michael Duttin and Maria Wagner.

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Johann George Gross of Schwindratzheim, Elsass 1807.
Died 1903 Normanby Township and Grey County, Ontario. Married 1829 in Rehme, Westfalen.
Frau Maria Anna Schröder of Rehme, Westfalen 1811.
Died 1895 in Normanby Township and Grey County, Ontario. The daughter of Herman
Schröder and Marie Bushmeyer.
This is the first generation in Canada, the 1848 pioneers.

Emigration

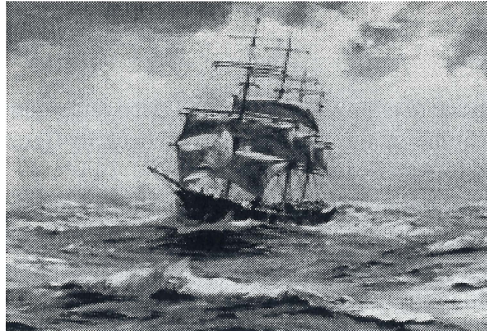
In 1803 the population of Alsace was growing at a rapid pace and young families were hard pressed to find a place to live and work. Some of the families moved back to Germany and some still farther into Russia and others had emigrated to America and the Canada's

In 1828 Johann George Gross emigrated from his home in Ercharlswiller, Bas-Rhin to Germany. At this time the German government gave the residents of the renamed Reichsland (Alsace) the option to immigrate to Germany. Johann George married his cousin Maria Anna Schröeder in 1829. He then moved to Lachen, Rheinpfalz, as this is where his mothers ancestors had come from. Their first born son Conrad was born in Lachen, Speyerdorf (now part of Neustadt, Rheinpfalz), in 1830 and then in 1832 their second born (unnamed) had died at birth. In 1832 they then moved to Baden and this is where Christian, Charles, and Wilhelm were born. They also had lost another baby (unnamed) in 1841 in Baden.

Late in the year of 1847 he received a letter from his sister Margaret in the Canada's, telling him the British Government were giving free land grants to the people of the Empire who wish to settle there. She said if he was to take up this offer he should come to Waterloo Township in Canada West. Margaret told him that William was doing well on his land and her husband William Gehl had started another sawmill in Waterloo Township. Johann George Gross in late 1848 applied to emigrate at the local board and district office and if approved, he was to prove he had no outstanding debts and show proof of a valid ticket and declare any valuables his family were taking with them. The family also needed passports, birth certificates and approval of the country to which they were immigrating. These rules were very strict for men of military age. Johann George was told that they would place him and his family on a ship free of charge to the Canada's and that a ship of the Atlantic Railway Company in England would be dispatched from Hull or London to Bremen harbour where his family was to board. They also told him what his family needed to take along with them. This was called the "Poor Mans Law" and was run by the British Immigration Department for those who would receive free land grants in Upper Canada. At this time there was a high tax on emigration in the Canada's and a lot of emigrants were going to the United States rather than paying the high immigration taxes. With the Poor Mans Law it changed and soon taxes were lowered.

** The excerpts of the letter from Margaret (Gross) Gehl were taken from that letter of the 1950 family history.*

The Ship Helen



Courtesy of Gen-144.

The British "Ship" Helen, 639 tons / 707 tons (old / new measurement). Built at St. Johns New Brunswick in 1844 for McFarland - Gould and Company of England. The Helen carried from 200 to 450 passengers. The ships Masters were; 1845/1848 Mr. Risk and 1848/1855 Mr. J. Foster. The port of registry was 1845/1848 Alloa, Scotland and 1848/1855 London, England. This vessel was built for the immigration trade with wooden plank berths that would collapse easily when the ship turned around for her trip back to England with her cargo of elm, oak and pine lumber.

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The ship list

Gross Johann George age 42 Bauer (Farmer).
Gross Maria Anna age 38 Frau mit 3 kindern. (wife with 3 children).
Gross Conrad age 18 Sohn (son) Ziegelstein - hersteller (Brick maker)
Gross Christian age 13 Sohn (son).
Gross Charles age 10 Sohn (son).
Gross Wilhelm age 4 Sohn (son).

Sailing the North Atlantic

On Monday April 17th, 1848 the ship Helen sailed from London to Bremen Harbour and than on to Quebec in the Canada's under Mr. J. Foster. Some of the passengers on board were the Groß family from Schweltdt, Germany. The cost of sailing were in percents of total sailing costs, 5% for an adult, 3% for child under 12 years of age and 1% for a child under 1 year. These percents were with provisions. The provisions supplied were; fresh water, bread, salt pork and cooking oil. Sailing the North Atlantic at anytime of the year would have been horrendous to say the least. The berths were built wide enough so that three or four people could sleep on one berth and sometimes you may have had to share a part of your berth with a stranger. With room height of just 5 1/2 feet between decks the living conditions would have grown worse with each passing day. The stink and odours below deck would have been something else for the passengers to bear. Pails were their only toilets and these would have been dumped several times a day. In the centre of the ship and below deck was placed an oil cooking stove for all to cook their meals on. When the weather was bad and the seas were rough no one was allowed to use the stove, this was due to the danger of a fire. A fire at sea in those days would have meant the end for all on board. George Groß and family were traveling on "the poor mans law". It's not what it sounds like, as the poor mans law meant that your fare was paid by the British Immigration Office in London to fill out the population for free land grants in Upper Canada through the British Emigration Office, who owned The Canada Land Company.

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Arrival at Quebec

The Helen docked at the port of Quebec on Wednesday May 31st, 1848. Sailing time was 44 days or six weeks two days. The passengers were all cleared by the emigration doctors and on Saturday June 3rd, 1848 sailed to the port of Montreal. All the German families were sent to their new homes in Hamilton, Berlin or Waterloo Township in Wellington County, Canada West. They had to walk from Montreal all the way to their various destinations, the trip would have taken them about five or six weeks

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Report of A.C. Buchanan the Emigration Agent

Notice to the 104 German emigrates on board the Ship Helen from the Port of Bremen, and who are desirous of settling in Canada West, or of obtaining employment, are informed that all necessary information for their guidance be obtained (gratis) on application at this office, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock daily, Sundays accepted. This message was translated this day 31 May 1848 by A.C. Buchanan.

Free Land Grants

A large area of Free Grant Lands are open for settlement under the Free Grant and Homestead Act, by which, on conditions of settlement, every head of the family can receive 200 acres of land; and any person over 18 years of age can receive 100 acres.

On the death of the locatee, the land vests in his widow, during her widowhood, unless she prefers to accept her dower in it. The land cannot be alienated, except by will, nor mortgaged until the patent issues, nor within twenty years of the location, without the consent of the wife, if living. Nor will it at any time be liable to be sold, under execution, for any debt contracted before or during the twenty years after the location, except for a mortgage or pledge given after the issue of the patent. It may be sold for taxes.

In order to make a successful settlement upon a free grant, the settler should have at least from £40 to £50 after reaching his location. This amount may soon be saved, or the settler may obtain work with others for a portion of the year, so as to maintain his family until his first crop is harvested.

A house, such as is required by the Act, could be erected by contract for £5 to £10; but with the assistance which the settler would certainly receive from his neighbours, it might be erected for even less. Should it be desired to clear the land by hired labour or by contract, in order to bring it more rapidly into cultivation, the cost would be about 3s to 10s per acre. The best season of the year to go on to a free grant is the month of September, after harvest work in the old settlement is over. There is time to put up a house, and get comfortably settled before the winter sets in; and during the winter the work of chopping and clearing can go on. In this way, a crop can be got in during the first spring. The operation of putting in the first crop is a very simple one. Ploughing is unnecessary. The land is rich, and all it needs is a little scratching on the surface to cover the seed. This is done with a drag or harrow.

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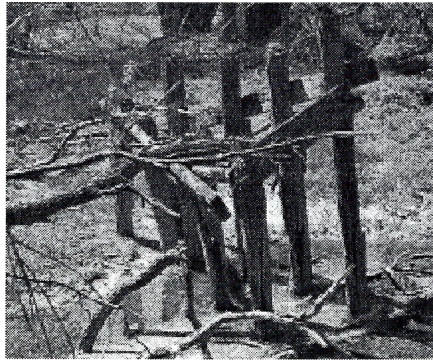
Location of Land Grants

Lot 141 South Waterloo Township, Crown Land 200 acres to Canada Land Company, 1848 to George Grosz, 1861 sold to William Anthony Gehl and deeded 1861 to Margaret Gehl

Lot 142 South Waterloo Township, Crown Land 100 acres to Canada Land Company, 1848 to Conrad Grosz, 1861 sold to William Anthony Gehl and deeded 1861 to Margaret Gehl.

The location of these lots to-day can be found on the south side of Bleams Road near Mannheim about 200 meters east of Trusler Road. Margaret Gehl was the sister of Johann George Grosz.

Arrival in Canada West



Courtesy of Pat (Holmes) Golem

The ruins of a bridge abutment in Normanby Township, built by the Grosz family c...1861

When the family arrived in Waterloo Township they were assigned their land, when Johann George saw the size of the trees he thought he would be rich in no time and began cutting them down. The trees were six feet in diameter (1.7 meters), and one hundred and ninety feet high (54.3 meters), lumber sold for about seven cents a hundred board feet (30.48 meters). When Johann George Grosz went to sell his trees and he was told he could not sell them as he didn't own them. The land was Crown Land purchased by the Canada Land Company for free land grants to immigrants and was subject to the Crown land Act. The Act reads you must live on the land without profit for one full year then you could deed it for £2 per acre (.83 cents), he was then told to read his contract. He was also told that the Canada Land Company could buy the trees from him if they wished to do so and the records confirm that they did. All he could do then was to clear cut for farming. The years went by and two more children were born to George and Marian, Henry in 1850 and Louisa in 1852. On Thursday May 17th, 1855 their oldest son Conrad was married in Mannheim. In 1859 William Gehl bought the land from George and Conrad so they could take up settling on their new Crown Land which William Gehl had given them in Normanby Township on concession 18 lots 1A. The family's industrial knowledge was put to the test when they had to build a bridge over a small river on their land and part of this bridge is still standing today (above photo). The bridge was on part of the road from the village of Hanover and it was the property owners responsibly to maintain the road in front of his land.



Courtesy of the Gross family

Johann George Gross und Maria Ann Schröder

This picture is believed to be of their wedding and would have been artist drawn

1 - iii Johann George Gross; Jacob Gross and Anna Margaretha Dutton.

Geboren am Samstag 29. August 1807, Schwindratzheim, Elsass.

Getauft am Samstag 29. August 1807, Evangelisch Lutheraner.

Born on Saturday August 29th, 1807 in Schwindratzheim, Alsace. Christened on Saturday August 29th, 1807 Lutheran. Died at home in his 96th year on Saturday August 15th, 1903 in Normanby Township and Grey County, Ontario. Interment in row 24, section # 1, Crispen Cemetery, Hanover. Cause of death was old age. Ontario Government Registration # 010854.

Occupation was a Farmer.

Married at the age of 22 years on Wednesday September 23rd, 1829 to Maria Anna Schröder age 18 years in Rehme, Westfalen.

Maria Anna Schröder; Herman Heinrich Schröder and Marie Christine Bushmeyer.

Gebornen am Freitag 08. März 1811, Rehme, Westfalen, Preussen.

Getauft am Samstag 09. März 1811, Evangelisch Lutheraner.

Born on Friday March 8th, 1811 in Rehme, Westfalen, Germany. Christened on Saturday March 9th, 1811 Lutheran. Died at home in her 84th year on Sunday December 1st, 1895 in Normanby Township. Funeral was held on Monday December 2nd 1895. Interment in row 24, section # 1, Crispen Cemetery, Hanover.

Cause of death was old age.

Johann George and Mary Ann Gross

Johann George and Mary Anna Gross were a staunch German and evangelistic couple and the golden rule that they lived by was; "When you speak of your brother you speak of me." This meant that you never speak wrong of anyone no matter what that person had said or done, to this very day this is still in family practice.

Mary Anna known as Marian lived strictly by the Holy Bible. Her day would have started around 4:30 am and have ended around 12:00 midnight, if she was lucky and didn't have any sick children to nurse through the night. After making breakfast for the family she then helped out with the logging, planting, seeding, stump pulling and threshing or where ever she was needed. One of her main daily jobs was to carry the water needed by the family. She would have had a large wooden yoke with two hand made wooden buckets hanging from each side. This she put on her shoulders and would have had to walk to the river and back home with the water of about three gallons (0.48 litres) in each bucket and this was done three or more times a day. Then when she was done helping out with the other chores she had her own work to do, baking, cleaning, washing, mending and churning butter. She also had to help look after the livestock, collecting eggs, and feeding the chickens etc. The children usually came quickly and her day took a pause long enough for the baby to be born, with cleaning and feeding of the child, back to her many chores she went without complaint. She only required a simple and modest life with her greatest reward being her children. Marian's long and hard life came to an end when she was called unto God at the age of 84 years.

Johann George now known as George also was very evangelistic in his faith. He was known in Normanby by his friends and neighbours as a quite honest and hard working and a very much respected man. George after a long, earnest and strenuous life was called unto God at 94 years of age. The funeral and memorial service took place in the morning of Tuesday August 18th, 1903 in the Evangelical Church by Rev. D.H. Brand and onto the Hanover Cemetery. The funeral was quite and largely attended by his family, friends and neighbours. The pall bears were his old friends; Peter Hesch, John Hesch, Valentine Fischer, John Spielmacker, Peter Girdot and Alexander Zettler. George and Marian rest together in the Crispen Cemetery in Hanover.

Obwohl sie an durch so einen Atem der Zeit vorbeigegangen sind.

Though they passed through such a breath of time.

The family tree of Johann George Groß and Mary Ann Schröder

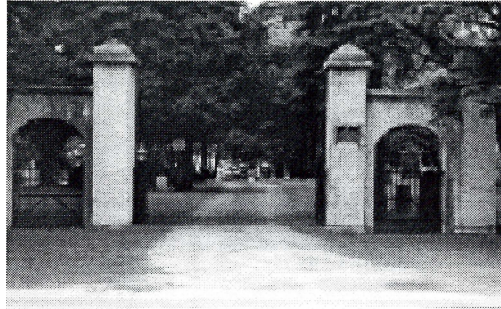
Jacob Gross Anna Duttin
1769 - 1827 1776 - 1836

Herman Heinrich Schröder Marie Christine Bushmeyer
1780 - 1822 1789 - 1829

Johann George Gross
1807 - 1903

Maria Anna Schröder
1811 - 1895

Conrad	Christian	Charles	Wilhelm	Henry	Louisa
1830	1836	1839	1845	1850	1852
1920	1917	1857	1911	1920	1928



Courtesy of Gen-144.

The Crispin Cemetery, Hanover

This early Hanover Cemetery was purchased from John Crispin for \$ 40.00 an acre and is located on lot 34, concession 2, South Durham Road in Brant Township, Hanover. The Cemetery is across the road from the new Hanover Cemetery

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Courtesy of Gen-144.

The gravestone of Johann George and Mary Ann Gross in the Crispin Cemetery. Beside them are their two Canadian born children Henry and Louisa.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington

The Homestead in Normanby

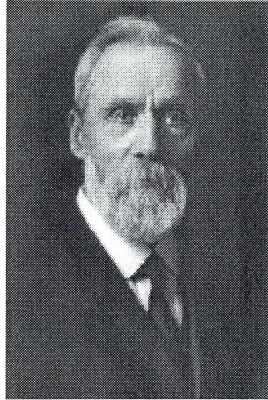
Above picture is of the old log cabin that George Gross built in 1859 on concession 18, lot 1A, in the Township of Normanby. The children in this picture are brother and sister, Earl and Marie Gross. This picture was taken at the funeral of Louisa Gross on Wednesday April 14th, 1928. The cabin had been built with many additions over the years as the family grew. Conrad and his wife lived with them in 1859 and they had four children at this time with one on the way. It wasn't long before Conrad and Barbara moved to concession 14, lot 34, in the Township of Carrick, this was just up the road from the homestead near Carlsruhe.

Marian Gross had sold 10 acres and 3 roods of block 46 to the Canada Patent Company on Friday February 18th, 1870 for \$200.00. On Thursday April 7th, 1870 the 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of block 46 from the Canada Patent Company was Crowned to George Grosz. Friday March 14th, 1879 George and his son Henry Grosz sold part 10 acres and 3 roods of block 8 for \$600.00. Wednesday June 22nd, 1881 George Grosz sold 1 and $\frac{2}{10}$ acre of block 9 for \$200.00 to the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay & Lake Erie Railway, later it became known as the Stratford & Huron Railway.

The 1871 census tells us of a July frost that hit Normanby in 1870, the farmers were worried about their potato and wheat crops as these were their main food staples. The 1901 census shows that George Gross could only speak German and could not read or write, also listed as working on his own account with no wages listed (a farmer). His youngest son Henry and Canadian born, could read, write and speak both English and German. Henry had attended school in Normanby. Also his only daughter Louisa Gross could read, write and speak both English and German, she also had attended school in Normanby. At this time we find in the county records that Johann George and Mary Ann Grosz went by the names of George and Marian Gross.

** Note the spelling of the word rods were taken from Normanby records to show the way it was spelled in the mid to late 1800's. One rod is 5.5 yards and in metric, 5.0292 meters.*

** A Township = 36 miles long by 6 miles wide and has 36 sections. A section is 36 miles long by 1 mile wide and is 640 acres. One acre = 43,560 square feet or 4,047 square meters.*



Courtesy of John and Mary Gross

Conrad Julius Gross

2 - i Conrad Julius Gross; Johann.

Geboren am Mittwoch 25. Juni 1830, Lachen, Speyerdorf, Rheinpfalz, Bayern.

Getauft am Mittwoch 25. Juni 1830, Evangelisch Lutheraner

Born Wednesday June 25th, 1830 in Lachen, in the district of Speyerdorf, RheinPfalz, Bavaria. Christened on Wednesday June 25th, 1830 Lutheran. While he was married to Barbara he was of the Baptist faith. On Monday February 17th, 1919 at home of his son John Gross, in Hanover, Ontario, Conrad converted to the Roman Catholic faith, his sponsor was Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross. Officiating was Rev. Fr. R. M. Haller. Died at 89 years of age on Thursday April 22nd, 1920. Interment is in John Gross Family Plot section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover. Cause of death was old age. Pall bears were, Philip Oehring, Joseph Messner, Joseph Heneffer, John Hundt, George Bruder Sr. and Peter Spielmacher. His Occupation was a Brick-Maker / Farmer.

**The 1901 census shows Conrad had worked 3 months and earned \$40.00, about .50 cents per day before the Brickyard closed.*

Married at 25 years of age on Thursday May 17th, 1855 in Mannheim to Barbara Donnenwerth 19 years of age from South Waterloo Township. Officiating was Rev. Henry Schneider of Berlin.

** Rev. Schneider was a Lutheran Minister.*

Barbara Marie Donnenwerth; Jacob Andre Donnenwerth and Catherine Margaret Mercklin.

Born Thursday May 14, 1836 in Mannheim and Gore District, Wellington County, Upper Canada. Barbara was christened into the Baptist faith. Died at 55 years of age on Monday January 25th, 1892 in Normanby Township, Grey County, Ontario. Interment is with her daughter Lydia in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Neustadt, Ontario. Cause of death was Corruption (infection).

**Barbara was born a twin to her brother Jacob. Barbara and Lydia's grave stone is now broken and unreadable. Also there are no pictures of Barbara to be found.*



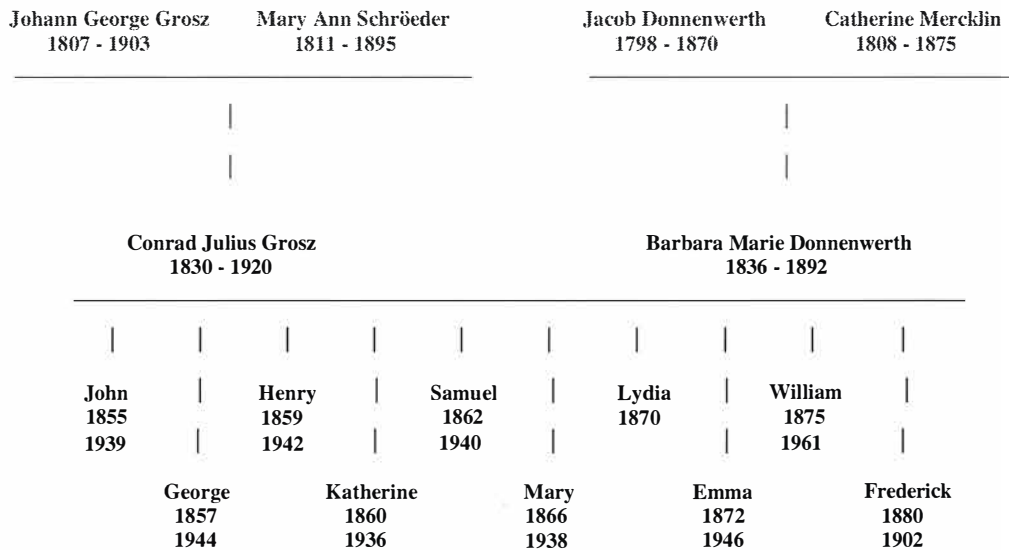
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Conrad and Barbara Gross

Conrad Julius Gross had an interesting middle name of Julius, which means, "youthful and born in July". He had been educated in the trade of Brick-Maker in Germany. As a tradesman in the masonry trade he was also a stone-carver, a good example of his stonework can be seen on the gravestone of his parents at the Crispen Cemetery in Hanover. As a young man of 18 years of age he immigrated with his parents and three brothers to Canada in 1848. This would have been very hard for him to leave Germany at this age, as the German government did not like to let those of military age leave Germany. The 1950 family history tells us of Conrad being the first born child of the family and how close he was to his mother. He was taught to be very evangelistic in his faith. When he married Barbara he took up her faith of Baptist. In April of 1900 he closed the brick yard and with his son Frederick Charles moved in with his second oldest son Henry William in Hanover. Later Henry William and his family moved to Toronto and Conrad moved in with his oldest son. John his oldest son and his wife were staunch Roman Catholic's and early in 1919 Conrad converted to the Roman Catholic faith. One day Frank & George two of the grandchildren had tied a rope around a sheet and dropped it out of the window down below and by the opened living room window was Conrad in his rocking chair reading his bible and as they moved the sheet up and down they made a noise like a ghost. Conrad also liked his beer and there is a story about him having two of his grandchildren Frank and George sneak a pail of beer upstairs to his room and hide it under his bed, so his son John would not find out about it, as John did not believe in drinking alcohol. This story was told by George Gross one of the grandchildren.

Barbara Maria Gross was born in the area of Upper Canada known as the Gore District of Wellington County. Both her parents were born in Alsace and immigrated first to the United States and then to Canada on January 1st, 1828. Her family's lineage is from Switzerland and the spelling of her surname was changed when the family's started to move into Alsace. Her family surname in Alsace was *Donnenwerth* and in Switzerland it is *Tunenworth*. Barbara could read, write and speak English, French and German. There are no pictures of Barbara to be found and it is believed that they were destroyed after she died at 55 years of age. Family folklore tells us that they didn't speak about her because she died so young. There are however a few pictures of her sisters and they look a lot like Barbara's oldest son John. In the city of Kitchener not far from the *Donnenwerth* farm there is a street named after the family. This street can be found just off *Bleams Road* on the west side of *Fisher Hallman Road* (above Picture).

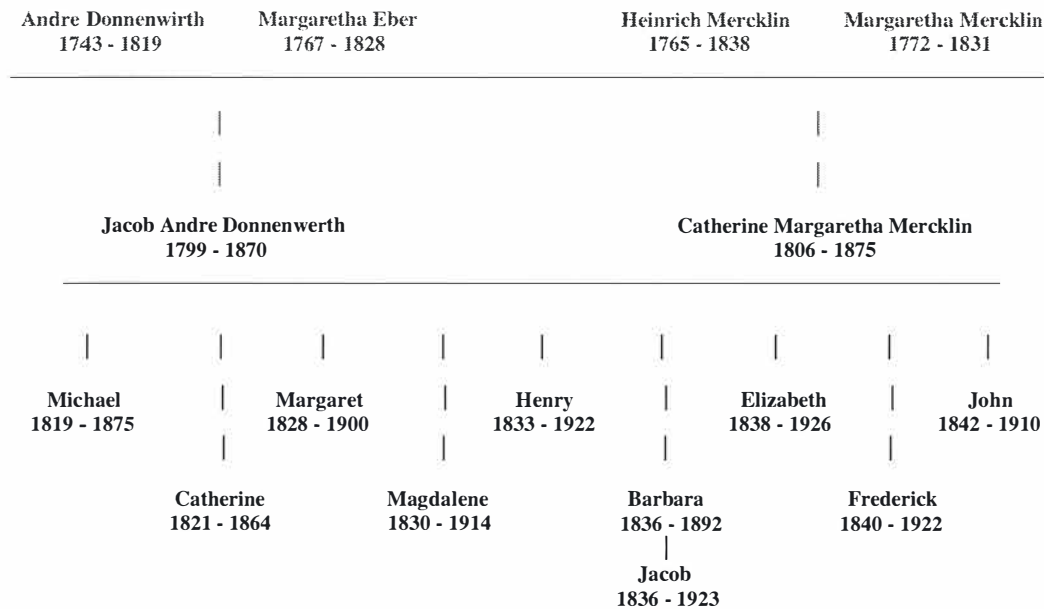
The family tree of Conrad Gross and Barbara Donnenwerth



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In Canada the family name had two spelling changes; first in 1848 from Groß to Grosz and in 1915 from Grosz to Gross. The first change was due to the English working language. The spelling would have looked like this Grofs; this is the way it was spelled in the 1851 census. The ß in the name are in fact two letters. The left side is old German script for the sharp S sound or S over S. On the right side of the letter is the old script for the letter Z. In 1915 during the First World War the name was change again to the English spelling of Gross, this was done so it would be easy to get work, as the spelling of Grosz was a German spelling.

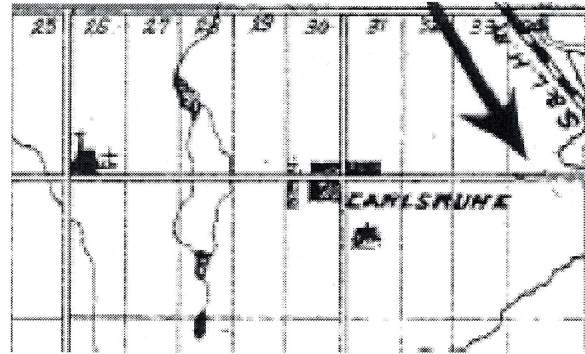
The Donnenwerth family tree



Some of this family were born in the Rhine Valley area. The Donnenwirth (French) or Donnenwerth (German) came from the towns of Mulhausen and Uhrwiller in the district of Bouxwiller. Although these two towns were just 2 kms apart the area was a great farming region of the Lower Rhine Valley of Alsace. The family was of Swiss and French heritage. After the defeat of Napoleon in 1815 the French citizens of this area had no love loss for their German neighbours. When Jacob Donnenwerth wanted to marry Catherine Mercklin the family was outraged and were against the marriage. As the story goes Jacob and Catherine eloped to be married. There is no record of the marriage to be found but that doesn't mean it didn't happen. While living in Uhrwiller they had two children born to them Michael and later Catherine. They did get married in 1823 and the marriage was blessed in the Lutheran faith. They had immigrated to Erie, New York in 1827. While in Erie their daughter Margaret was born. In 1828 Jacob immigrated to Upper Canada (Ontario), where he worked the land and built a two story log cabin and barn. About ten months later he moved his family from Erie to Mannheim and his is where the next seven children were born. The old log cabin was replaced with a new two story stone house which can still be seen on the Bleams Road near Mannheim. They practised their Lutheran faith until the day they were called unto God. Jacob and Catherine were buried in the Laischaw Mennonite Cemetery in Mannheim.

The Mercklin family came from Mulhausen and were of German heritage. They were also against the marriage of Jacob and Catherine; they gave in to the marriage 1823 and later emigrated to Upper Canada with the family of Jacob and Catherine.

Courtesy of Gen-144 and the Donnenwerth Family Tree.



Courtesy of Gen-144 files.

Map of the Carlsruhe and area

The arrow on the above map shows the location of the Grosz Brickyard on Carrick con 15, Lot 34. Just above and to the right is the Stratford and Huron Railroad line. Conrad had a trade as Brick Maker in Germany; the white clay in the area was perfect for making bricks. The lot was owned by Andrew Zettler and who also worked in the brickyard. Brick ovens were built and bricks were soon made that went into many of the buildings in the area. In the town of Carlsruhe there was a brewery owned by Jacob Kuntz and known as the Lion Brewery not far from the brickyard. This brewery was on the same side of the road as the brickyard and had a pipeline running down the hill to the brickyard, for their use. The people who had ran the Grosz Brickyard were, William Grosz (1869), Andrew Zettler (1871-1878), Johann George Grosz (1890-1893), Henry Grosz (1893) and Conrad (1893- 1900). The Grosz Brickyard closed in end of April 1900 when Conrad closed up his home on Con 14, Lot 34 and moved to Hanover and lived with his son William Henry and Mary Ann (Moyer) Grosz

Bricks on the Saint Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe were made by Conrad along with his sons John and George. They were sold to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Hamilton by Andrew Zettler (as he was a Roman Catholic), they made him the head of the Grosz Brickyard at that time, keeping in mind that the Grosz family were Baptist's and Lutheran's. Saint Francis Xavier Church was built by Fr. Francis X. Rasserts. Father Franz as he was known in his parish had bought all the building products from the Carlsruhe area to build his new Church. The church was modelled after the Cathedral in his native Roermund, Holland and built at the cost of \$9,000. Later years the bell tower was taken down and the three layers of brick were used to build the little Saint Joseph's Church in Neustadt.

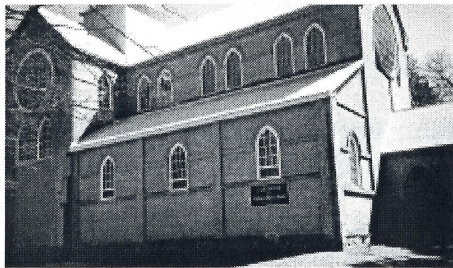
Conrad and Barbara and their family lived across the road from the brickyard on con. 14, lot 34. On this lot also lived Conrad's sons John and Henry William with their families.

**Conrad's son Henry William went by the name of William Henry.*

**The reason the brickyard closed is unknown, it could be that the death of Conrad's wife in 1892 and the fact that all the children except Frederick were married, may have had a lot to do with the closing.*

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carlsruhe

Built in 1871-72 the bricks came from the Andrew Zettler and George Grosz Brickyard in Carlsruhe. The masons were: Lorenz Wandt, John Ruetz, John Detzler, Peter Girodat, Louis Lobsinger, John Klempp, and John Werner. Peter Zettler was the head Carpenter. The church was built by Father Francis Xavier Rassaerts. He was born in Roermund Holland on Wednesday September 25th, 1833 and ordained in 1858. He came to Canada in 1864 and became pastor of Carlsruhe in 1865. Father Franz as he was known in his parish died on December 23rd, 1887 in Carlsruhe and is interned in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery directly across the road from his church.



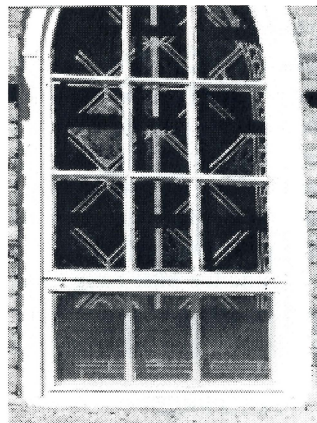
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The front of the church.



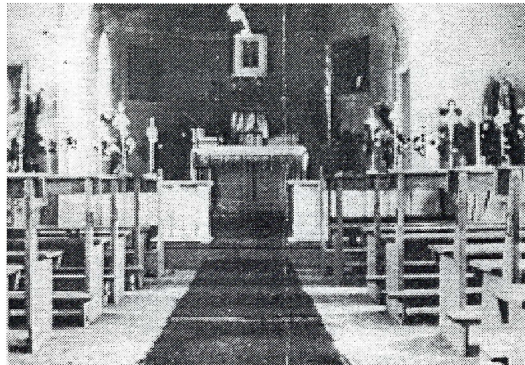
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The back of the Church.



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A view of the stained glass widows that were made in Holland in 1872 and are still there today.

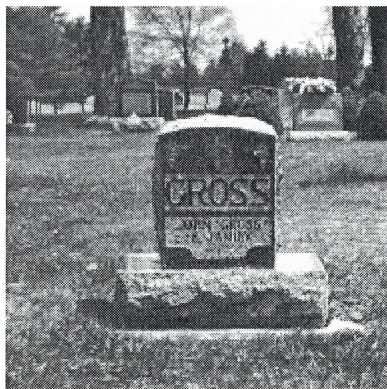


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The picture of the interior of the Old Holy Family Church in Hanover, c...1902

This old Holy Family Church was on the corner of 9th Street and 12th Avenue. The Church was blessed and dedicated to the Holy Family by Bishop Thomas Joseph Dowling of Toronto on Thursday June 17th 1897. This is the church that the earlier born children of John and Elizabeth Grosz had received their sacraments; baptism, first communion, confirmation and the funeral of Elizabeth Grosz.

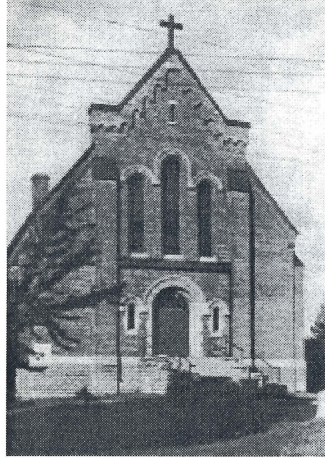
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John Gross and family plot in the Holy Family Cemetery

We the family wish to thank Marie (Gross) Bennington and Earl Gross for putting this marker on the John Gross family plot at their own expense. In this plot are in order of burial; Elizabeth (daughter) Conrad (grandfather), Lavina (daughter in-law), Barbara (daughter), Edna (daughter), John (father), Elizabeth (mother) and Lorne (son).



Courtesy of Gen-144.

The Holy Family Church in Hanover

The village of Hanover in 1896 was part of the congregation of St Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe. In that year a small committee of Catholic's headed by Mr. Valentine Kirchner leased the hall of the upper story of the Hanover Printing Plant. The first Mass was said on Sunday November 15th, 1896 by Rev. Fr. Rudolph Lehmann pastor of Carlsruhe and Hanover. The hall was used by Catholic's as a chapel for regular Sunday Liturgy from 1896 until 1897. The population of Catholic's grew and a new church was required. In 1897 the congregation purchased the United Brethren frame church on what is now 9th street and 12th Ave. On Thursday June 17th 1897 the Church was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Thomas J. Dowling of Toronto and Hamilton Diocese. The sermon was in German and given by Rev. Fr. Brohmann of Formosa. A Separate School was opened on Friday April 5th, 1912 in the frame church. The first class of the Holy family School had three of the family attending; Edna Gross, Lorne Gross and Matilda Gross.

As the Catholic community grew a new church was built and the corner stone was laid on Monday August 12th, 1912. The new church was completed in May of 1913 at a cost of \$14,712.00. The basement of the new church housed the school. In 1946 the Vice President of the CYO was Adrian Mercey. President of CWL 1954-56 and 1973-75 was Mrs. Alex Zimmer. Family members attending School in the church were; Elmer Mercey, Frank Mercey, Helen Mercey, Leonard Mercey and Madelyn Mercey. Plans again were made to build a new church in 1980

In 1924 a new two story four room school was built at a cost of \$20,671.43. Many of the family attended this school and to just name a few; Adrian Mercey, Douglas Mercey, Earl Gross, Francis Gross Sr, Francis Gross Jr. Frank Mercey, Joan Gross, John Zimmer, Leo Gross, Leonard Mercey, Marie Gross, Oliver Mercey, Pauline Zimmer and Ted Zimmer.



Courtesy of John and Mary Gross

John Grosz and Elizabeth Jantz

This picture is believed to be of their wedding in 1883

3 - i John Grosz; Conrad. Johann.

Born Thursday January 10th, 1856 in Wilmot Township, Mannheim, Ontario. His religious faiths were Lutheran and Baptist. He converted to the Roman Catholic faith in 1883 before his marriage. Died at the age of 83 years on Sunday October 8th, 1939, in Hespeler, Ontario. Requiem High Mass was held at 9am on Tuesday October 10th, in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating was Rev. Fr. I.G. Hoffarth. Interment is in the John Gross family plot section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 27 years on Tuesday January 16th, 1883 in St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario, to Elizabeth Jantz age 21 years of Carrick Township. Officiating, Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier Rassaerts, "Fr. Franz as he was known". Witnesses were Jacob Stroeder and Josephine Stemmler, and with a wedding party of Catherine and Elizabeth Stroeder.

Elizabeth Jantz; Jacob George Jantz and Catherine Marie Stroeder.

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Note; the reason for the Stroeder family going to New York first was because they still were unsure if the old emigration tax in the Canada's was still in place

Hanover Post: the week of January 17, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs John Gross
CELEBRATE 50 TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Gross celebrated their golden wedding on Monday January 16. They were married at Carlsruhe in St. Francis Xavier R. C. church by Rev. Father Franz on January 16, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Gross were blessed with thirteen children, two of whom died in later years, also 34 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Following their marriage they lived in Carlsruhe and later moved to Hanover.

Seventy guests including children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and very close friends were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gross. A dinner was served for the occasion and a social evening, with cards and dancing, was enjoyed by all.

Jerome Gross, one of the grandchildren, presented a purse of money and the address, which Follows:

My Dear Grandmother and Grandfather:

On this golden day for which we have longed.
Your dear ones gathered from far and near,
Have chosen me to tell now,
How happy they are to have you here.

Accept this little gift from grateful hearts.
A sign of our love, still strong and true.
Never shall we be able to repay,
The debt of gratitude we owe to you.

Golden wishes on golden wings we send,
May the best things in life come your way?
May you live in our midst for many a year,
God bless you! God keep you!
We pray on this day.

In reply Mrs. J Gross said I thank all my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Two children have gone before us, and I hope we will all meet in heaven.

A high mass was said by Rev. Father Hoffarth on Monday morning in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Gross, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.



Courtesy of Marie Bennington.

John and Elizabeth with grandchild (unknown) in front of their home.
John and Elizabeth's home is located at 498 11th Street in Hanover, Ontario.
The car in the back ground was believed to belong to Lorne Gross.

Hespeler Newspaper January 16, 1937

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** Note that the newspaper had mistakenly named Edwin Doerr as Edward Doerr. Jack Gross in this column is in fact John Joseph Gross. Note the name Jantz is also now spelled Yontz.*

HESPELER REP

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Courtesy of Roy Gross.

The Gross Family of Hanover about 1910

Front row L-R; George, Elizabeth (mother), Matilda, Conrad (grandfather), Edna, John (father), Albert and Lorne. Back row L-R; Joseph, Caroline (cousin), Mary (cousin), Joseph and Clara Mercey, Mary and Alexander Mercey, Barbara, Henry (cousin), Lydia (cousin), Frank and Alexander. It should be noted that at this time Conrad was about 82 years old. The cousins in this picture are of George Gross family, who is the brother to John Gross.

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Courtesy of Roy Gross

The first John Gross and family picture taken

Front row L-R; Elizabeth (mother), Matilda, Barbara, Edna, John (father), Albert and Lorne in front.
Back row L-R; Frank, Joseph, Alex, Clara, George, Mary.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington.

The second John Gross and family picture about 1918

Front row L-R; Albert, John (father), Matilda, Lorne, Joseph, Elizabeth (mother) and Alexander.
Back row L-R; George, Edna, Barbara, John, Mary, Clara and Frank.
[Elizabeth is predeceased]

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Courtesy of Ron Gross.

The last family picture taken Saturday August 16th, 1958

Front row L-R; Mary, Clara, Matilda and Albert.
Back row L-R; Lorne, Frank George and Alexander.
This picture was taken the day of Alexander Mercey's funeral in Hanover.
Two days later Albert died and Alexander died in October.

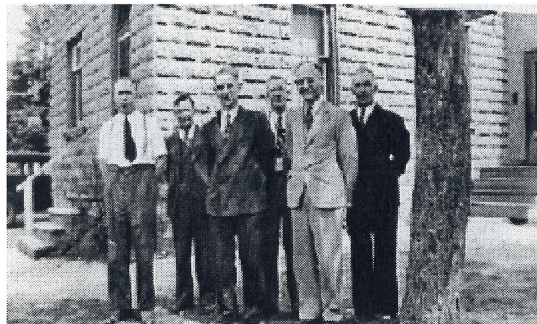


Courtesy of Ron Gross.

This picture was taken on Saturday August 16th, 1958 in Hanover

Left to right; Simon Zettler, Albert Gross, Matilda (Gross) Doerr,
Mary (Gross) Mercey and Clara (Gross) Mercey.

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Courtesy of Roy Gross

Picture taken in front of Joseph and Clara Mercey's home in Hanover.

Front row L-R; Albert and George. Back row
L-R; Lorne, Joseph Mercey, Frank, Alex.

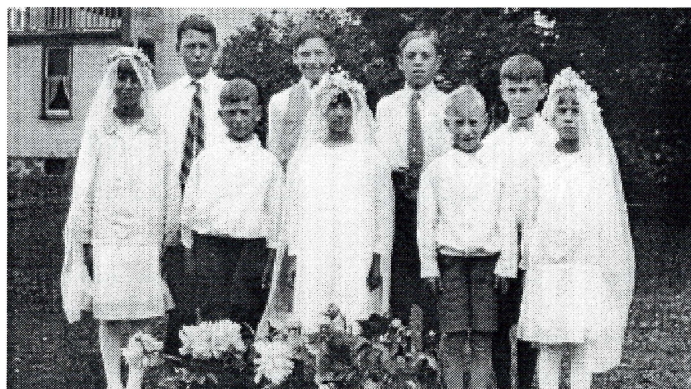


Courtesy of Roy Gross.

Grandma Elizabeth with some of her grand-children. on the far left is Lorne her son.

Well known as a mid wife; it is said that one year she had delivered more babies in Hanover then Dr. Taylor.

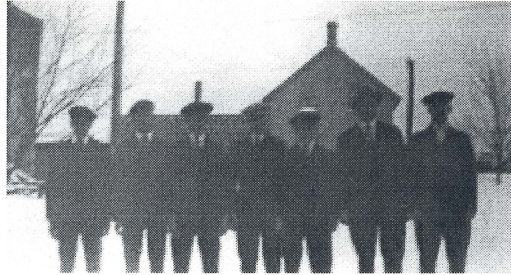
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Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington.

Confirmation day in Hanover

Front row L-R; Marie Gross, Adrian Mercey, Pauline Zimmer, Alvin Mercey, Eva Mercey.
Back row L-R; Earl Gross, Oliver Mercey, Leo Gross, Ted Zimmer.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington.

The seven Gross brothers, Hanover.

L-R; Lorne, Albert, George, Frank, Joseph, John (Jack) and Alexander.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington and John Gross and Mary Gross.

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Back row L-R; Rose Gross, Christine Henheffer, Matilda (Gross) Doerr, Elizabeth (Benninger) Doerr, Lavina (Doerr) Gross and Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross.

Centre L-R; Marie Gross and Edwin Doerr's little sister.



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L-R; Edwin Doerr, John Gross (father), Jerome Hinsberger, Joseph Gross, Earl Gross and George Gross

The bottom two pictures were taken in Hespeler (Cambridge), Ontario, and would have been taken on a Sunday afternoon. It is believed that this was the backyard of Edwin and Matilda Doerr. The circa was 1935, after John & Elizabeth Gross moved in with their daughter and son in-law Edwin and Matilda Doerr.



Courtesy of Ron Gross.

*L-R; Joseph, Edna, Albert, Clara, George.
Lorne in front.*



Courtesy of Ron Gross.

L-R; Albert, Joseph, Barbara, Frank and George.



Courtesy of John Gross.

L-R; Barbara, Matilda, Elizabeth.



Courtesy of John Gross.

Elizabeth Catherine Grosz

4 - i Elizabeth Catherine Grosz; John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Tuesday October 16th, 1883 in Carrick Township and Bruce County, Ontario. Christened on Sunday October 21st, 1883 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Officiating Fr. Francis Xavier Rassaerts. Died at 19 years of age on Wednesday April 30th, 1902 in Hanover, Ontario. Cause of death was listed as Consumption (Tuberculosis) or TB, attending Dr. Brown. Government death record # 010045-02. Funeral Mass was conducted by Rev. Fr. Joseph E. Wey on Saturday May 3rd, 1902 at the old Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in the John Grosz Family Plot section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover. Elizabeth went by the nick name of Lizzy.



Courtesy of Pauline Fidler

*Front row L-R; Alexander Zimmer and Barbara Gross.
Back row L-R; Edwin Doerr and Matilda Gross.*

4 - ii Barbara Louise Grosz; John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday July 28th, 1884 in Carrick Township. Christened Sunday August 5th, 1884 at St Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe. Officiating Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier Rassaerts. Died at the age of 46 years on Sunday August 16th, 1931 in Hanover. Cause of death was Bright 's disease. Interment in the John Gross family plot section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

**The name Bright's disease was a catch all for kidney diseases.*

Married at the age of 33 years on Tuesday August 7th, 1917 at Holy Family Church in Hanover to Alexander Zimmer age 32 years of Formosa, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Fr. J. A. Lenhard. Witnesses were, Edwin Doerr of Formosa and Matilda Gross of Hanover.

Alexander Anthony Zimmer; Henry Zimmer and Magdalena Benninger.

Born Monday August 24th, 1885 in Formosa, Ontario. Christened Tuesday August 25th, 1885 at Immaculate Mary Church in Formosa. Died at the age of 83 years on Monday September 9th, 1968 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 24, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

** Interesting note; Alexander Zimmer's mother Magdalena and Edwin Doerr's mother Elizabeth were sisters.*

5 - i John Zimmer; Barbara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday January 6th, 1916 in Hanover, Ontario. Godparents were Joseph Gross and Christine Henheffer. Died at the age of 82 years on Sunday January 11th, 1998 in Tobermory, Ontario. Interment in Dunks Bay Cemetery, Dunks Bay, Ontario.

* John was a W.W. II veteran.

Married at the age of 29 years on Wednesday July 11th, 1945 in St. George, Ontario to Lillian Jean Russell. Witnesses were Ted Zimmer and Helen Russel.

Lillian Jean Russell; Herbert Russell and Mary Ann Biggs.

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Courtesy of Mrs. Brenda (Zimmer) Wright

Front L-R; Theodore Zimmer and Eileen Hamel Back L-R; John Zimmer and Erma (Hamel) Keobel.

5 - ii Theodore Henry Zimmer; Barbara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday September 11th, 1918 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 15th, 1918 at Holy Family Church in Hanover. Sponsors were Leander Benninger and Edna Gross. Confirmed on Tuesday June 11th, 1929 at Holy Family Church in Hanover. Died at 76 years of age in Harriston, Ontario. Interment is in the Harriston Cemetery, Harriston.

Married at the age of 23 years on Wednesday January 24th, 1941 in Hanover, Ontario to Eileen Hamel.

Eileen Hamel; John Hamel and Sophia Rodhy.

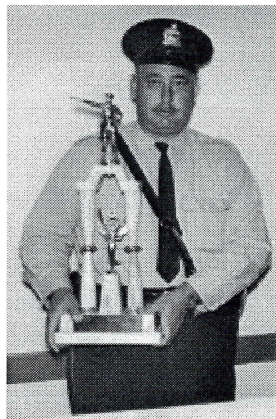
Born Tuesday December 3rd, 1918 in Hanover, Ontario. Died Tuesday March 2nd, 2004 in Stratford, Ontario. Interment in Harriston Cemetery, Harriston.



Courtesy of Mrs Brenda (Zimmer) Wright.

Zimmer family of Harriston.

Front L-R; Eileen (mother) and Brenda. Back L-R; Ronald, Ted (father), Donald.



Courtesy of Mrs. Brenda (Zimmer) Wright

Harriston's Police Chief Ted Zimmer

Ted a Police Officer for over 30 years was quite a marksman and is shown with his shooting trophy

Ted loved to hunt and fish like his father Alex Zimmer. Ted taught his grandson Jason Wright to hunt and fish and now Jason carries on this trait of an avid hunter and fisherman

Theodore, Barbara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Ronald Zimmer; born Sunday August 9th, 1942 in Hanover, Ontario.

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6 - ii Donald Zimmer; born at home on Monday January 31st, 1944 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday March 18th, 1956 in Hanover. Sponsors were Arnold and Beatrice Hamel. Married at 21 years of age on Saturday October 2nd, 1965 in the Presbyterian Church Harriston, to Kathryn McGowan age 19 years. Witnesses were; Ronald Zimmer and Donna Jean Miller.

Kathryn McGowan; Stewart McGowan and Florence Catherine Elizabeth Tilker.

7 - i Michael John Zimmer; born Thursday June 22nd, 1967 in Listowel, Ontario. Married Rebecca Kelly.

8 - i Justin Zimmer

8 - ii Curtis Zimmer

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7 - ii Scott Donald Zimmer; born Listowel, Ontario. Married Saturday October 2nd, 1999 in the Presbyterian Church in Wiarton, Ontario to Cathy Boyd. Witnesses were Cindy Boyd and Michael Zimmer.

8 - i Davis Scott Donald and Cooper Scott Patrick Zimmer; born Tuesday April 16th, 2002 in New Market, Ontario.

Theodore. Barbara. John. Conrad. Johann



Courtesy of Mrs. Brenda (Zimmer) Wright.

Vern Wright and Brenda Zimmer

6 - iii Brenda Myrtle Zimmer; born Monday April 28th, 1952 in the Walkerton Hospital. Married at the age of 20 years on Monday November 27th, 1972 at the United Church in Harriston, Ontario to Vern Wright age of 30 years. Brenda moved with her father and mother from Hanover to Harriston in 1954.

Vern Norman Wright; Norman Wright and Bernice Small.

Born Saturday January 10th, 1942 at the Mt. Forest Hospital, Mt Forest, Ontario. He was christened in the United Church in Kenilworth, Ontario.

Vern and Brenda Wright raise registered Quarter Horses and run a cow and calf operation on their farm near Harriston, Ontario. Both their children Laurie-Kay and Jason grew up riding horses competitively, they both became accomplished riders, showing in Ontario and the East Coast of Canada



Courtesy of Mrs. Brenda (Zimmer) Wright.

Laurie-Kay Wright and Bill Farrell

7 - i Laurie-Kay Patricia Eileen Wright; born Friday April 27th, 1973 in the Palmerston District Hospital, Palmerston, Ontario. Married at the age of 22 years of age on Saturday May 27th 1995 to Bill Farrell age 28 years. The wedding ceremony was held outdoors in the Mathews "It'l Do Park".

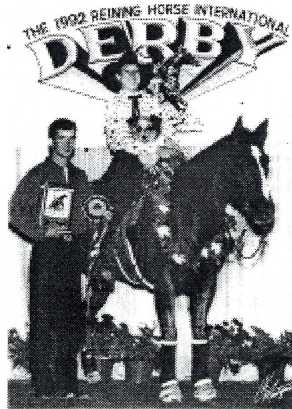
Bill Farrell; Larry and Sylvia Farrell.
Born Tuesday April 4th, 1967.

8 - i Mandy Dawn Farrell; born Monday March 9th, 1998 in the Orillia Hospital, Orillia, Ontario.

8 - ii Danielle Nicole Farrell; Born Thursday February 24th, 2000 in the Orillia Hospital, Orillia, Ontario.

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7 - ii Jason Norman Wright; born Friday June 20th, 1975 in the Palmerston District Hospital, Palmerston, Ontario.



Photo's courtesy of Mrs. Brenda (Zimmer) Wright.

Left picture; Laurie-Kay Wright and her buddy Heza Banjo Dude (or Hobo as she calls him) at the 1992 Reining Horse International Derby in St Paul, Minnesota.

Right picture; In February of 1993, the National Reining Horse Association, for the first time in its history, awarded two world championships to the same rider. The recipient was Laurie-Kay Wright, a diminutive 19 year old reining sensation from the small community of Harriston, Ontario.

In 1989 Laurie-Kay bought a horse called Heza Banjo Dude from John Snobelin (Member of Parliament). John's wife Valerie was Laurie-Kay's Coach. Laurie-Kay went on to show across Canada and all of the United States, as well as in Germany. In 1991 she was Reserve World Champion, and in 1992 became a two time Word Champion. Her grandparents Ted and Eileen Zimmer were at many of her shows and were glowing with pride. In 1993 Laurie-Kay went to Seneca College where she graduated with honours as a Furrier. She now owns her own business. Laurie-Kay with her husband Bill resides on their farm in Beaverton, Ontario, where they raise registered Quarter Horses and have a cow and Calf operation. Both their children Mandy and Danielle like riding and at their ages six and four already have accumulated several ribbons.

Jason Wright went on to be a truck driver and currently holds an A-Z licence. He is an avid hunter and fisherman.



Courtesy of Harold and Pauline Fidler

Harold Fidler and Pauline Zimmer

Picture is of Wedding and their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990.

5 - iii Pauline Matilda Barbara Zimmer; Barbara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday October 4th, 1921 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday October 9th, 1921 at Holy Family Church in Hanover. Sponsors were Edwin Doerr and Matilda Gross.

Married at 19 years of age on Thursday November 28th, 1940 in the Lutheran Church, Ayton, Ontario to Harold Fidler 23 years of age. Witnesses were Percy Marten and Lillian Fidler.

Harold Fidler; August Isadore Fidler and Christine Hanna.

Born Tuesday January 8th, 1917 in Neustadt, Ontario.

* Harold is a W.W.II veteran.

Harold's grandparents were Peter Fidler and Sophia Plantz of Neustadt, Ontario.
Interesting to note that Harold Fidler and Magdalena (Fidler) Gross are first cousins.



Courtesy of Ron & Evelyn Gross.

Harold Fidler and Pauline Zimmer.



Courtesy of Ron & Evelyn Gross.

Certificates of Recognition



Courtesy of Ron & Evelyn Gross.

Relatives and Friends

On Sunday October 23rd, 2005, Harold and Pauline celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their relatives and friends. The event started at 2pm and went until 4pm in the Hanover Lawn Bowling Club on 6th Street (A). It was a "Come and Go Celebration" and a lunch was served that was both plentiful and delicious. The celebration was held at an earlier date in case the weather would be bad, so that all could attend. Their wedding anniversary date is November 28th, 1940. Harold and Pauline received certificates from the Queen and Governor General, Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario and Mayor of the Town of Hanover. Harold age 88 years and Pauline age 84 years had a good time welcoming all those they knew. Both were born in Grey County and are good citizens of Hanover.

Pauline, Barbara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Marilyn Fidler; born Saturday May 31st, 1941. Spouse; Bennett.

7 - i Deborah Bennett; born Friday November 15th, 1957. Spouse; Caswell.

8 - i Stacy Caswell; born Sunday March 18th, 1973. Spouses; 1st Neil, 2nd Joseph Borth born Monday October 29th, 1973.

9 - i Kelsie Neil; born Sunday April 26th, 1992.

9 - ii Kyler Borth; born Sunday November 22nd, 1998.

9 - iii Connor Borth; born Tuesday July 10th, 2001.

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8 - ii Kenneth Caswell; born Sunday November 3rd, 1974. Spouse; Rebecca Cuffe born Monday September 17th, 1973.

9 - i Madelyn Caswell; born Tuesday January 22nd, 2002.

9 - ii Reid Caswell; born Sunday January 25th, 2004.

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8 - iii Cory Caswell; born Wednesday May 16th, 1979.

9 - i Keegan Caswell; born Tuesday July 13th, 2004.

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7 - ii Ronald Bennett; born Friday November 28th, 1958.

8 - i Aleesha Bennett; born Monday October 29th, 1977.

8 - ii Travis Bennett; born Sunday August 12th, 1984.

Pauline. Barbara. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iii Brenda Bennett; Born Friday January 8th, 1960. Spouse; Ortman.

8 - i Michael Ortman; born Wednesday December 7th, 1977. Spouse; Alisa Miller born Monday July 28th, 1980.

8 - ii Wanita Ortman; born Monday March 12th, 1979. Spouse; Bauman.

9 - i Brianna Bauman; born Tuesday January 22nd, 2002.

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7 - iv Nancy Bennett; born Monday September 4th, 1961. Spouses; 1st Talbot, 2nd Patrick Reardon born Tuesday August 3rd, 1965.

8 - i Daryl Talbot; born Thursday October 20th, 1983.

8 - ii Donald Talbot; born Monday July 22nd, 1985.

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7 - v Kenneth Bennett; born Tuesday November 6th, 1962.

8 - i Kyle Bennett; born Sunday January 29th, 1984.

8 - ii Keelan Bennett; born Tuesday July 22nd, 1986.

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6 - ii Ronald Fidler; born Saturday February 22nd, 1947. Spouse; Shirley Heaney born Sunday June 17th, 1945.



Courtesy of Frank and Shirley Mercey

*Front row L-R; Alexander Mercey and Mary Grosz
Back row L-R; Joseph Mercey, Clara Grosz, Alexander Grosz and Matilda Grosz.*

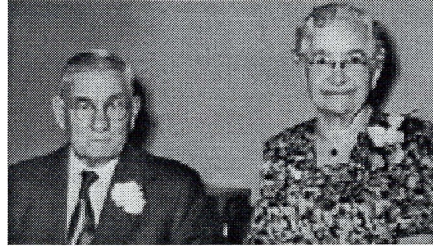
4 - iii Mary Magdalene Grosz; born Wednesday July 14th, 1886 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Christened Saturday July 17th, 1886 at St Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe. Died at 82 years on Monday January 20th, 1969 in Hanover. Funeral was on Wednesday January 22nd, 1969 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 21 years of age on Tuesday May 12th, 1908 in Hanover to Alexander Mercey 24 years of age from Walkerton, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Fr. J.A. Lenhard. Witnesses were Joseph Mercey of Walkerton and Clara Grosz of Hanover. With wedding party of Matilda Grosz and Alexander Grosz both of Hanover.

Alexander Joseph Mercey; *Anthony Mercey and Catherine Rufina Graff.*

Born Friday August 17th, 1883 in Walkerton, Ontario. Died Thursday August 14th, 1958 in Hanover, Ontario. Funeral was on Saturday August 16th, 1958 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Hanover Post of May 13th, 1958.



Courtesy of Ron Gross.

HANOVER COUPLE - Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mercey of Hanover celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday. He has been a patient at Hanover Hospital.

Man in Hospital, Couple Mark 50th Anniversary

Mr. And Mrs. Alex Mercey of Hanover celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. But it wasn't the big celebration Mr. Mercey had planned last year. He has been a patient in the Hanover Hospital for the past eight months after suffering a stroke. However, the staff of the hospital had him dressed for the occasion.

The couple were married in the old Holy family Church which was situated about 50 yards from their present home.

Mrs. Mercey was the former Mary Gross, the third oldest of a family of 13 born to the late Mr. And Mrs. John Gross of Carlsruhe.

Mr. Mercey was born in Walkerton a son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mercey. Mr. Mercey was a furniture worker until about 28 years ago when he retired because of a leg condition.

The couple had a family of seven. Elmer and Leonard, both of Hanover are the only surviving members. High Mass will be said at the Holy Family Church on May 17th, 1958.

* The fourth paragraph was written: Mr. Gross was born in Walkerton a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gross. This was a mistake by the newspaper reporter and was corrected on this page.

5 - i Clarence John Joseph Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday February 8th, 1909 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Saturday February 13th, 1909 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were John Grosz and Barbara Grosz. Confirmed at 10 years of age on Thursday May 22nd, 1919 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at the age of 14 years on Friday February 1st, 1924 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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5 - ii Elmer Anthony Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday August 31st, 1910 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 4th, 1910 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Joseph Mercey and Evelyn Grosz. Confirmed at the age of 9 years on Thursday May 22nd, 1919 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at the age of 66 years on Friday March 11th, 1977 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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5 - iii Florence Elizabeth Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday August 1st, 1912 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday August 4th, 1912 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at the age of 32 years on Saturday March 25th, 1944 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 26 years on Thursday August 31st, 1939 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Gerald Sibbald of Durham, Ontario.

Gerald Sibbald; John Sibbald and Wenniford Faegan.

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5 - iv Leonard Herman Alexander Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

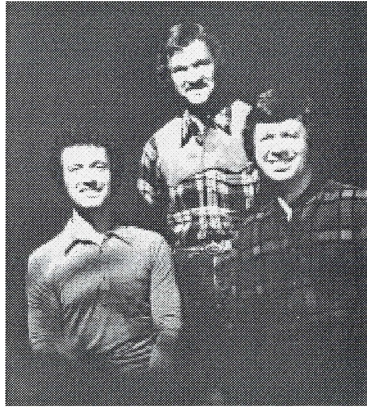
Born Saturday December 12th, 1914 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday December 20th, 1914 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Herman Frank and Clara Grosz. Died at the age of 58 years on Sunday February 7th, 1973 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 23 years on Thursday June 30th, 1938 in Markdale, Ontario to Cecelia O'Henly 21 years of age.

Cecilia Mary O'Henley; Malcolm O'Henley and Ethel Sewell.

Born Wednesday June 6th, 1917 in Glenelg Township and Grey County, Ontario. Died at the age of 42 years on Friday April 15th, 1960 in Owen Sound, Ontario. Interment in section 2, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Leonard, Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.



Courtesy of Larry Mercey.

The Mercey Brothers

6 - i Lawrence Oliver Mercey; born Tuesday December 12th, 1939 in Hanover, Ontario. Married on Tuesday May 19th, 1964 in Kitchener, Ontario to Darlene June Rankin. Darlene was born on Wednesday June 19th, 1935 in Appin, Ontario.

7 - i Shana Lyn Mercey; born Tuesday May 25th, 1965 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, on Saturday October 1st, 1986 in St. Teresa of Avila Church , Elmira, Ontario to Leslie Robert Corrigan. Married 2nd, on Friday January 17th, 1992 in Kitchener to Gary William Graham. Gary was born on Tuesday April 13th, 1965 in London, Ontario.

8 - i Danielle Julia Graham; born Friday June 19th, 1987 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Dillon Lawrence Graham; born Friday June 12th, 1992 in London, Ontario.

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7 - ii David Mercey; born Wednesday March 18th, 1970 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Married on Saturday May 31st, 1997 to Wendy Soulier. Wendy was born on Monday January 22nd, 1973.

Leonard, Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

8 - i Jake Mercey; born Friday September 16th, 1988 in Pembroke, Ontario.

8 - ii Anthony Mercey; born Monday May 6th, 1991 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - iii Casandra Mercey; born Wednesday July 1st, 1992 in Kitchener, Ontario. Died on Wednesday July 29th, 1992 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - iv Ashley Mercey; born Thursday June 17th, 1993 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - ii Raymond Gerald Mercey; born Thursday November 21st, 1940 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday December 1st, 1940 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married 1st, Thursday March 1st, 1962 in Hanover, Ontario to Jeannette Clancy. Jeannette was born on Friday April 6th, 1945 Cargill, Ontario. Married 2nd, Saturday January 4th, 1975 in Stratford, Ontario to Mary Clothilde Ferguson . Mary was born on Saturday June 7th, 1947 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - i Dawnia Dee Barbara Mercey; born Sunday September 23rd, 1962 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 14th, 1962 in Hanover. Married Monday May 25th, 1998 in St Jacobs, Ontario to Darren Robert McLeod. Darren was born on Tuesday February 25th, 1969 in St Thomas, Ontario.

8 - i Jesse Alexander McLeod; born Friday August 31st, 1990 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Rayann Mackenzie Lunn McLeod; born Thursday October 15th, 1998 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Leonard, Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii Brian Alexander Mercey; born Monday June 1st, 1964 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married on Tuesday December 29th, 1992 in Kitchener, Ontario to Linda May Przygonski. Linda was born on Sunday May 22nd, 1966 the daughter of Henri Przygonski and Janet Kusy.

8 - i Natasha Alexandria Downia Mercey; born Thursday April 10th, 1992 in Penticton, British Columbia.

8 - ii Clayton Raymond Henry Mercey; born Thursday June 20th, 1996 in Penticton, British Columbia.

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7 - iii Sarah Anne Mercey; born Thursday November 20th, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married on Saturday December 28th, 1996 in Collingwood, Ontario to Jason Boose. Jason was born on Sunday October 10th, 1971 in Windsor, Ontario.

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7 - iv Michael Raymond; born Thursday April 28th, 1977 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - v Christa Mary Mercey; born Saturday February 16th, 1980 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - vi Laura Cecilia Mercey; born Wednesday February 6th, 1985 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Leonard, Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - iii Lloyd Joseph Mercey; born Wednesday December 12th, 1945 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Tuesday December 25th, 1945 at Holy family Church, Hanover. Married on Tuesday February 25th, 1969 in Stratford, Ontario to Connie Elizabeth Smith. Connie was born on Thursday November 9th, 1944 in Clinton, Ontario.

7 - i Derek John Mercey; born Saturday July 11th, 1970 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married on Saturday September 28th, 1996 in Elmira, Ontario to Angela Martin. Angela was born on Tuesday March 11th, 1969 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - i Zoe Elizabeth Mercey; born Monday September 24th, 2001 in Whitby, Ontario.

8 - ii Jaxon Phoenix Mercey; born Tuesday April 26th, 2005 in Whitby, Ontario.

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7 - ii Celia Suzanne Mercey; born Thursday January 4th, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario.

5 - v Oliver John Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday December 24th, 1917 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Tuesday January 1st, 1918 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died Wednesday December 6th, 1939 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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5 - vi Eva Marie Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday May 9th, 1922 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday May 21st, 1922 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Frank Gross and Olivia Young. Died at the age of 30 years on Saturday September 6th, 1952 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 20 years on Wednesday July 15th, 1942 in Hanover to William Schlosser.

William Schlosser; William Schlosser and Anne Halk.

Born Wednesday March 18th, 1914 in Formosa, Ontario. Christened on Sunday March 22nd, 1914 at Mary Immaculate Church, Formosa.

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5 - vii Ralph Alexander Mercey; Mary, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday January 6th, 1930 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 12th, 1930 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Joseph Gross and Christine Heneffer. Died Friday January 24th, 1930 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 17, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.



Courtesy of Mrs. Dorothy (Gross) Chesley.

*Back row L-R; Louis Runstedtler, Barbara Gross, Patrick Quirk and Annie Runstedtler.
Front row; Alexander and Maria Evelina Gross*

4 - iv Alexander Gross; John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Friday March 16th, 1888 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Christened on Friday March 23rd, 1888 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe. Officiating was Father E. Laussie. Sponsors were; Alexander Zettler and Catherine Wetenheaven. Confirmed at the age of 17 years, at the Holy Family Church in Hanover, on Friday October 7th, 1904. Confirmation name chosen was Paul. Officiating was Bishop John Farrell, the first bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Died at the age of 70 years on Sunday October 5th, 1958 in Woodstock, Ontario. Interment is in the St. Mary's Cemetery plot number 45, Woodstock, Ontario.

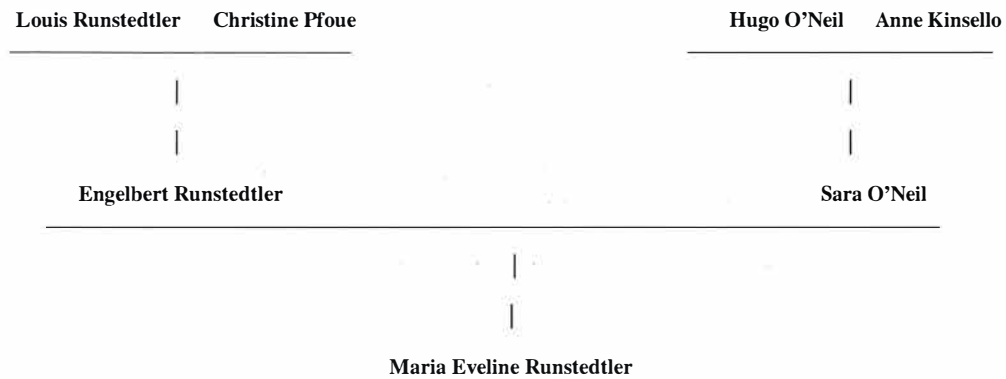
** Alexander Gross is a World War I. Veteran.*

Married at 22 years of age on Tuesday August 23rd, 1910 at the Sacred Heart Church in Walkerton, to Maria Evelina Runstedtler 19 years of age, of Walkerton. Officiating was Father P.J. Meyer. Witnesses were; Patrick Quirk and Annie Runstedtler. Wedding party; Louis Runstedtler and Barbara Gross.

Maria Evelina Runstedtler; Engelbert Runstedtler and Sara O'Neil.

Born Friday July 10th, 1891 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened on Friday July 31st, 1891 at the Sacred Heart Church in Walkerton. Officiating was Father B. J. O'Connell. Sponsors were; John Crowley and Margaret Culliton. Died at the age of 67 years on Saturday September 7th, 1968 in Woodstock, Ontario. Interment is with her husband in St. Mary's Cemetery, plot number 45 in Woodstock, Ontario.

The Runstedtler Family Tree



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In 1868 Louis Runstedtler purchased a sawmill one mile east of Carlsruhe from Louis Lobsinger. He ran the sawmill for a short time before the dam broke away. A few months later he sold the sawmill and worked in Normanby Township as a carpenter and framer-contractor, this occupation he listed in 1881. Later he and his wife are found in Walkerton. Engelbert Runstedtler was born in Walkerton.

Hugo and Anne O'Neil and family lived on Con. 11 Lot 23 in Brant Township. This is where Sara O'Neil was born.



*Alex Gross & Eveline
Runstedtler.*



*Roy, Vera and Kenneth
Duro St., Stratford -1929*

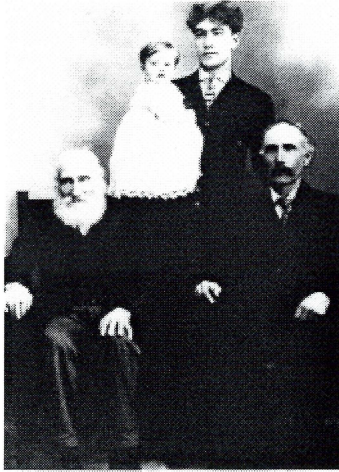


*L-R; Louis, Vera, Kenneth, Evelyn, Roy,
Dorothy and Walter.
Picture taken at Evelyn's home on Saturday
September 7th, 1968 on the day of their
mother's funeral in Woodstock.*



*L-R; Jean (Gordon) Gross,
Roselyn Gross.
Front; Dorothy Gross.*

Courtesy of Dorothy (Gross) Chesley.



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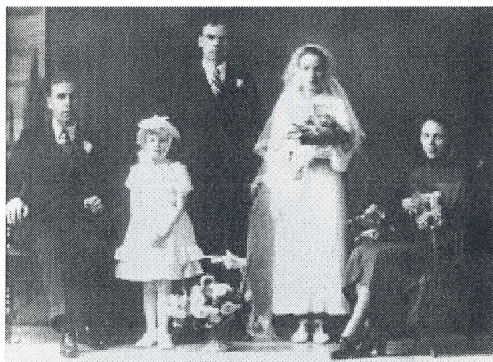
The above picture shows one of the two fourth generation photo's of the Gross family. In the above photo are left to right; Conrad Gross (great-grandfather), Walter Gross (baby), Alexander Gross (father) and John Gross (grandfather). There is another photo almost the same as this one but with Louis Gross. Both these pictures are of Alexander and Eveline Gross's children.

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About the people in this picture

The above picture was taken about 1911 -1914. Conrad Gross was a Brick-maker in Carlsruhe. He died in Hanover in 1920. John Gross worked as a Brick-maker and also worked in one of the Furniture Factories in Hanover. He died in 1939 in Hespeler. Alexander Gross had served on the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department and his occupation was a painter and finisher in the Furniture Industry. Alexander and Evelyn lived in Hanover, Walkerton, Stratford and Woodstock respectively. Alexander died in 1958 and Evelyn in 1968. Walter Gross went on to become an upholsterer in California where he died in 1994. Louis moved to Elliot Lake where he died in 1992. Both these children watch their father board a train in Hanover as he headed off to war in June 1915. In 1917 Walter, Louis along with their mother were on the stage in the Walkerton Opera House to witness Mayor Johnston along with the town of Walkerton do Honour to their father Alexander Gross who had just returned home after being badly wounded. The town of Walkerton had referred to Alexander Gross as their Hero, as he had been wounded fighting for the Empire.

* Our grateful thanks to Mr. Kenneth Holmes for the photo -repair of this picture.



Courtesy of Dorothy (Gross) Chesley

L-R; Louis Gross, Dorothy Gross, Walter Gross, Jean Gordon and Rose Brunzlaw.

5 - i Walter Engelbert Gross; Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday November 29th, 1911 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at Holy Family Church on Sunday December 3rd, 1911. Sponsors were Joseph Gross and Ann Runstedtler. Died at the age of 82 years on Monday January 10th, 1994 in California U.S.A. Married at the age of 24 years on Saturday September 26th, 1936 at Immaculate Conception Church in Stratford, Ontario to Jean Gordon. Witnesses were Louis Gross and Rose Brunzlaw.

Jean Gordon; Alexander and Mary Gordon

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5 - ii Louis Alexander Gross; Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann

Born Thursday June 18th, 1914 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday June 21st, 1914 at Sacred Heart Church in Walkerton. Officiating was Father R.M. Holler. Sponsors were Louis Runstedtler and Margaret Quirk. Died at 77 years on Saturday February 1st, 1992 in Elliot Lake, Ontario. Interment is at Woodland Cemetery, lot 1375/76 in Elliot Lake. Married at the age of 26 years on Saturday June 29th, 1940 at St. Joseph's Church in Stratford, Ontario to Irene Simpson, age 26 years. Officiating was Father William Simpson, brother of the bride. Witnesses were Armand Gravelle and Catherine Anthony.

Irene Victoria Simpson; Robert Patrick Simpson and Clara McCaffrey.

Born Wednesday January 7th, 1914 in Stratford, Ontario. Christened on Wednesday January 14th, 1914 at St. Joseph's Church in Stratford, Ontario. Died at 89 years on Tuesday May 20th, 1994 in Elliot Lake, Ontario. Interment is at Woodland Cemetery, lot 1375/76 in Elliot Lake.

Louis, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Donald James Gross; born Friday September 10th, 1943 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Christened on Friday September 24th, 1943 at Holy Name Church in Kirkland Lake. Sponsors were; Ambrose Whalen and Catherine (Simpson) Anthony. Married at 27 years of age on Saturday August 7th, 1971 in Timmins, Ontario to Paulette Gemme. Witnesses were; William Gross and Jeanette Gemme.

Paulette Margi Gemme; Laurent Gemme and Pauline Plouffe.

7 - i Debbie Irene Gross; born Tuesday March 29th, 1973 in Sudbury, Ontario. Christened April 1973 at St. Patrick's Church in Sudbury. Sponsors were; Thomas Gross and Peggy Gross.

7 - ii Adam Lawrence Gross; born Thursday May 9th, 1974 in Sudbury, Ontario. Christened May 1974 at St. Patrick's Church in Sudbury. Sponsors were; Jean Marc and Laurette Pacquet. Married at 22 years of age on Friday May 10th, 1996 to Jane Hall.

7 - iii John Gross; born Friday October 12th, 1979 in Sudbury, Ontario. Christened at Holy Redeemer Church in Sudbury. Sponsors were; William Louis Gross and Rose (Zerebesk) Gross.

7 - iv Marie Paulette Gross; born Tuesday February 3rd, 1981 in Sudbury, Ontario.

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6 - ii Margaret Rose Angela Gross; born Tuesday February 4th, 1947 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Christened on Friday February 28th, 1947 at Holy Name Church in Kirkland Lake. Sponsors were; Kenneth Gross and Vera Gross. Married at the age of 28 years on Saturday June 28th, 1975 at St. Joseph's Church in Stratford, Ontario to Orville Montgomery. Witnesses were; Thomas Gross and Judy Fitzner.

Orville Montgomery; Edward Montgomery and Minnie Lewis.

Louis, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - i Pam Montgomery; born Monday June 23rd, 1980 in Stratford, Ontario. Christened on Friday August 8th, 1980. Sponsors were; Thomas and Carole Gross.

7 - ii Chad Montgomery; born Sunday January 3rd, 1982 in Stratford, Ontario. Christened in 1982 at St. Joseph's Church in Stratford. Sponsors were; Bob and Margaret Philips.

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6 - iii William Louis Gross; born Tuesday April 6th, 1948 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Christened on Sunday April 25th, 1948. Sponsors were; Ambrose and Patricia Whalen. Married at the age of 23 years on Saturday October 16th in Atikokan, Ontario to Rose Zerebeski.

Rose Zerbeski; William Zerebeski and Annie Bovchuk.

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6 - iv Thomas Michael Gross; born Monday November 12th, 1949 in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Christened on Sunday December 4th, 1949 at Holy Name Church in Kirkland Lake. Sponsors were; Henry and Hazel Dinel. Married at 29 years of age on Saturday September 1st, 1979 at St. Mary's Church in Kirkland Lake to Carolee Hervieux.

Carolee Hervieux; Lucien Hervieux and Anita Major.

7 - i Michael David Joseph Gross; born Monday August 30th, 1982 in Elliot Lake, Ontario. Christened September 1982 at Our Lady Of Fatima Church in Elliot Lake. Officiating was Father Mulahey. Sponsors were; Arthur and Linda Lou Nelson.

7 - ii William Victor Gross; born Tuesday August 28th, 1984 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Christened St. Mary's Church in Elliot Lake. Sponsors were; William and Rose Gross.

5 - iii Evelyn Marie Gross; Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Sunday August 24th, 1918 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 1st, 1918. Sponsors were George Gross and Olivia (Young) Gross. Died Friday April 14th, 1995 in Woodstock, Ontario. Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, Woodstock.

Married at the age of 24 years on Saturday November 14th, 1942 at St. Mary's Church in Woodstock to Leo Patrick Sweeney age 31 years. Officiating was Father E. A. O'Donnell. Witnesses were; Hugh Sweeney and Vera Gross.

Leo Patrick Sweeney; John F. Sweeney and Mary McCabe.

Born Tuesday June 20th, 1911. Christened Sunday July 9th, 1911. Died Tuesday September 16th, 1986 in Woodstock, Ontario. Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery in Woodstock.

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Evelyn. Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann.

Twin;

6 - i Larry Patrick Sweeney; born Tuesday March 20th, 1945 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married at the age of 25 years on Saturday October 3rd, 1970 in Woodstock to Jane Madeline Reynolds age 24 years.

Jane Madeline Reynolds; William Reynolds and Joan Madeline Winifred Powell.

Born Sunday February 3rd, 1946 in Woking, England.

7 - i Sara Jane Sweeney; born Wednesday November 1st, 1972 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married at the age of 25 years on Saturday October 24th, 1998 in Woodstock to James Andrew DeKrauw age 27 years from Woodstock, Ontario.

James Andrew DeKrauw; Antonius DeKrauw and Linda Mae Cornforth.

Born Tuesday September 15th, 1970 in Woodstock, Ontario.

8 - i Jorden Leigh DeKrauw; born Sunday February 27th, 2000 in Woodstock, Ontario.

8 - ii Matthew James DeKrauw; born Saturday April 12th, 2003 in Woodstock, Ontario.

Evelyn. Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - ii Lynn Patricia Sweeney; born Friday October 7th, 1977 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married Civil; to Kristopher Francis Hazen.

Kristopher Francis Hazen; born Friday April 5th, 1974 in Woodstock, Ontario.

8 - i Kyrson Evelyn Sweeney Hazen; born Friday November 21st, 1997 in Woodstock, Ontario.

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Twin;

6 - i Leo Joseph Sweeney; born Tuesday March 20th, 1945 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married at the age of 21 years on Saturday February 4th, 1967 in Woodstock to Nancy Eileen Smith age 20 years.

Nancy Eileen Smith; Harold Elmer Smith and Betty Eileen Noble.
Born Friday May 31st, 1946 in Midland, Ontario.

7 - i Robert Joseph Sweeney; born Monday August 14th, 1967 in Windsor, Ontario. Married at the age of 33 years on Saturday July 14th, 2001 in LaSalle, Ontario to Jennifer Darlene Raabe age 31 years.

Jennifer Darlene Raabe; Peter Juergen Raabe and Christine Thora Barratt.
Born Tuesday August 18th, 1970 in Woodstock, Ontario.

8 - i Alyssa Christina Sweeney; born Friday December 18th, 1998 in Windsor, Ontario.

Evelyn, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii Michael Patrick Sweeney; born Saturday January 31st, 1970 in Windsor, Ontario. Married civil; 1st to Tracy Bailey. Married Civil; 2nd to Theresa MacCormack.

Tracy Bailey; born Thursday February 5th, 1970.

Theresa MacCormack; James MacCormack and Nancy Lou McLeod.
Born Thursday May 28th, 1970.

8 - i Samantha Jane Bailey; born Thursday January 23rd, 1992 in Windsor, Ontario.

8 - ii Nicolas Michael Sweeney; born Friday September 15th, 1995 in Windsor, Ontario.

8 - iii > Andrew Joseph Sweeney; born Tuesday October 22nd, 1996 in Windsor, Ontario.

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6 - iii Mary Margaret Sweeney; born Thursday June 6th, 1957 in Wood Stock, Ontario. Married at the age of 18 years on Saturday August 30th, 1975 at St. Mary's Church in Woodstock to Ronald Gordon Haynes age 21 years from London, Ontario.

Ronald Gordon Haynes; Raymond Keith Haynes and Bernice Joyce Bragg.
Born Monday April 26th, 1954 in London, Ontario.

7 - i Tiffany Anne Haynes; born Sunday January 25th, 1982 in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

7 - ii Alexander Keith Patrick Haynes; born Monday February 10th, 1986 at the Grace Maternity Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

5 - iv Vera Gertrude Gross; Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday March 9th, 1920 in Hanover, Ontario. Baptism at Holy Family Church in Hanover. Sponsors were; John Gross and Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross. Died at the age of 77 years 16 days on Friday February 20th, 1998 in Woodstock, Ontario. Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, Woodstock.

** There is a mix-up with the dates on Vera's baptism record. The record showed that she was christened on March 7th, 1920, when she was only born on March 9th, 1920. This was the reason why it is not shown.*

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5 - v Roy John Gross; Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday May 11, 1921 in Hanover, Ontario. Baptism at Holy Family Church in Hanover. sponsors were; George Gross and Wilma (Lavina) Doerr. Officiating was Father Bell. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Sunday November 17th, 1935 at Immaculate Conception Church, Stratford, Ontario. Officiating was Bishop Kedd of London.

** There is a mix- up with the dates on Roy's baptism record. The record showed that he was christened on April 30th, 1921, when he was only born on May 11th, 1921. This was the reason why it is not shown. Roy is also a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran.*

Married at the age of 24 years on Saturday September 15th, 1945 at St. Joseph Church, Stratford, Ontario to Anna Dorothy Birmingham age 21 years from Stratford. Witnesses were; Louis Campbel and Vera Gross.

Anna Dorothy Birmingham; Patrick Birmingham and Rose Bannon.

Born Saturday June 28th, 1924 in Stratford, Ontario.

Roy, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Carol Anne Gross; Born Saturday April 5th, 1947 in Stratford, Ontario. Currently not married. Ordained to the Anglican Diaconate on Palm Sunday March 27th, 1994 at St. James Westminster, London for the Diocese of the Yukon. Officiating Bishop Ron Ferris. Ordained to the Priesthood on the Feast of The Confession of Peter, Wednesday January 18th, 1995 in the parish of The Northern Apostles, Whitehorse. Officiating was Bishop Ron Farris.

7 - i Antoine Daniel Hughesman; born Monday July 31st, 1967 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Married April 10th to Angie Cassie.

** Antoine is a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran.*

Roy, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii Christopher Paul Hughesman; born Tuesday February 11th, 1969.

7 - iii Donald Jamieson Hughesman; born Thursday January 24th, 1974. Married at the age of 29 years on Saturday May 24th, 2003 to Tara Tiller.

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6 - ii Irene Elizabeth Gross; born Thursday March 3rd, 1949 in Stratford, Ontario. Married 1st; at the age of 21 years on Saturday December 19th, 1970 in Ottawa, Ontario to Patrick Martel age 25 from Quebec. Married 2nd; at the age of 46 years on Saturday November 25th, 1995 to Arlen Wilson Renwick age 55 years.

Patrick Martel; Adrian Martel and Marguerite Ross.
Born Sunday October 7th, 1945 in Quebec.

Arlen Wilson Renwick; Archibald Rewick and Margaret Ryan.
Born Wednesday September 18th, 1940 in Hamilton, Scotland.

7 - i Brigitte Marie Martel; born Friday July 6th, 1973.

7 - ii Aisha Grace (Renwick) Peacock; born Tuesday December 16th, 1969 in Elyria Ohio, U.S.A.

7 - iii Craig Wilson Renwick; born Saturday July 27th, 1974 in Bells Hill, Scotland.

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6 - iii Mary Ann Gross; born Friday July 8th, 1960 at the R.C.A.F Station and 1st Canadian Air Wing, France.

5 - vi Kenneth John Gross; Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann

Born Tuesday February 20th, 1923 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened on Sunday March 4th, 1923 at Sacred Heart Church in Walkerton. Officiating was Rev. Fr. P. J. Maloney. Sponsors were Herman Runstedtler and Clara Jones. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Sunday November 17th, 1935 at Immaculate Conception Church in Stratford, Ontario. Officiating was Bishop Kedd. Died at 80 years of age on Saturday July 19th, 2003 in the Woodstock Hospital. Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, Woodstock.

Married at 30 years of age on Saturday June 6th, 1953 at St Mary's church in Woodstock, Ontario to Betty Louise Tewkesbury. Officiating was Rev. Fr. W. J. Phelan. Witnesses were Edward West and Gladys Aitken.

Betty Louise Tewkesbury; Alfred Oliver Tewkesbury and Hazel Birdie Paul.

Born Wednesday August 29th, 1923 in Chatham, Ontario.

Kenneth. Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann

6 - i > Shari Aileen Gross; born Tuesday August 20th, 1963 in Woodstock, Ontario.

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5 - vii Dorothy Marie Gross; Alexander. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Sunday August 25th, 1929 in Stratford, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 1st, 1929 at Immaculate Conception Church in Stratford. Officiating was Rev. Fr. W. J. Kelly. Sponsors were Edward (Gib) Lobsinger and Mary Mc Carthy.

Married at 20 years of age on Saturday November 5th, 1949 at St. Mary's church in Woodstock, Ontario to Gordon Francis Chesley. Witnesses were John Szoller and Vera Gross. Wedding party were bridesmaids Theresa Barrett and Jean Rodgers. Ushers were Mickey Bowes and Kenneth Gross.

Gordon Francis Chesley; Harold Chesley and Lucy Allcock.

Born Wednesday October 16th, 1929 in Woodstock, Ontario. Died Monday December 24th, 1974 in Woodstock. Interment at St Mary's Cemetery in Woodstock.

Dorothy, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Judy Lyn Chesley; Born Sunday January 28th, 1951 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married Saturday August 21st, 1982 in Woodstock to John Edward Fitzner.

John Edward Fitzner; born Sunday December 22nd, 1946.

7 - i Daniel Gordon Fitzner; born Friday February 3rd, 1984 in Toronto, Ontario.

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6 - ii Deborah Louise Chesley; born Friday October 17th, 1952 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married Saturday October 19th, 1974 to Michael Boland.

7 - i Kyle Thomas Boland; born Sunday January 28th, 1979 in Toronto, Ontario.

7 - ii Liam Michael Boland; born Friday January 16th, 1981 in Toronto, Ontario.

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6 - iii Mary Ellen Chesley; born Thursday December 20th, 1956 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married Saturday May 28th, 1977 in Woodstock, Ontario to Norman Alexander Rhame.

Norman Alexander Rhame; Larry Rhame and Mary Scott.
Born Wednesday September 28th, 1955.

7 - i Matthew Alexander Rhame; born Saturday July 15th, 1978 in Woodstock, Ontario.

7 - ii Katherine Marie Rhame; born Thursday November 20th, 1980 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Dorothy, Alexander, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - iv Carolyn Anne Chesley; born Tuesday August 8th, 1961 in Woodstock, Ontario. Married Saturday May 24th, 1986 in Woodstock to James Edward Jewell.

James Edward Jewell; Harold Jewell and Greta Rabey.
Born Tuesday November 22nd, 1955 in Toronto, Ontario.

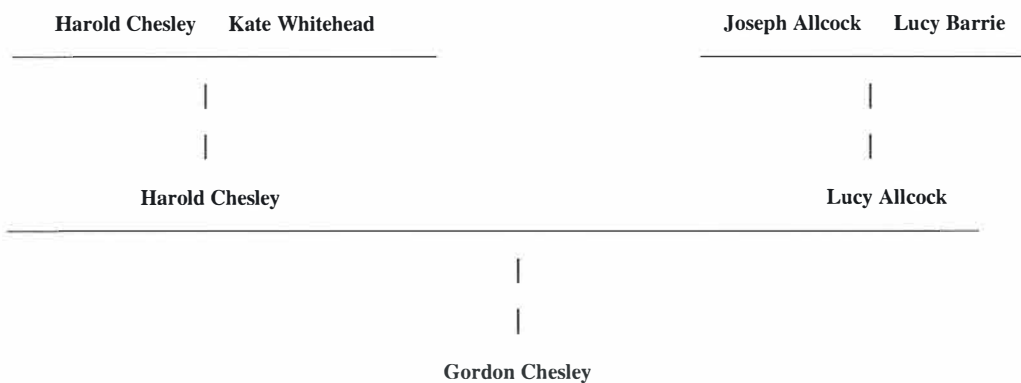
7 - i Elizabeth Marie Chesley-Jewell; born Tuesday January 19th, 1988 in Toronto, Ontario.

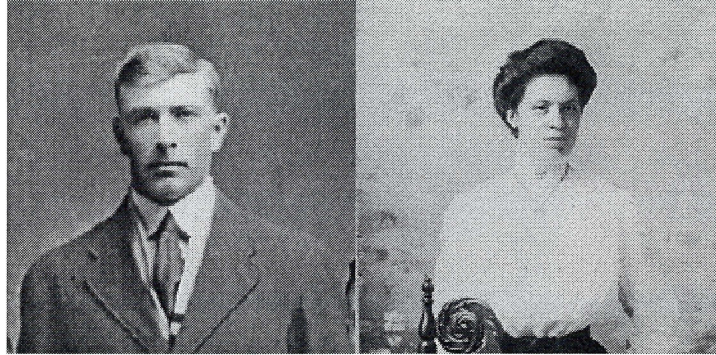
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6 - v Steven Joseph Gerard Chesley; born Wednesday December 30th, 1964 in Woodstock, Ontario.

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The Family Chesley Tree





Courtesy of Ron Gross.

Courtesy of Paul Gross

John (Jack) Joseph Grosz and Olivia Eleanor Steffler.

4 - v John (Jack) Joseph Grosz; John, Conrad, Johann.

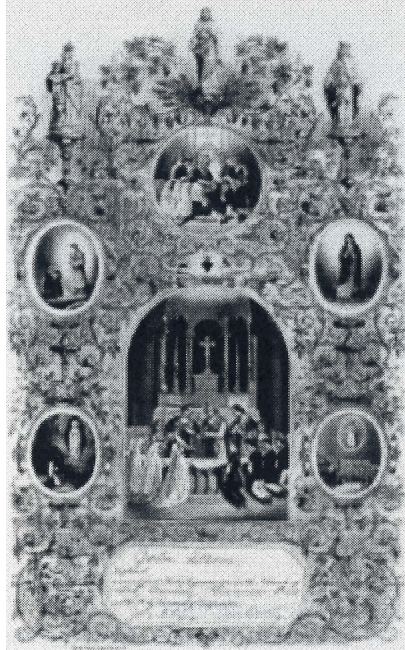
Born Thursday January 30th, 1890 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Government birth record # 002460. Christened Sunday February 2nd, 1890 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe. Officiating Rev. Father Rudolph Lehmann. Sponsors were, Herman and Catherine Stroeder. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Sunday July 20th, 1902 at the old Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Bishop John Farwell, Bishop of Toronto and Hamilton. Died at 51 years of age on Thursday December 7th, 1939 in Kitchener, Ontario. Death was caused by blood poisoning. Interment is in Mount Hope Catholic Cemetery, Kitchener.

Married at 21 years of age on Monday May 15th, at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha, Ontario to Olivia Eleanor Steffler age 24 years. Officiating Rev. Father P. Loberak. Witnesses were, Leo C. Steffler and Agnus Strub.

Olivia Eleanor Steffler; Louis Steffler and Gertrude Lorentz.

Born Friday December 10th, 1886 in Bamberg, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 9th, 1886 at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Father J. Halter. Sponsors were, Louis Lorentz and Margaret Steffler. First Communion at the age of 12 years on Sunday April 9th, 1899 at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha. Died at 91 years of age on Monday December 12th, 1977 in Kitchener, Ontario. Interment in Louis Steffler family plot, section C, plot 110, St. Agatha Catholic Cemetery.

Note: Olivia remarried after Jack had died. Married 2nd, at the age of 61 years at St. Pauls Church in Kitchener, Ontario to Oscar Nablo of New Hamberg. Officiating Rev. Esselte. Witnesses were, Eleanor Schmatz and Mrs. Rev. Marie Eissfeldt.



Courtesy of Paul Gross

This certificate belonging to John (Jack) Grosz, who had received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday July 20th, 1902 in the old Holy Family Church in Hanover. This certificate was a rare find as you can only find Baptism or Communion Certificates from this generation. The Catholic Church does not usually record Confirmations. Most of the earlier family would have attended this early church in Hanover.

Certificate is about 11 inches x 20inches and was the standard size for this era. The Confirmation Certificate reads;

John Gross
In the church of Holy Family, Hanover, Ont.
The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation
July 20/02

**A copy of this certificate was put into the Holy Family Church archives in Hanover.*

5 - i Oscar Herbert Gross; John. John. Conrad, Johann.

Born Sunday July 9th, 1911 in St. Agatha, Ontario. Died at 46 years of age on Wednesday October 2nd, 1957 in Kitchener, Ontario. Interment in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

Married at 31 years of age on Saturday June 26th, 1943 in Mildmay, Ontario to Kathleen Susanna Lawrence age 22 years.

Kathleen Susanna Lawrence; Joseph Lawrence and Saloma Winters.

Born Thursday July 21st, 1921 in Mildmay, Ontario. Died at 82 years of age on Saturday November 29th, 2003 in Kitchener, Ontario. Interment in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

Note: Kathleen remarried after Oscar had died. Married 2nd, at the age of 39 years on Saturday July 23rd, 1960 in Kitchener to Harvey Hartung age 51 years. Harvey was born on Friday May 21st, 1909. Died at 91 years of age on Friday October 27th, 2000.

Oscar. John. John. Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Marlene Gross; born Friday October 22nd, 1943 in Listowel, Ontario. Christened on Sunday December 26th, 1943 at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Sponsors were, Herbert and Anne Steffler. Married at 17 years of age in St. John's Church, Kitchener on Saturday April 8th, 1961 to Wayne Stadelbauer age 20 years. Witnesses were, Dennis and Virginia Vasey. Wayne was born on Sunday September 8th, 1940 in Kitchener, Ontario to Russ Stadelbauer and Margaret Vonneuveron. Marlene died at 59 years of age on Tuesday March 25th, 2003 in Kitchener. Interment in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

7 - i Timothy Wayne Stadelbauer; born Sunday June 3rd, 1962 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Saturday October 1st, 1983 in Kitchener to Lynne Stumpf.

7 - ii Richard Scott Stadelbauer; born Friday October 25th, 1963 in Kitchener, Ontario. Died at 10 years of age on Thursday February 14th, 1974 in Kitchener. Interment in Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener.

7 - iii James Louis Stadelbauer; born Monday January 25th, 1965 in Kitchener, Ontario. Died at 9 years of age on Thursday February 14th, 1974 in Kitchener. Interment in Woodland Cemetery.

Oscar. John. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iv Wendy Jane Stadelbauer; born Thursday April 15th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - v Tricia Ann Stadelbauer; born Wednesday July 6th, 1977 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - ii Carol Gross; born Sunday August 6th, 1944 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 10th, 1944 at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Albin and Marie Hoffele. Married at 21 years of age in Kitchener to Frederick Hiuser age 20 years. Frederick was born on Wednesday November 14th, 1945 in Kitchener, Ontario to Frederick Hiuser and Madeline Bush.

7 - i Michael Frederick Hiuser; born Monday April 17th, 1967 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Saturday July 9th, 1994 in Kitchener to Tammy Yungert the daughter of Michael Yungert and Brenda Miller.

8 - i Jordan Michael Hiuser; born Friday April 7th, 1995 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Nicolas Hiuser; born Friday May 8th, 1998 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - ii Todd William Hiuser; born Monday May 13th, 1968 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iii Josh Louis Hiuser; born Monday July 26th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Saturday October 6th, 2001 in Waterloo, Ontario to Jennifer MacBride the daughter of Richard MacBride and Dorothy Bectel.

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7 - iv Sean Joseph Hiuser; born Saturday July 1st, 1968 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Oscar, John, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - iii Sharon Gross; born Friday July 20th, 1945 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday August 19th, 1945 at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Lloyd and Thelma Steffler. Married at 21 years of age on Saturday July 23rd, 1966 in Kitchener to Raymond Brûlé age 22 years. Raymond was born on Thursday October 7th, 1943 in Sudbury, Ontario to Jean Brûlé and Lucille Levac.

7 - i Shari Lee-Ann Brûlé; born Wednesday December 30th, 1970 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Jason Douglas Brûlé; born Wednesday December 3rd, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Justin Raymond Brûlé; born Wednesday December 3rd, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - iii Douglas Oscar Gross; born Thursday September 7th, 1950 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 1st, 1950 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father Wm. Gleason. Sponsors were, Alfred Lawrence and Helen Hoffele. Confirmed at 11 years of age on Sunday April 29th, 1962 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday May 19th, 1973 at St Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener to Mary Dianne Cockerill age 21 years. Mary was born on Saturday August 11th, 1951 in Guelph, Ontario to Bruce Cockerill and Florence Palm. Mary was Christened on Sunday October 7th, 1951. Officiating was Rev. Father P. F. Reding. Sponsors were, John and Amanda Palm. Confirmed at St Ann's Church , Kitchener by Bishop Harrington.

7 - i Tanya June Gross; born Monday June 14th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Cory Douglas Gross; born Monday July 27th, 1981 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - iii Tara April Gross; born Monday March 7th, 1983 in Kitchener, Ontario.

5 - ii Leo John Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Sunday October 1st, 1916 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 15th, 1916 at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Father Chas Meyer. Sponsors were, Leo Steffler and Tina Lorentz. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Tuesday June 11th, 1919 in Holy Family Church, Hanover, Ontario. Died at 79 years of age on Tuesday October 17th, 1995 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Married at 57 years of age on Tuesday November 27th, 1973 in Kitchener to Helen Kram age 50 years.

Helen Kram; Bolsslaw and Victoria Kram.

Born Saturday November 10th, 1923 in Poland.

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5 - iii Barbara Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Saturday July 5th, 1919 in Petersburg, Ontario. Christened at bedside on Saturday July 5th, 1919 in Petersburg. Officiating Rev. Father Fehrenbach. Interment in St Agatha Catholic Cemetery, St. Agatha, Ontario.

Note: Cause of death was listed as a birth defect.

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5 - iv Herbert Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

5 - iv Gerald Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

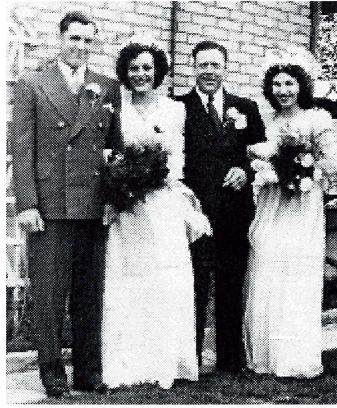
5 - iv Luella Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Triplets born Monday October 11th, 1920 in Petersburg, Ontario. Christened at bedside on Monday October 11th, 1920 in Petersburg. Officiating Rev. Father Fehrenbuch. Died Monday October 11th, 1920 in Petersburg. Interment in St. Agatha Catholic Cemetery, St. Agatha, Ontario.

Note: Cause of death was listed as born premature.

5 - v Herbert Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Twin born Sunday October 2nd, 1921 in Petersburg, Ontario. Christened at bedside on Sunday October 2nd, 1921 in Petersburg. Officiating Rev. Father Fehrenbuch. Interment in St. Agatha Catholic Cemetery, St Agatha, Ontario.



Courtesy of Paul Gross.

Lavern and Cora's Wedding

L-R; Lavern Gross, Cora Dubrick, Leo Gross, Violet Dubrick.

5 - v Lavern Hubert Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Twin born Sunday October 2nd, 1921 in Petersburg, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 9th, 1921 at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Father Fehrenbuch. Sponsors were, Mr. And Mrs. Hubert Seffler. Confirmed at 10 years of age on Sunday June 19th, 1932 in St. Joseph Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Died at 76 years of age on Thursday July 23rd, 1998 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Married at 25 years of age on Saturday May 17th, 1947 in Kitchener, Ontario to Cora Magdalena Dubrick age 21 years. Witnesses were, Leo Gross and Violet Dubrick.

Cora Magdalena Dubrick; John Dubrick and Maria Katharina Schmetzer.

Born Wednesday August 19th, 1925 in Kitchener, Ontario. Died at 58 years of age on Monday April 23rd, 1984 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Lavern, John, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Rita Ann Gross; born Thursday October 16th, 1947 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Friday October 30th, 1970 in Mary Hill, Ontario to Donald Kloepfer age 19 years. Donald was born on Monday March 26th, 1951 in Breslau, Ontario to Herman Kloepfer and Margaret May. Donald died at 46 years of age on Thursday January 15th, 1998 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - i Victoria Ann Kloepfer; born Wednesday November 13th, 1974 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 24 years of age on Thursday August 12th, 1999 In Kitchener, Ontario to Paul Evans age 34 years. Paul was born on Friday March 19th, 1965 in Chelsea, England to Brian Evans and Margery Rout.

8 - i Shannon Lynn Evans; born Monday November 15th, 2004 at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener, Ontario. Died at 8 months 14 days on Friday July 29th, 2005 at Sick Childrens Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

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7 - iii Sheila Marie Kloepfer; born Monday June 7th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - ii Jack Michael Gross; born Tuesday November 2nd, 1948 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 30 years of age on Friday December 29th, 1978 in Kitchener, Ontario to Linda (Wagler) Kubassek age 27 years. Linda was born on Wednesday March 21st, 1951 the daughter of Elmer B. Wagler and Alice M. Jutzi. Note: Linda had a previous marriage to Frank Kubassek.

7 - i (A) Linda Vernice Gross; born Tuesday September 21st, 1971 in Hillsdale, Michigan. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday October 2nd, 1993 in Kitchener, Ontario to Peter Dawson age 25 years. Peter was born on Thursday November 28th, 1968 in Lasalle, Quebec. Peter is the son of Kenneth Dawson and Marilyn Arsenault.

8 - i Kenneth Dawson; born Friday December 6th, 1991 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Cassandra Dawson; born Wednesday March 27th, 1996 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Lavern. John. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - ii (A) Michelle Dana Gross; born Wednesday May 16th, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Saturday June 12th, 2004 in Kitchener, Ontario to Greg Ferguson. Greg was born on Tuesday July 10th, 1979 in London, Ontario. Greg is the son of Don and Carol Ferguson.

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7 - iii Amanda Marie Gross; born Wednesday June 11th, 1980 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - i Devin Douglas Gross; born Sunday March 16th, 2003 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iv Jackie Lee Ann Gross; born Tuesday June 8th, 1982 in Kitchener, Ontario. (Kerr).

8 - i Austin Michael Gross Kerr; born Friday January 18th, 2002 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - iii Patricia Marie Gross; born Wednesday March 8th, 1950 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, at 20 years of age on Friday December 4th, 1970 in Breslau, Ontario to Lloyd Hackbart age 22 years. Lloyd was born on Tuesday May 4th, 1948 at K.W. Hospital, Kitchener, Ontario. The son of Frederick C. Hackbart and Rose C. Mavrer. Married 2nd, on Friday May 10th, 1991 to Joseph Berger.

7 - i Cory Edwin Hackbart; born Wednesday June 2nd, 1971 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 29 years of age on Saturday August 12th, 2000 in St. Jacobs, Ontario to Kerri Barter age 27 years. The daughter of David Barter and Mary Carney.

Lavern, John, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii Greg Lavern Hackbart; born Monday February 5th, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iii Randy Frederick Hackbart; born Tuesday January 29th, 1974 in Kitchener, Ontario.

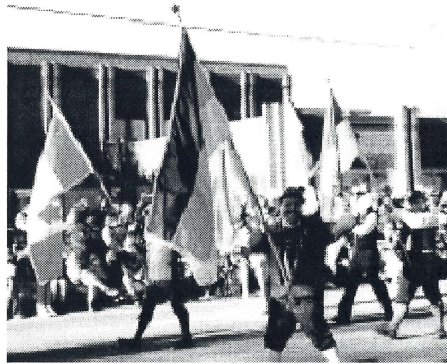
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6 - iv Bruce Lavern Gross; born Wednesday March 17th, 1954 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married civil to Cornelia Elizabeth Augustin. Cornelia was born on Sunday August 3rd, 1958 in Zweibruecken, Germany. The daughter of Herman Silligman (Step-father) and Anna (Augustin) Silligman. Cornelia died at 44 years of age on Wednesday April 30th, 2003 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - v Larry William Gross; born Wednesday April 20th, 1960 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Sunday August 1st, 1999 Kitchener, Ontario to Shantel Jeffrey. Shantel was born on Sunday February 10th, 1963 in Pembroke, Ontario. The daughter of Julius and Shirley Jeffrey.

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Courtesy of Paul Gross.

*Paul Gross carrying the German Flag in the K-W Oktoberfest Parade
representing all the German Clubs in the K-W area.*

6 - vi Paul Andrew Groß; gerbornen Dienstag 02. Mai 1961 in Kitchener, Ontario Kanada.

Born Tuesday May 2nd, 1961 in Kitchener, Ontario Canada.

Note; Paul Gross is the German - Canadian historian and German translator for Gen-144.

5 - vi Cyril Francis Gross; John. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Thursday April 19th, 1923 in Petersburg, Ontario. Christened Sunday April 29th, 1923 at St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha, Ontario. Sponsors were, Hubert Hauck and Olive Hinsihberger. Confirmed at 17 years of age on Sunday June 16th, 1940. Died at 62 years of age on Saturday March 16th, 1986 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Married at 23 years of age on Saturday August 17th, 1946 in St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener, Ontario to Elizabeth Hartman age 20 years. Officiating Rev. Father R.M. Holler.

Elizabeth Rosia Hartman; Harry Hartman and Edna Correl.

Born Wednesday June 30th, 1926 in New Hamburg, Ontario.

Cyrl, John. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - i Thomas Cyril Gross; born Thursday January 17th, 1952 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday June 22nd, 1974 to Deborah Anne Binder age 21 years. Deborah was born on Friday February 20th, 1953 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - i Melanie Lynn Gross; born Monday September 6th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Amber Lee Gross; born Tuesday December 26th, 1978 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Cyril. John. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - ii Mary Jane Gross; born Sunday March 28th, 1948 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, at 18 years of age on Saturday April 30th, 1966 to Donald Glen Manton age 20 years. Donald was born on Tuesday May 28th, 1946 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 2nd, at 36 years of age on Friday May 11th, 1984 to Robin Anthony Phillips.

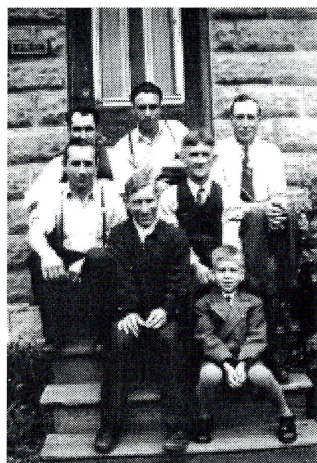
7 - i Jennifer Elizabeth Manton; born Friday July 9th, 1971 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - ii Jade Leslie Manton; born Friday January 31st, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 -iii Krystal Ann Manton; born Thursday December 14th, 1978 in Kitchener, Ontario.



Courtesy of Frank and Shirley Mercey

Joseph Mercey with sons and son in-laws

Front row L-R ; Alvin (Mike) Mercey and Franklin Mercey. Middle row L-R ; Harold Mercey and Joseph Mercey (father). Back row L-R ; William Zettler, Wilfred Mercey and Peter Zettler.

4 - vi Clara Anna Grosz; John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday October 13th, 1891 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday October 18th, at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were Anthony Lobsinger and Anna Stroeder. Confirmed at the age of 12 years on Friday October 7th, 1904 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Confirmation name chosen was Lucy. Died at the age of 81 years on Thursday February 22nd, 1973 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 17 years on Tuesday October 18th, 1908 at Sacred Heart Church, Walkerton to Joseph Mercey age 28 years from Walkerton, Ontario. Officiating was Rev. Fr. Wright. Witnesses were William H. Bank of Walkerton and Jesse Corbel of Toronto.

Joseph Mercey; Anthony Mercey and Catherine Rufina Graff.

Born Sunday March 17th, 1879 in Cargill, Ontario. Christened on Sunday April 6th, at Mary Immaculate Church in Formosa, Ontario. Died at the age of 63 years on Saturday April 25th, 1942 as a result of a car accident. Interment in section 2, row 3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

5 - i Madeline Ernestina Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Sunday August 22nd, 1909 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 5th, 1909 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were William Bank and Elizabeth Grosz. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Monday June 22nd 1922 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 79 years of age on Thursday December 8th, 1988 in Hanover. Interment in section 2, row 2, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 21 years of age on Tuesday May 5th, 1931 at Holy family Church, Hanover to William Zettler was 25 years of age from Chepstow, Ontario.

William Henry Zettler; Henry Zettler and Matilda Hehn.

Born Thursday June 8th, 1905 in Chepstow, Ontario. Died at 80 years of age on Monday April 7th, 1986 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment in section 2, row 2, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Harold William Zettler; born Saturday October 31st, 1931 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday November 8th, 1931 at Holy Family Church, Hanover.

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6 - ii Barbara Jean Maryanne Zettler; born Thursday December 20th, 1934 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 18 years of age on Saturday January 24th, 1953 in Hanover to Jerome Peter Fischer was 27 years of age and born Saturday September 26th, 1925 in Carlsruhe, Ontario.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - i Patricia Madeline Fischer; born Saturday May 8th, 1954 in Hanover, Ontario. Married 1st, on Friday July 23rd, 1971 to John Pilon born Sept 1952. Married 2nd to Michael Lajoie. Married 3rd on Friday December 18th, 1981 in Harriston, Ontario to Kenneth McIntyre born in Scotland.. Married 4th on Wednesday February 3rd, 1993 to Randy Hepburn.

8 - i Paulette Barbara Pilon; born Friday October 29th, 1971 in Owen Sound, Ontario. Married Saturday May 2nd, 1998 in Guelph, Ontario to Cory Glen Martin born Saturday August 23rd, 1969 in Burin, Newfoundland.

9 - i Emily Brandy Martin; born Saturday March 6th, 2004 in Guelph, Ontario.

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8 - ii Joshua Jonathon Pilon; born Thursday January 30th, 1975 Hanover, Ontario. Married Saturday July 3rd, 1993 in Hanover to Beverley Anne Summers. Beverley was born on Wednesday March 26th, 1975 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

9 - i Michael Allen Pilon; born Sunday October 24th, 1993 in London, Ontario.

9 - ii Amber Lynn Pilon; born Wednesday November 23rd, 1994 in Guelph, Ontario.

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8 - iii Matthew Michael Lajoie; born Friday November 12th, 1976 in Hanover, Ontario.

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8 - iv Steven Andrew Alan Hepburn; born Friday August 14th, 1992 in Guelph, Ontario.

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8 - v David Johnathon Hepburn; born Wednesday April 27th, 1994 in Guelph, Ontario.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - ii Ronald Peter Jacob Zettler; born Monday October 18th, 1937 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday October 24th, 1937 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 20 years of age on Saturday July 5th, 1958 St. Theresa's Church, Kitchener, Ontario to Delphine Carolyn Harnock age 19 years. Delphine was born on Tuesday April 18th, 1939 in Kitchener, Ontario. She is the daughter of Carl Harnock and Olive Weber.

7 - i Michael William Zettler; born Sunday October 25th, 1959 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 24 years of age on Saturday May 26th, 1984 in Kitchener, Ontario to Cindy Evey Deechesne age 22 years. Cindy was born on Sunday December 24th, 1961 in North Bay, Ontario. Married 2nd, at 445 years of age on Saturday July 30th, 2005 to Michelle Marie Moore age 38 years. Michelle was born on Thursday June 1st, 1967.

8 - i Daniel Michael Zettler; born Friday August 16th, 1985 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Christopher Ronald Zettler; born Tuesday November 20th, 1990 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - ii Steven Carl Zettler; born Friday August 31st, 1962 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday January 26th, 1985 in Borlados, W.I., to Katarine Guil of Borlados, W.I.

8 - i Geoffrey Steven Zettler; born Sunday September 25th, 1988 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Jennifer Katheryn; born Tuesday June 4th, 1991 in Brampton, Ontario.

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7 - iii Denise Marie Zettler; born Sunday July 10th, 1966 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at the age of 26 years on Saturday May 1st, 1993 in Mississauga, Ontario to Derryck Andrew Graham Lowe age 29 years. Derryck was born on Friday February 7th, 1964 in Oakville, Ontario. He is the son of Graham Howard Lowe and Jean Helen Walker.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

8 - i Julia Susan Jean Lowe; born Sunday May 30th, 1999 in Guelph, Ontario.

8 - ii Lysa Natalie Marie Lowe; born Wednesday January 3rd, 2001 in Cambridge, Ontario.

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7 - iv Mark Paul Zettler; born Tuesday March 2nd, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 25 years of age on Saturday August 11th, 2001 in Kitchener, Ontario to Norah Lee Shlimer.

8 - i Kassandra Olivia Ann Zettler; born Sunday June 15th, 2003 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - iv Kenneth George Franklin Zettler; born Friday June 2nd, 1944 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday June 11th, 1944 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married 1st at the age of 16 years on Monday November 14th, 1960 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Ann Josephine Adams age 19 years. Ann was born on Friday May 2nd, 1941 in Southampton, Ontario. Married 2nd at the age of 34 years on Saturday July 29th, 1978 in Woodbridge, Ontario to Robyn Paulette Strong age 19 years. Robyn was born on Sunday August 10th, 1958 in Oxbow, Saskatchewan. Robyn is the daughter of Wilfred Strong and Edith Josephine Howell.

7 - i Randy William Zettler; born Monday March 28th, 1961 in Hanover, Ontario. Married 1st, at the age of 17 years on Monday August 28th, 1978 to Eleanor Daly age 18 years. Eleanor was born on Saturday April 16th, 1960. Married 2nd, at the age of 28 years on Saturday March 25th, 1989 in Ayton, Ontario to Mary Ann Rowe age 24 years. Mary Ann was born on Sunday April 26th, 1964 in Southampton, Ontario.

8 - i Carrie Lynn Zettler; born Sunday October 29th, 1978 in Palmerston, Ontario. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday August 27th, 2005 in Owen Sound, Ontario to Timothy Gelhuly age 33 years. Timothy was born on Friday May 26th, 1972.

9 - i Ethan William Gilhuly; born Monday April 3rd, 2000 in Guelph, Ontario.

9 - ii Alexis Elizabeth Gilhuly; born Thursday August 22nd, 2002 in Guelph, Ontario.

Madeline. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

8 - ii Jason Kenneth William Zettler; born Thursday May 28th, 1981 in Palmerston, Ontario.

8 - iii Stephanie Ann Zettler; born Wednesday October 3rd, 1984 in Palmerston, Ontario.

8 - iv Justin William Ross Zettler; born Friday June 26th, 1987 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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7 - ii Deborah Ann Zettler; born Thursday September 6th, 1962 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at the age of 18 years on Saturday September 5th, 1981 to David Eldon Alles age 24 years. David was born on Tuesday May 28th, 1957 in Fergus, Ontario.

8 - i Ryan Eldon Alles; born Saturday September 3rd, 1983 in Palmerston, Ontario. Married at the age of 21 years on Saturday April 9th, 2005 in Holstein, Ontario to Jocelyn Diane Hunter.

9 - i Anthony Stuart Alles; born Saturday June 18th, 2005 in Guelph, Ontario.

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8 - ii Christopher David Alles; born Tuesday August 6th, 1985 in Palmerston, Ontario.

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8 - iii Dereck William Alles; born Monday January 3rd, 2000. In Palmerston, Ontario.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - iii Cheryl Louise Zettler; born Monday March 22nd, 1965 in Hanover, Ontario. Married 1st, at the age of 17 years on Saturday November 26th, 1983 to Gordon Berkley Fritz age 22 years. Gordon was born on Saturday June 10th, 1961 in Palmerston, Ontario. Married 2nd, at the age of 28 years on Saturday October 9th, 1993 in Mount Forest, Ontario to Grenville Allen Cox age 33 years. Grenville was born on Friday May 13th, 1960 in Shelburne, Ontario.

8 - i Matthew Christian Fritz; born Sunday January 26th, 1986 in Walkerton, Ontario.

8 - ii Megan Augustina Cox; born Thursday November 24th, 1994 in London, Ontario.

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7 - iv Gregory Allen Zettler; born Saturday September 6th, 1969 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at the age of 23 years on Saturday June 12th, 1993 in Mount Forest, Ontario to Louanne Lois Whetham age 33 years. Louanne was born on Friday February 19th, 1960 in Toronto, Ontario.

8 - i Luke Gregory Zettler; born Sunday September 14th, 1997 in Guelph, Ontario.

8 - ii Bennett James Zettler; born Wednesday July 28th, 1999 in Guelph, Ontario.

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6 - v Dianne Elizabeth Mary Zettler; born Saturday August 23rd, 1947 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday August 31st, 1947 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married 1st, at the age of 18 years on Saturday July 16th, 1966 in Hanover to David Magnus Winter age 20 years. David was born on Sunday May 27th, 1945 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married 2nd, at the age of 41 years on Saturday August 27th, 1988 in Hanover to James Arthur Krueger age 37 years. James was born on Thursday September 14th, 1950 in Hanover. He is the son of Wilbert Arthur Krueger and Verna Weber.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - i Lori Ann Winter; born Thursday April 28th, 1966 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married at the age of 19 years on Saturday July 19th, 1986 in Hanover, Ontario to Kevin Glen Edwards age 24 years. Kevin was born on Wednesday February 21st, 1962 in Fergus, Ontario.

8 - i Nathan Franklin Edwards; born Monday February 1st, 1988 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - ii Julian Madeline Edwards; born Tuesday July 2nd, 1991 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - ii Sherry Lynn Mary Winter; born Sunday March 15th, 1970 in Owen Sound, Ontario. Married 1st, to Rodney Andrew Fortney born on Thursday December 18th, 1969 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married 2nd, on Saturday September 23rd, 2000 in Hanover to Thomas Edward McGilveary born on Monday July 7th, 1969 in Owen sound, Ontario. Thomas is the son of Vernon Thomas McGilveary and Lorraine Gail Hislop.

8 - i Alicia Dianne Fortney; born Monday September 25th, 1989 in Hanover.

8 - ii Kaitlynn Loraine McGilveary; born Sunday June 29th, 1997 in London, Ontario.

8 - iii Megan Bream McGilveary; Thursday November 1st, 2001 in Hanover, Ontario.

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6 - vi Linda Lou Ann Zettler; born Monday July 10th, 1950 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday July 23rd, 1950 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 18 years of age on Saturday September 21st, 1968 in Hanover to Bruce Wayne Baltzer age 23 years. Bruce was born on Wednesday January 3rd, 1945 in Kingsville, Ontario to David Arthur Baltzer and Florence Marion Bolam.

Madeline, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - Darrel William Baltzer; born Monday September 23rd, 1968 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - ii Dwayne Arthur Baltzer; born Monday September 1st, 1969 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 29 years of age on Saturday July 24th, 1999 in Hanover to Tracey Lynn Priebe age 27 years. Tracey was born on Saturday January 1st, 1972 in Walkerton, Ontario.

8 - i Katherine Leanne Baltzer; born Saturday June 28th, 1997 in London, Ontario.

8 - ii Shayne William Baltzer; born Monday April 8th, 2002 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - iii Elaine Marie Baltzer; born Monday September 13th, 1971 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 21 years of age on Saturday September 11th, 1993 in Walkerton, Ontario to Scott James Hardwick age 23 years. Scott was born on Wednesday July 29th, 1970 in Walkerton, Ontario to James Hardwick and Jane Schnurr.

8 - i Lindsay Marie Hardwick; born Friday August 14th, 1998 in London, Ontario.

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6 - vii William Joseph Zettler; born Saturday February 14th, 1953 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday March 1st, 1953 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died Tuesday August 18th, 1953 in Hanover. Interment is in section # 2, row # 2, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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6 - viii Robert Henry Zettler; born Thursday June 9th, 1955 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday June 19th, 1955 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 39 years of age on Friday August 5th, 1994 in Walkerton, Ontario to Lorna Jane Winfield age 38 years. Lorna was born on Friday November 11th, 1955 in Guelph, Ontario the daughter of Lorne Winfield and Sarah Alexander.

5 - ii Harold Alexander Mercey; Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Sunday May 5th, 1912 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Saturday May 11th, 1912 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were; Alexander Gross and Evelyn (Runstedler) Gross. Confirmed at 10 years old on Monday June 26th, 1922 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at the age of 62 years on Wednesday September 11th, 1974 in Hanover. Funeral was on Saturday September 14th, 1974. Interment is in section # 1, row 10, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 20 years of age on Wednesday March 30th, 1932 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Ellen Holden age 17 years of Darwin, England.

Ellen Holden; Rodger Holden and Ellen Mullen.

Born Sunday December 26th, 1915 in Darwin, England. Died at the age of 68 years on Wednesday August 24th, 1983 in Hanover. Funeral was on Saturday August 7th, 1983 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section # 1, row 10, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Harold. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - i Joan Elizabeth Mercey; born Sunday September 11th, 1932 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 25th, 1932 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 24 years of age on Saturday August 3rd, 1957 in Guelph, Ontario to Jan Adrianus Dekruyf age 23 years of Maarssen, Holland. Jan was born on Wednesday October 4th, 1933 in Maarssen, Holland, NL., the son of Jan Dekruyf and Rykje Blankestyn .

7 - i Lisa Ellen Dekruyf; born Sunday November 2nd , 1958 in Simcoe, Ontario. Married at 21 years of age on Saturday June 28th, 1980 in Toronto, Ontario to Brian Morgan Dayus age 25 years of London, Ontario. Brian was born on Saturday June 18th, 1955 in London, Ontario.

8 - i James Thomas Dayus; born Monday September 7th, 1987 in St Thomas, Ontario.

8 -ii Jonathan Adrian Dayus; born Thursday January 26th, 1989 in St. Thomas, Ontario.

8 - iii Sarah Ashley Dayus; born Thursday May 16th, 1991 in St Thomas, Ontario.

Harold. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - ii Lorie Ann Dekruyf; born Monday November 16th, 1959 in Simcoe, Ontario. Married at 24 years of age on Saturday July 28th, 1984 in North York, Ontario to John Ray Woodford age 27 years. John was born on Wednesday October 17th, 1956 in Newberry, Michigan, the son of Perry Lester Woodford and Ruby Lillian Simpson.

8 - i Leanne Elizabeth Woodford; born Thursday August 23rd, 1990 in Mississauga, Ontario.

8 - ii Kelly Louise Woodford; born Thursday October 5th, 1995 in Mississauga, Ontario.

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6 - ii Douglas Roger Joseph Mercey; born Sunday August 18th, 1935 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 1st, 1935 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 46 years of age on Friday October 9th, 1981 in Walkerton, Ontario to Patricia Gertrude Eby age 41 years. Patricia was born on Thursday November 14th, 1940 in Hanover, Ontario.

7 - i Catherine Ann Mercey; born Sunday September 25th, 1960 in Chesley, Ontario. Married at 37 years of age on Saturday June 13th, 1998 in Hanover, Ontario to Andy James Jackson Harron age 34 years. Andy was born on Wednesday April 15th, 1964 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - i Sheldon Andrew Harron; born Thursday November 3rd, 1991 in Orillia, Ontario.

8 - ii Jacob Andrew Harron; born Saturday December 5th, 1998 in Hanover, Ontario.

Harold, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii Kimberley Lynn Mercey; born Thursday July 27th, 1961 in Chesley, Ontario. Married at 20 years of age on Friday September 25th, 1981 in Walkerton, Ontario to Dennis Edgar Wettlaufer age 20 years. Dennis was born on Wednesday September 13th, 1961 in Walkerton, Ontario.

8 - i Brandy Lee Wettlaufer; born Sunday April 24th, 1983 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday June 4th, 2005 in Hanover, Ontario to Shane Frederick Lester age 23 years. Shane was born on Thursday September 16th, 1982 in Hanover, Ontario.

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8 - ii Derek Dennis Wettlaufer; born Wednesday May 28th, 1986 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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7 - iii Michele Ruth Mercey; born Friday August 24th, 1962 in Chesley, Ontario. Married Murray Cassidy.

8 - i Jennifer Mary Cassidy; born Friday April 6th, 1984. Civil spouse Jason Clark.

9 - i Tyson Murray Clark; born Monday June 9th, 2003 Walkerton, Ontario.

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8 - ii Todd Murray Douglas Cassidy; born Sunday September 8th, 1985 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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8 - iii Daniel Michael Cassidy; born Thursday March 5th, 1987 in London, Ontario.

Harold, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - iv David Wayne Mercey; born Sunday October 6th, 1968 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 25 years of age on Saturday April 9th, 1994 in Welland, Ontario to Kelly Ann Dumont age 21 years. Kelly was born on Friday July 21st, 1972 in St. Catharine's, Ontario to Dennis Wilford Dumont and Carol Ann Kinmartin.

8 - i Branden Douglas Mercey; born Thursday March 9th, 1995 in London, Ontario.

8 - ii Jarred Wilbur Mercey; born Monday March 26th, 2001 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - iii Janet Louise Mercey; born Friday December 10th, 1937 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 2nd, 1936 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday June 17th, 1961 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Royal Carl Ottman age 26 years. Royal was born on Thursday May 30th, 1935 in Wellesley, Ontario.

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5 - iii Wilfred Henry Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

born Saturday June 28th, 1913 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday July 6th, 1913 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Henry Schildroth and Matilda Gross. Confirmed at 9 years on Monday June 26th, 1922 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 78 years of age on Tuesday September 17th, 1991 in Hanover. Funeral was on Friday September 20th, 1991 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section # 1, row 10, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 19 years of age on Thursday February 23rd, 1933 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Violet Elizabeth Lipskie age 19 years.

Violet Dora Lipskie; Christopher Lipskie and Hannah Schiefele.

Born Wednesday December 3rd, 1913 in Sullivan Township. Christened Sunday February 12th, 1933 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 83 years of age on Thursday June 5th, 1997 in Hanover. Funeral was on Saturday June 7th, 1997 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section # 1, row 10, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Wilfred, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Charles Beverley Mercey; born Sunday October 1st, 1933 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 8th, 1933 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday September 8th, 1956 in Durham, Ontario to Florence Eleanor Dixon age 20 years. Florence was born on Saturday August 15th, 1936 in Holland Township. Charles died at 50 years of age on Monday July 2nd, 1984 in Hanover. Funeral was on Wednesday July 8th, 1984 at the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section # 1, row 11, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

7 - i David Charles Mercey; born Friday September 27th, 1957 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday July 11th, 1981 in Carlsruhe, Ontario to Shirley Elizabeth Smith age 20 years. Shirley was born on Thursday March 2nd, 1961 in Durham, Ontario to Samuel Smith and Marjorie May.

8 - i Natalie Elizabeth Mercey; born Thursday June 9th, 1983 in Brampton, Ontario.

8 - ii Ryan David Mercey; born Saturday May 3rd, 1986 in Brampton, Ontario.

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7 - ii Daniel James Mercey; born Wednesday June 3rd, 1959 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - iii Dell Wilfred Mercey; born Tuesday October 10th, 1961 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday September 7th, 1985 to Faye Maxine Hutton age 23 years. Faye was born on Tuesday August 15th, 1961.

8 - i Alina Mercey; born Saturday June 20th, 1987.

8 - ii Amber Mercey; born Wednesday February 22nd, 1989.

Wilfred, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - iv Jeffrey Perrin Mercey; born Friday June 12th, 1964 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 28 years of age on Saturday August 15th, 1992 in Southampton, Ontario to Sandra Lee Hamilton age 27 years. Sandra was born on Wednesday March 10th, 1965 in Kitchener, Ontario to Brian Hamilton and Vera Ammerman.

8 - i Corin Mercey; born Thursday April 14th, 1994 in London, Ontario.

8 - ii Leigh Mercey; born Thursday November 6th, 1996 in London, Ontario.

8 - iii Arden Mercey; born Wednesday July 29th, 1998 in Fullerton Township.

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6 - ii Darlene Edna Mercey; born Tuesday April 7th, 1936 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday April 26th, 1936 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 17 years of age on Saturday August 1st, 1953 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Roy Chester Gilkinson age 19 years. Roy was born on Wednesday October 4th, 1933 in Harriston, Ontario. Roy died at 60 years of age on Thursday July 14th, 1994 in Hanover. Darlene died at 61 years of age on Monday October 13th, 1997 in Hanover. Funeral was on Wednesday October 15th, 1997 at Holy Family Church, Hanover.

7 - i Dawn Elaine Gilkinson; born Sunday November 27th, 1955 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 17 years of age on Friday September 1st, 1972 to Donald John Brownlee age 19 years. Donald was born on Saturday September 20th, 1952 in Durham, Ontario to Douglas Brownlee and Elizabeth Oehring.

8 - i Lisa Leanne Brownlee; born Monday March 19th, 1973 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday February 8th, 1997 in Hanover to Shawn Patrick Plante age 28 years. Shawn was born on Thursday January 14th, 1971 in Wingham, Ontario to Ronald Plante and Valorie Ann Tschirhart.

9 - i Gabriel John Plante; born Wednesday May 17th, 2000 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Wilfred. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

8 - ii Marcie Lynn Brownlee; born Thursday April 29th, 1976 in Hanover, Ontario. Married Shane Nathan Fidler, born Sunday August 31st, 1975 in Kingcardine, Ontario to Wayne Fidler and Sandra Woods.

9 - i Charissc Leanne Fidler; born Tuesday November 1st, 1994 in London, Ontario.

9 - ii Zoey Marie Fidler; born Monday August 19th, 1996 in London, Ontario.

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8 - iii Jennifer Elizabeth Brownlee; born Friday May 18th, 1979 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - ii Lynn Charlene Gilkinson; born Wednesday April 15th, 1959 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 18 years of age on Friday July 22nd, 1977 in Walkerton, Ontario to Wayne Peter Burke age 20 years. Wayne was born on Friday October 19th, 1956 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - i Tyler James Burke; born Thursday June 5th, 1980 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - ii Jesse Taylor Burke; born Thursday November 29th, 1984 in London, Ontario.

Wilfred. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iii Laurie Lee Gilkinson; born Sunday June 4th, 1961 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 19 years of age on Friday August 8th, 1980 in Hanover to Richard Francis Symonds age 22 years. Richard was born on Thursday May 29th, 1958 in North Bay, Ontario.

8 - i Derick Richard Symonds; born Saturday November 29th, 1980 in London, Ontario.

8 - iii Beverley Jill Symonds; born Friday March 25th, 1983 in London, Ontario.

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6 - iii Yvonne Verna Mercey; born Friday May 28th, 1937 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday June 6th, 1937 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 18 years of age on Saturday April 7th, 1956 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Thomas Edward Cook age 19 years. Thomas was born on Saturday July 25th, 1936 in Durham, Ontario.

7 - i Katherine Anne Cook; born Monday August 20th, 1956 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 18 years of age on Saturday August 16th, 1975 in Fort Erie, Ontario to Norman Gary Kent age 24 years. Norman was born on Friday December 8th, 1941 in Fort Erie, Ontario to Walter Kent and Ellen Edginton.

8 - i Nicolas Gary Kent; born Monday December 31st, 1979 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

8 - ii Michelle Marie Kent; born Sunday May 9th, 1982 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

8 - iii Sandi Lea Kent; born Wednesday January 21st, 1987 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

Wilfred. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - ii Patricia Lynn Cook; born Sunday November 3rd, 1957 in Hanover, Ontario. Married 1st, at 20 years of age on Saturday July 1st, 1978 in St. Catharine's, Ontario to Barry William Clark age 21 years. Barry was born on Tuesday January 1st, 1957 in St. Catharine's, Ontario. Married 2nd, at 44 years of age in July of 2002 to Randy Golob age 46 years. Randy was born on Monday August 8th, 1955.

8 - i Kevin James Clark; born Monday September 29th, 1980 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

8 - ii Dwayne Thomas Clark; born Friday September 14th, 1984 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

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7 - iii Cheryl Lee Cook; born Tuesday February 23rd, 1960 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 24 years of age on Saturday March 30th, 1985 in St. Catharine's, Ontario to George James Hoad age 29 years. George was born on Sunday August 7th, 1955 in St. Catharine's, Ontario to George Hoad and Jeanne Vaillancourt.

8 - i George Thomas Hoad; born Wednesday July 27th, 1988 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

8 - ii Robert Johnstone Hoad; born Friday April 20th, 1990 in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

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7 - iv Steven Frederick Cook; born Sunday December 8th, 1963 in Huntsville, Ontario.

Wilfred. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - iv Sheila Marie Mercey; born Saturday February 28th, 1942 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday March 15th, 1942 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 20 years of age on Saturday April 28th, 1962 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Wayne William Horst age 18 years. Wayne was born on Tuesday March 28th, 1944 in Hanover, Ontario to Milton John Horst and Viola Mary Pegelo.

7 - i Connie Horst; born Monday July 29th, 1963 in Hanover, Ontario. Died Monday July 29th, 1963 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - ii Kimberley Sharlene Horst; born Wednesday September 9th, 1964 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 19 years of age on Saturday May 12th, 1984 in Hanover to Kenneth Dean Nixon age 20 years. Kenneth was born on Tuesday July 9th, 1963 in Hanover, Ontario to Beverley Nixon and Pauline Dean.

8 - i Kayla Kathleen Nixon; born Sunday July 8th, 1990 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - ii Kyler Kenneth Nixon; born Thursday April 1st, 1993 in Hanover, Ontario.

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7 - iii Gary Wayne Horst; born Monday January 31st, 1966 in Hanover, Ontario. Married Donna Wight. Donna was born on Thursday December 23rd, 1965.

8 - i Aiden Wight Horst; born Wednesday September 29th, 2004 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Wilfred. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iv Gregory Paul Horst; born Thursday January 14th, 1971 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 30 years of age on Saturday September 1st, 2001 in Southampton, Ontario to Zoë Trudeau age 26 years. Zoë was born on Tuesday December 3rd, 1974 in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

8 - i Talon Wilfred Horst; born Wednesday January 12th, 2000 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

8 - ii Jagger John Horst; born Sunday April 14th, 2002 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

8 - iii Jett Vincent Gary Horst; born Sunday September 7th, 2003 in Walkerton, Ontario.

8 - iv Crue Daniel Wayne Horst; born Saturday September 24th, 2005 in Alliston, Ontario.

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6 - v Paul David Mercey; born Tuesday January 6th, 1953 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 1st, 1953 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 21 years of age on Monday July 1st, 1974 to Carol Julianne Kowalsky age 21 years. Carol was born on Thursday July 31st, 1952 in Hanover, Ontario.

7 - i Zabrina Inez Mercey; born Thursday September 8th, 1983 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Zackery David Mercey; born Thursday October 3rd, 1985 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - iii Zane Julian Mercey; born Saturday November 5th, 1988 in Kitchener, Ontario.

5 - iv Helen Anna Maria Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday January 12th, 1911 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 15th, 1911 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Alexander Mercey and Mary (Gross) Mercey. Confirmed at 11 years of age on Thursday June 22nd, 1922 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 63 years of age on Monday February 4th, 1974. Funeral was on Thursday February 7th, 1974 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #1, row, #7, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married 1st, at 27 years of age on Tuesday September 27th, 1938 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Peter Zettler age 37 years. Witnesses were Adrian Mercey and Florence (Mercey) Sibbald.

Married 2nd, at 40 years of age on Saturday December 1st, 1951 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Simon Zettler age 46 years. Witnesses were Franklin Mercey and Eva Mercey.

Peter Francis Zettler; Paul Zettler and Anne Hehn.

Born on Sunday May 19th, 1901 in Cheptow, Ontario. Christened Sunday May 26th, 1901 at St. John the Baptist Church, Chepstow (old Catholic Church). Died at 40 years of age on Wednesday July 16th, 1941 in Hanover, Ontario.

Simon E. Zettler; Paul Zettler and Anne Hehn.

Born on Saturday August 5th, 1905 in Cheptow, Ontario. Christened Sunday August 6th, 1905 at Mary Immaculate Church, Chepstow (new Catholic Church). Died at 86 years of age on Friday February 19th, 1991 in Hanover, Ontario.

Note; Peter & Simon were brothers, and the old St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cheptow was rebuilt in 1904 and renamed Mary Immaculate.

Helen, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann

6 - i Rosemarie Zettler; born Friday November 17th, 1939 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday November 26th, 1939 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married Richard Louis Riopel. Richard was born on Wednesday August 6th, 1943 in Sudbury, Ontario.

7 - i Richard Robert Riopel; born Monday July 9th, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, Krystal Boertien. Married 2nd, Stephanie Jane Glass. Stephanie was born on Saturday February 14th, 1976 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Helen. Clara. John. Conrad. Johann.

8 - i Johua Brendan Riopel; born Friday December 24th, 1996 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Liam Andrew Riopel; born Thursday March 21st, 1996 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - ii Tracy Helen Riopel; born Sunday January 5th, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 28 years of age on Saturday August 30th, 2003 in Kitchener to Todd Owen Stephenson age 29 years. Todd was born on Wednesday May 23rd, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - i Tammy Lynn Stephenson; born Monday June 6th, 1994 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Nicholas Richard Stephenson; born Sunday June 23rd, 2002 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - iii Chloe Victoria Stephenson; born Thursday July 15th, 2004 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iii Victoria Georgette Riopel; born Thursday February 1st, 1979 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married Robert Woodall.

8 - i Mackenzie Woodall; born Friday April 29th, 2005 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - ii Marlene Ann Zettler; born Wednesday February 4th, 1942 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 15th, 1942 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 11 months old on Thursday January 7th, 1943 in Hanover.

5 - v Alvin Joseph Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Saturday January 25th, 1919 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 2nd, 1919 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were George Gross and Lavina (Doerr) Gross. Died at 23 years of age on Friday April 25th, 1942 in Hanover as a result of a car accident. Funeral was held on Tuesday April 28th, 1942 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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5 - vi Adrian Edwin Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday September 20th, 1921 Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 25th, 1921 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Edwin Doerr and Edna Gross. Died at 73 years of age on Friday October 6th, 1995 in Hanover. Funeral was held in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment Veterans Cemetery, Hanover.

Adrian was a W.W. II veteran.

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5 - vii Franklin Clare Mercey; Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday September 28th, 1933 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday October 8th, 1933 at Holy Family Church, Hanover.

Married at 19 years of age on Saturday September 5th, 1953 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Shirley Marilyn Weber age 18 years.

Shirley Marilyn Weber; Norman Weber and Gladys Francom.

Born Friday August 9th, 1935 in Hanover, Ontario.

Franklin, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Janice Ann Mercey; born Saturday June 26th, 1954 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday July 11th, 1954 at Holy Family Church, Hanover.

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6 - ii Richard Joseph Mercey; born Wednesday March 19th, 1958 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday March 30th, 1958 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Civil Karen Sylvia Whiting born Tuesday August 9th, 1960. Married 1st, at 19 years of age on Friday August 19th, 1977 in Hanover to Wendy Carolle Begon age 18 years. Wendy was born on Wednesday February 25th, 1959 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 2nd, at 31 years of age on Saturday June 16th, 1990 in Brantford, Ontario to Nadine Markovich age 24 years. Nadine was born on Tuesday July 20th, 1965 in Brantford, Ontario.

7 - i Alexandra Ellen Whiting; born Sunday September 3rd, 1989 in Hamilton, Ontario.

7 - ii Richard Eric Mercey; born Friday March 6th, 1992 in Hamilton, Ontario.

7 - iii Jaxon Robert Mercey; born Friday April 15th, 1994 in Hamilton, Ontario.

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6 - iii Stuart Anthony Mercey; born Wednesday October 26th, 1960 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday November 13th, 1960 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 33 years of age on Saturday April 30th, 1994 in Burlington, Ontario to Kathryn Porter age 26 years. Kathryn was born on Thursday October 12th, 1967 in Burlington, Ontario.

Franklin, Clara, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - i Alyse Clara Mercey; born Wednesday February 14th, 1996.

7 - ii Benjamin Charles Mercey; born Tuesday April 8th, 1997.

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6 - iv Robert James Mercey; born Monday June 28th, 1965 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday July 11th, 1965 at holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 34 years of age on Sunday September 12th, 1999 in Brampton, Ontario to Nancy Ruth Martin age 38 years. Nancy was born on Friday January 13th, 1961 in Toronto, Ontario to Albert George Martin and Marjorie Ruth Eastman.

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6 - v Jason Christopher Mercey; born Thursday November 22nd, 1973 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 6th, 1974 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday May 6th, 2000 in Grimsby, Ontario to Niciolina Rosanna Digiaccinto age 26 years. Nicolina was born on Tuesday October 2nd, 1973 in Hamilton, Ontario to Romeo Digiaccinto and Tecla Ticehiarelli.

7 - i Anjelica Rosa Mercey; born Thursday March 17th, 2005 in Grimsby, Ontario.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington

Tin Plate wedding picture.

Front row L-R; Joseph Gross and Clementine Henheffer.

Back row L-R; Oscar Bohnert and Edna Gross.

4 - vii Joseph John Gross; John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Monday February 20th, 1893 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 26th, 1893 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Witnesses were, Luder Pfeffer and Christine Kesh. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Monday October 7th, 1907 in the old Holy Family Church, Hanover. Name chosen was John. Died at 50 years of age on Saturday April 17th, 1943 in Hanover, as a result of a auto, pedestrian accident. The funeral was at 9 am April 20th, 1943 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 25 years of age on Monday February 3rd, 1919 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to Clementine Henheffer age 21 years. Officiating Rev. Father J. A. Lenhard. Witness were, Oscar Bohnart and Edna Gross.

Note Oscar Bohnart was Clementine's nephew.

Clementine (Maudie) Henheffer; Joseph Henheffer and Mary Reindle.

Born Wednesday April 21st, 1897 in Brant Township. Died at 83 years of age on Friday August 14th, 1981 in Hanover. The funeral Monday August 17th, 1981 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Note, Clementine remarried after Joseph had died . She married Frank Grubb.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington

Joseph Gross and Clementine (Maudie) Henheffer.

Picture on the left was taken at the Hanover railway station and most likely on a Sunday afternoon. Picture on the right was taken on the steps of Joseph's parents home (John & Elizabeth Gross) in Hanover.



Courtesy of Alma (Gross) Holmes.

Edna (Gross) Zettler, Earl Gross and Marie (Gross) Bennington.

Picture taken from a Christmas card sent to Alma (Gross) Holmes by Marie (Gross) Bennington.

5 - i Marie Elizabeth Gross; Joseph, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday June 26th, 1919 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday June 29th, 1919 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father J.A. Lenhard. Sponsors were, John Gross and Mary (Reindle) Henheffer. Confirmed at 9 years of age on Saturday June 29th, 1929 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Bishop Joseph Francis Ryan. Died at 83 years of age on Thursday April 10th, 2003 in Hanover. The funeral was at 10:30 am on Monday April 14th, 2003 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father David Coté. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 19 years of age on Saturday October 8th, 1938 to William Bennington age 34 years.

William Bennington; Robert Bennington and Elizabeth Boyd.

Born Friday May 6th, 1904 in Shallow Lake, Ontario. Died at 85 years of age on Wednesday December 27th, 1989 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Marie, Joseph, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Virginia Dolores Bennington; born Friday March 10th, 1939 in Bentinck, Township and Ontario. Died at 57 years of age on Saturday October 5th, 1996 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 24 years of age on Saturday June 29th, 1963 At Holy Family Church, Hanover to Bev. Miller age 23 years. Bev was born on Saturday December 21st, 1939 in Durham, Ontario to James Miller and Irene Trafford. Bev died at 49 years of age on Thursday October 13th, 1988 in Hanover.

7 - i Lincoln Robert Bennington Miller; born Wednesday September 12th, 1973 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Marie. Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - ii Robert Earl Bennington; born Wednesday July 15th, 1942 in Bentinck Township, Ontario. Died at 21 years of age on Thursday September 12th, 1963 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment is in section #2, row #3, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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6 - iii James William Bennington; born Wednesday January 30th, 1946 in Bentinck Township, Ontario. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday July 1st, 1972 to Marlene Mack age 22 years. Marlene was born on Tuesday January 24th, 1950 to William Mack and Margaret Warnock.

7 - i Robert William Bennington; born Wednesday October 13th, 1976 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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6 - iv Linda Marie Bennington; born Sunday January 2nd, 1949 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday September 27th, 1975 in Southampton, Ontario to Stewart Shular age 24 years. Stewart was born on Thursday March 1st, 1951 in Southampton, Ontario to Basil Edward Shular and Margaret Willis (Margaret was a war bride from Scotland).

7 - i Jennifer Shular; born Monday May 2nd, 1977 in Southampton, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday July 8th, 2000 in Bell Island, NFLD to Jmes Whelan.

7 - ii Jason Shular; born Monday April 28th, 1980 in Southampton, Ontario.

5 - ii Earl Joseph Gross; Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Monday January 31st, 1921 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 6th, at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father Bell. Sponsors were, Joseph Henheffer and Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross.

Earl is a World War Two Veteran.

Married at 25 years of age on Wednesday July 31st, 1946 at the Holy Family Church, Hanover to Nadine Louis Hesch age 18 years.

Nadine Louise Hesch; Hugo Hesch and Emma Stade.

Born Sunday May 20th, 1928 in Hanover, Ontario. Died at 68 years of age on Wednesday July 10th, 1996 in Hanover. Interment is in Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Earl. Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann

6 - i Debra Gross; born Saturday September 26th, 1953 in Hanover, Ontario.

Note it is the families wishes that the father not be entered in this book.

7 - i Alexandra Fiest; born Monday January 3rd, 1983.

7 - ii Dallas Fiest; born Thursday August 15th, 1985.

7 - iii Jordan Fiest; born Wednesday November 22nd, 1989.

5 - iii Edna Cecilia Gross; Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Sunday November 7th, 1937 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday November 14th, 1937 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father I.G. Hoffarth. Sponsors were, Leonard Mercey and Cecilia (O'Henly) Mercey.

Married at 19 years of age on Saturday October 26th, in the Holy Family Church, Hanover to Leonard Zettler age 21 years. Witnesses were, Walter Zettler and Virginia (Bennington) Miller.

Leonard Zettler; Peter Zettler and Agnas Walter.

Born Wednesday October 11th, 1936 in Walkerton, Ontario.

Edna. Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - i Rick Zettler; born Wednesday September 10th, 1958 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 14th, 1958 at Mary Immaculate Church, Chepstow, Ontario. Sponsors were, Walter Zettler and Marie (Gross) Bennington. Married at 24 years of age on Monday November 29th, 1982 in Ayton, Ontario to Joan Diemert age 19 years. Joan was born on Tuesday August 20th, 1963 to Roy Diemert and Agnes Goetz.

7 - i Jochlyn Zettler; born Saturday October 29th, 1983 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - ii Candace Zettler; born Wednesday April 3rd, 1985 in Walkerton, Ontario.

Edna. Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iii Tiffany Zettler; born Tuesday October 7th, 1986 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - iv Mathias Zettler; born Wednesday August 3rd, 1988 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - v Solomon Zettler; born Wednesday December 20th, 1989 in London, Ontario.

7 - vi Zachary Zettler; born Friday July 17th, 1992 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - vii Katrina Zettler; born Saturday December 18th, 1993 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - viii Abraham; born Sunday January 8th, 1995 in Walkerton, Ontario. Died just 8 days old on Monday January 16th, 1995.

7 - ix Leonard Zettler; born Sunday October 22nd, 1995 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

7 - x Gabriel Zettler; born Monday July 6th, 1998 in London, Ontario.

7 - xi Obadiah Zettler; born Tuesday August 10th, 1999 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - xii Malachi Zettler; born Sunday August 3rd, 2003 in London, Ontario.

7 - xiii Dimitri Zettler; born Thursday September 23rd, 2004 in London, Ontario.

Edna. Joseph. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - ii Karen Zettler; born Wednesday September 7th, 1960 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 18th, 1960 at Mary Immaculate Church, Chepstow, Ontario. Sponsors were, Earl Gross and Nadine (Hesch) Gross. Married at 31 years of age on Saturday September 28th, 1991 in Walkerton, Ontario to Kevin Wilken age 30 years. Kevin was born on Friday November 11th, 1960 to Eldon Wilken and Isabel Becker.

7 - i Steven Wilken; born Wednesday October 20th, 1993 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - ii Mark Wilken; born Friday August 2nd, 1996 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - iii Courtney Wilken; born Sunday February 28th, 1999 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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6 - iii Suzanne Zettler; born Sunday April 14th, 1963 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday April 28th at Immaculate Mary Church, Chepstow, Ontario. Sponsors were, James Rich and Stella (Zettler) Rich. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday May 11th, 1985 in Chepstow, Ontario to Bill Howe age 24 years. Bill was born on Monday January 9th, 1961 to Les Howe and Velda Culbert.

7 - i Sara Howe; born Friday August 26th, 1988 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - ii Curtis Howe; born Monday August 13th, 1990 in Walkerton, Ontario.

Edna, Joseph, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - iii Anthony Howe; born Tuesday March 3rd, 1992 in Walkerton, Ontario.

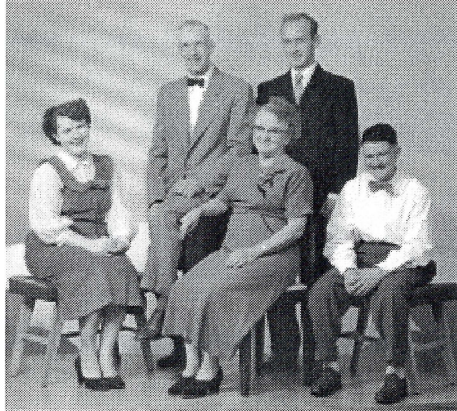
7 - iv Pamela Howe; born Thursday June 16th, 1994 in Walkerton, Ontario.

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6 - iv Margaret Zettler; born Saturday October 2nd, 1965 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 17th, 1965 at Mary Immaculate Church, Chepstow, Ontario. Sponsors were, Harold Poechman and Mary (Zettler) Poechman. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday August 8th, 1992 in Walkerton, Ontario to John Mason age 31 years. John was born on Monday January 9th, 1961 in Toronto, Ontario to William Mason and Doreen Cotton.

7 - i Kimberly Mason; born Friday August 11th, 1995 in Walkerton, Ontario.

7 - ii Jeffrey Mason; born Sunday April 27th, 1997 in Walkerton, Ontario.



Courtesy of Joan (Gross) Purves.

Frank Gross and Family
Front row L-R; Joan, Olivia (mother), Jerome.
Back row L-R; Frank (father), Francis.

4 - viii Frank Herbert Gross; John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Friday August 24th, 1894 in Hanover, Ontario. Government birth record # 901610. Christened Sunday September 2nd, 1894 at Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were, Francis Gerdot and Christina Heinzmann. Confirmed at 13 years of age on Friday October 4th, 1907 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Died at 79 years of age on Wednesday August 14th, 1974 in Hanover. Funeral was held on Friday August 16th, 1974 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #1, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at 23 years of age on Tuesday November 13th, 1917 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover to Olivia Johanna Young age 22 years. Officiating Rev. Father J.A. Lenhard. Witnesses were, Alf young and Edna Gross.

Olivia Johanna Young; Philip Young and Mary Weber.

Born Thursday October 17th, 1895 in Carrick Township. Died at 66 years of age on Friday January 26th, 1962 in Hanover. Funeral was held on Monday 29th, January 1962 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover. Interment is in section #1 row 18 Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

5 - i Jerome Joseph Gross; Frank, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday October 14th, 1924 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 19th, 1924 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating was Rev. Father M. Halm. Sponsors were, Joseph Kroetsch and Mary Young. Died at 32 years of age on Wednesday April 11th, 1956 in Hanover. Interment is in section #1, row 18, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

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5 - ii Francis Earnest Gross; Frank, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday September 11th, 1928 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday September 16th, 1928 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father R.M. Holler. Sponsors were, Alf Young and Edna Gross.

Married at 22 years of age on Saturday July 1st, 1950 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Marlene Ann Hughes age 19 years.

Marlene Ann Hughes; Thomas Hughes and Christina McCormick.

Born Friday February 27th, 1931 in Irish Lake, Ontario.

Francis, Frank, John, Conrad, Johann

6 - i Francis Joseph Gross; born Thursday March 29th, 1951 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday April 15th, 1951 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Stanley Purves and Joan Gross. Francis now resides in Sydney, Australia.

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6 - ii Thomas Murray Gross; born Thursday November 13th, 1952 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 21 years of age on Saturday June 22nd, 1974 at St. Patrick's Basilica, Ottawa to Susan Wong. Susan is the daughter of Wai Sun Wong and May Lee.

7 - i Thomas Jamie Gross; born in Ottawa, Ontario. Married Diane Findlay.

7 - ii Kathryn Victoria Gross; born in Ottawa, Ontario.

Note: It is this families wish not print birth dates of mother and children. Gen-144 will with out question respect their wishes.

Francis. Frank. John. Conrad. Johann

6 - iii Barbara Ann Gross; born Wednesday July 28th, 1954 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 18 years of age on Friday July 6th, 1973 in Holy Family Church, Hanover to Paul Deeves age 20 years. Paul was born on Sunday January 11th, 1953 the son of Jim Deeves and Norma MacMillan.

7 - i Christopher Michael Deeves; born Sunday January 26th, 1975 in Guelph, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday December 12th, 1998 in St John's Church, Guelph to Theresa Lee Weiss age 22 years. Theresa was born on Sunday February 1st, 1976 to Francis Weiss and Sherry Mitchell.

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5 - iii Joan Mary Gross; Frank, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday August 9th, 1933 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday August 13th, 1933 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Wilfred Mercey and Barbara Mineard. Officiating was Rev. Father L.A. Kelly.

Married at 17 years of age on Saturday August 26th, 1950 in the Holy Family Church, Hanover to William Stanley Purves age 23 years.

William Stanley Purves; John Purves and Hazel Willis.

Born Monday July 4th, 1927 in Bentinck Township.

Joan. Frank. John. Conrad. Johann

6 - i Randy John Purves; born Saturday February 6th, 1954 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 20 years of age on Friday April 19th, 1974 in Walkerton, Ontario to Sherry Meyer age 18 years. Sherry was born on Friday May 27th, 1955 in Walkerton, Ontario to Herbert Meyer and Eileen McNabb.

7 - i Tracy Lynn Purves; born Tuesday April 1st, 1975 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday March 21st, 1998 in Dundak, Ontario to François Joseph Daurio age 25 years. François was born on Saturday August 26th, 1972.

Joan, Frank, John, Conrad, Johann.

8 - i Amber Lynn Kurany; born Thursday April 9th, 1992 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

8 - ii Emily Yvonne Daurio; born Monday June 24th, 1998 in Owen Sound , Ontario.

8 - iii Gabrielle Morgan Rose Grissom; born Wednesday September 22nd, 2004 in Mount Forest, Ontario.

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7 - ii Kimberly Ann Purves; born Monday March 6th, 1978 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Saturday July 28th, 2001 to James Morrison Lowe.

8 - i Maghan Ainsley Lowe; born Sunday October 31st, 2004 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

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7 - iii Jason John Purves; born Monday September 28th, 1981 in Hanover, Ontario.

8 - i Lily Ivy Christian Dunlop; born Tuesday October 8th, 2002 in Mount Forest, Ontario.

Joan, Frank, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - ii Donna Maria Purves; born Wednesday January 11th, 1956 in Walkerton, Ontario. Married at 17 years of age in June 1973, Hanover to Hugh McKay. Hugh was born in 1953 to Duncan McKay and Edna Kerllor. Married 2nd, at 35 year of age on Tuesday July 30th, 1991 in Stratford, Ontario to Bryant.

7 - i Lisa Ann McKay; born Monday October 29th, 1973 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 20 years of age on Monday August 8th, 1994 in Stratford, Ontario to Roger Carr age 21 years. Roger was born on Wednesday August 2nd, 1972.

8 - i Larissa Edna Carr; born Monday August 28th, 1995 in Brooks, Alberta.

8 - ii Odellia Heather Carr; born Friday November 27th, 1998 in Brooks, Alberta.

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7 - ii David Hugh McKay; born Monday April 14th, 1975 in New Hamburg, Ontario. Married at 27 years of age on Saturday October 26th, 2002 in Medicine Hat, Alberta to Leanne MacDonald.

Joan. Frank. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - iii Stuart Hayden McKay; born Thursday January 20th, 1977 in Listowel, Ontario. Married at 26 years of age on Saturday July 5th, 2003 in Stratford, Ontario to Katrina Archer age 22 years. Katrina was born on Friday May 1st, 1981.

8 - i Tasha Florence McKay; born Sunday October 10th, 1999 Stratford, Ontario.

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7 - iv Catherine Lee McKay; born Tuesday August 10th, 1982 in Brooks, Alberta.

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6 - iii Keith Jerome Purves; born Tuesday May 14th, 1957 in Hanover, Ontario. Married at 30 years of age on Saturday August 8th, 1987 in Kitchener, Ontario to Christine Lishman age 31 years. Christine was born on Sunday July 8th, 1956 in Kitchener to Richard Lishman and Gladys Bruder.

7 - i Kayla Christine Purves; born Tuesday August 8th, 1989 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Brenna Terese Purves; born Sunday November 22nd, 1992 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - iv Mark Stanley Purves; born Thursday August 23rd, 1962 in Hanover, Ontario.



Courtesy of John & Mary Gross

George Gross and Christine O'Henley

4 - ix George Henry Gross; John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Saturday February 15th, 1896 in Hanover, Ontario. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Wednesday June 8th, 1910 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Name chosen was Joseph. Officiating Bishop T. J. Dowling of the Diocese of Toronto and Hamilton. Died at 71 years of age on Thursday August 24th, 1967 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Interment is in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe.

Married 1st, at 21 years of age on Tuesday April 24th, 1917 in Hanover to Lavina Doerr age 19 years. Officiating Rev Father J.A. Lenhard. Witnesses were, Joseph Gross and Mary Doerr.

Lavina Doerr; Herman Doerr and Elizabeth Benninger.

Born Wednesday February 23rd, 1898 in Carrick Township, Ontario. Died at 30 years of age on Monday April 2nd, 1928 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment is in the John Gross Family Plot section #2, row #16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Note; Lavina is the sister to Edwin Doerr the husband of Matilda Gross.

Married 2nd, at 41 years of age on Monday May 31st, 1937 in Toronto, Ontario to Christine O'Henly age 25 years.

Christine O'Henly; Malcolm O'Henly and Ethel Sewell.

Born Thursday February 29th, 1912 in Gleng Township, Ontario. Died at 84 years of age on Friday October 18th, 1996 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Interment is in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe.



Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington.

Lavina (Doerr) Gross

Lavina the first wife of George Gross until she died at 30 years of age. While married to George they had no children. It was said that she was very sickly and had a hard time just doing the normal things in life.



Courtesy of John & Mary Gross

George and Christine Gross and family



*Front row L-R; Robert and Theresa Middle row
L-R; John, Christine (mother), George (father).
Back row L-R; Francis, Christine, Donald
Richard.*



*Front row L-R; Theresa and Christine
(mother), Robert.
Back row; Richard, John, Christine,
Francis, Donald*

George Henry Joseph Gross

George was called unto God on Thursday August 24th, 1967, at 71 years, and just 6 months into his 72nd year, at the Hanover Memorial Hospital. Resting at Stahle Funeral Home, 123 - Tenth Street, Hanover, from 9:00p.m. Thursday, until Saturday morning when Family Prayers were to be offered at 9:30 a.m. Requiem High Mass: 10:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe. Officiating Rev. Father Francis Reuser. Interment is in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe. The Parish Rosary was recited on Friday night at 9:00p.m.

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Obituary

CARLSRUHE - George Henry Gross, R.R.1, Carlsruhe, died Thursday at Hanover Hospital after a brief illness. He was 71. Born February 15th, 1896, he was the son of the late Mr. And Mrs. John Gross.

He lived all his life in the Carlsruhe district and was a machinist at the Spiesz Furniture Plant in Hanover. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, Carlsruhe.

Surviving are his wife, the former Christine Mary O'Henly, whom he married in 1937 at Toronto; five sons , John, Francis, and Robert, all of R.R.1 Waterloo, and Richard and Donald , both of Carlsruhe; two daughters , Christine, Carlsruhe, and Theresa, Kitchener; two brothers, Frank of Hanover, and Lorne, R.R. 2 Walkerton; three sisters, Mrs. Matilda Doerr, Hespeler, Mrs. Clara Mercey, and Mrs. Mary Mercey, both of Hanover, and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by one daughter, five brothers and four sisters.

The body is at the Stahle Funeral Home, Hanover, where prayers will be offered 9:30 a. m. Saturday. Requiem Mass will follow at 10:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier RC Church. Rev. Francis Reuser will officiate. Burial will be in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe.

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Note; George was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Church in Carlsruhe, this is the same church that his grandfather, Conrad Gross, and his father, John Gross, had made the bricks.

5 - i (A) Roselyn Gross; George. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Thursday December 25th, 1913, surname Brunzlaw, in St. Agatha, Ontario. Died at 87 years of age on Monday July 30th, 2001 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment is in Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married to Harry Jays in Toronto, Ontario.

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5 - ii John Malcolm Gross; George. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Wednesday June 29th, 1938 in Hanover, Ontario. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Monday June 25th, 1951. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Name chosen was Joseph.

Married at 19 years of age on Saturday June 7th, 1958 in Durham, Ontario to Mary Millea. Witnesses were Jack Spielmacher and Christine Gross. Mary is the daughter of Thomas Millea and Elizabeth Nicholls.

John. George. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - i George Gross; born Friday May 1st, 1959 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Richard Gross and Christine Gross. Married to Kimberly Harrison the daughter of John Millea and Grace McKelvie. Witnesses were , Terry Gross and Karen Mathews.

7 - i Jonathan Gross; born Friday January 1st, 1999 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Terry Gross and Susan Mulligan.

7 - ii Joshua Gross; born Wednesday August 2nd, 2000 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Terry Gross and Susan Mulligan.

John, George, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - iii Jessica Ann Gross; born Wednesday August 24th, 2005 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Paul and Catherine Mc Keand.

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6 - ii Terry Gross; born Wednesday November 22nd, 1961 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were, Donald Gross and Theresa Gross.

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6 - iii Michael Gross; born Friday June 4th, 1965 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were, Francis Gross and Elizabeth Dietrich.

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5 - iii Richard Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday October 19th, 1939 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Wilfred Mercey and Violet Lipskie. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Wednesday June 16th, 1954. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Name chosen was Peter.

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5 - iv Donald Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday May 19th, 1941 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Donald and Winnifred Hallsal. Confirmed at 13 years of age on Wednesday June 16th, 1954. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Name chosen was Joseph. Died Monday January 10th, 1994 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Interment is in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe, Ontario.

5 - v Christine Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Wednesday September 2nd, 1942 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were, Jack O'Henly and Katherine McGinnes. Confirmed at 11 years of age on Wednesday June 16th, 1954. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Name chosen was Elizabeth.

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5 - vi Mary Elizabeth Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday September 2nd, 1943 in Hanover, Ontario. Christen by her father. Died at the age of 2 days on Saturday September 4th, 1943 in Hanover, Ontario. Interment is in the Hanover Cemetery.

Note: The parish priest would not allow her to be buried in the Holy Family Cemetery, as he was not the one to baptize her. It should be known that this baptism by her father was proper in the eyes of the Catholic Church, which was performed by the consenting parents and should have never been rejected by the church.

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5 - vii Francis Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday October 19th, 1944 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Christened Monday October 30th, 1944 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe. Sponsors were, Frank Gross and Olive (Young) Gross. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Monday May 13th, 1957. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Name Chosen was John.

Married at 29 years of age on Saturday August 3rd, 1974 in Hanover, Ontario to Dianne Dunne age 21 years. Witnesses were, Julius Bodai and Melanie Murray.

Dianne Dunne; John Dunne and Molly Lutz.

Born Monday February 18th, 1952 in Toronto, Ontario. Christened Sunday March 1st, 1952 at St. Matthews Church, Toronto. Sponsors were, Isabel McDonald and Ross McKenzie.

Francis, George, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Lisa Gross; born Thursday May 12th, 1977 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 16th, 1977 at Holy Family Church, Hanover, Ontario. Sponsors were, John and Isabel MacDonald. Spouse Alfredo Naranjo born Saturday February 16th, 1974 in Planes de Renderos. Christened Monday April 1st, 1974 in Parroquia de San Antonio. Father; Alfredo Ramirez and mother; Maria Lilia Naranjo Huevo.

Francis, George, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - i Anthony Naranjo; born Friday March 21st, 1997 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Saturday November 18th, 2000 at St Aloysius Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Carlos Naranjo and Trish Stedelbauer.

7 - ii Fernando Naranjo; born Friday August 6th, 1999 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Saturday November 18th, 2000 at St Aloysius Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, David Gross and Tyrone Kennedy.

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6 - ii David Gross; born Sunday April 25th, 1982 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday June 27th, 2002 at St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Robert Gross and Joanne (Blakey) Gross.

7 - i Mathew David Gross; born Sunday October 19th, 2003. Christening sponsors were, Francis Gross and Dianne Dunne.

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5 - viii Robert John Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Saturday November 30th, 1946 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Confirmed at 10 years of age on Monday May 13th, 1957. Name Chosen. Peter. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan.

Married 1st, to Nora Condry the daughter of Horace Condry and Rita McCurdy. Witnesses were, Richard Gross and Sharon Ernewein, with wedding party of Wayne Condry and Karen Schade. Nora was born on Friday December 23rd, 1949. Died on Saturday July 8th, 1972 in London, Ontario. Interment is in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe, Ontario.

Married 2nd, Saturday March 30th, 1974 in Carlsruhe, Ontario to Joanne Blakey, the daughter of Leo Blakey and Marguerite McLean.

Robert, George, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Donna Lynn Gross; born Saturday October 2nd, 1971 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were, John Gross and Mary (Millea) Gross. Married Monday August 30th, 2004 to Jeff Bondy. Witnesses were, Robert Howe and Rose Weiler.

6 - ii Danny Thomas Gross; born Monday July 3rd, 1972 in London, Ontario. Christened in London, Ontario. Sponsors were, Jack O'Henly and Ernie O'Henly. Died Wednesday July 5th, 1972 in London, Ontario.

6 - iii Timmy Lee Gross; born Tuesday May 11th, 1976 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were, John and Betty Hunt.

5 - ix Theresa Gross; George, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday June 7th, 1949 in Carlsruhe, Ontario. Christened at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe. Sponsors were Elmer and Agnes Hoffarth. Confirmed at 10 years of age on Monday May 2nd, 1960. Officiating Bishop Joseph Francis Ryan. Name chosen was Mary.

Married 1st, to Donald Mason, the son of Dudley Mason and Elizabeth Taverner. Witnesses were, Bob Mason and Dianne Spielmacher. Marriage was annulled in 1986.

Married 2nd, on Saturday July 29th, 1989 to Lou Villeneuve, the son of Regis and Dolores Villeneuve. Witnesses were, Dennis Villeneuve and Louise Hazelwood.

Theresa, George, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Peter Mason; born Sunday April 22nd, 1971 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened at Kitchener- Waterloo Hospital. Sponsors were, Hospital Pastor and the Head Nurse.



Courtesy of Alma (Gross) Holmes.

Albert Gross and Magdalena Fidler

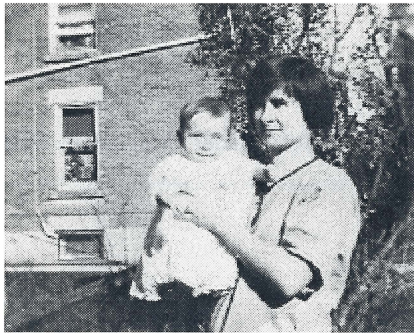
4 - x Albert Cornelius Joseph Grosz; John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Tuesday January 11th, 1898 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Sunday January 16th, 1898 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Father R.C. Lehmann. Sponsors were, Henry William Grosz (uncle) and Susanna Kreutzwiser (aunt). Confirmed at 12 years of age on Wednesday June 8th, 1910 in Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Bishop T. J. Dowling, the Bishop of Toronto and Hamilton. The name chosen was Peter. Died at 60 years of age on Monday August 18th, 1958 in Kitchener, Ontario. Requiem High Mass on Thursday August 21st, 1958 by Rev. Father G.T. Mulhall in St. John's Church, Kitchener. Interment in section MI, lot 122, Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener. Officiating at the cemetery was Paster of St. John's Church Rev. Father William Gleason. Pall - bearers were, George Fidler (brother In-law), Water Fidler (brother In-law), Leo Gross (nephew), Harold Kittel (brother In-law), John Kistner (1st cousin), Adrian Mercey (nephew).

Married at 27 years of age on Tuesday January 27th, 1925 in St Ignatius Church, Deemerton, Ontario to Magdalena Veronica Fidler age 20 years. Officiating was Rev. Father R. M. Holler. Witnesses were, John Obermeyer and Edna Gross.

Magdalena Veronica Fidler; Jacob Fidler and Mary Hoffman.

Born Wednesday July 27th, 1904 in Neustadt, Ontario. Christened Thursday July 28th, 1904 at St. Joseph's Church, Neustadt. Officiating Rev. Father Joseph E. Wey. Sponsors were, Vincent Hoffman and Magdalena Veronica Bader (grandparents). Died Sunday September 14th, 1969 in Kitchener, Ontario. Requiem High Mass was celebrated on Wednesday September 17th, 1969 in St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father J.H. Higgins. Interment in section MI, lot 122, Woodland Cemetery, Kitchener. Pall-bearers were, Gerald Dorscht (nephew), Edward Fidler (1st cousin), Donald Guenther (nephew), Cyril Gross (nephew), Laverne Gross (nephew), William Guenther.



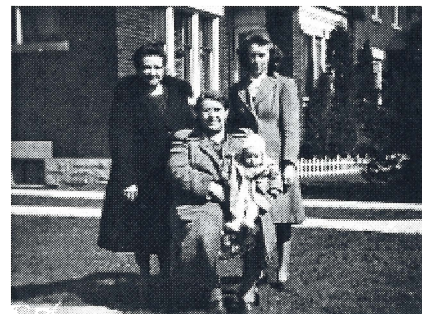
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Magdalena and daughter Alma.



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*Back L-R; Alma, Wilbert,
Front L-R; Harold and Delores.*



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L-R; Wilbert, Ronald and Harold.



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*Forth Generation Picture.
Front L-R; Mary (Hoffman) Fidler and
Patricia Holmes. Back L-R; Magdalena
(Fidler) Gross And Alma (Gross) Holmes.*

"ALWAYS PROMPT - NEVER NEGLIGENT"

JOHN A. PATERSON

SUCCESSOR TO MILLER & PATERSON

NOTARY PUBLIC

INSURANCE AND ESTATE AGENT

CONVEYANCER

TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY - EXECUTOR, TRUSTEE, ETC.

HANOVER

August 21, 1941

Mr. Albert Gross,
R. R. 1,
WATERLOO, Ont.

Dear Sir: Re John Gross Estate

I now enclose herewith,
cheque for the sum of \$98.94, in payment
of your share.

Yours faithfully,

JAP/g
Enc.

John A. Paterson

Courtesy of the Albert Gross family.

This letter was sent to all the children of John and Elizabeth Gross that were still living. The estate was divided after Elizabeth had died in 1940. John A Paterson was a Estate Agent in Hanover.

5 - i Alma Elizabeth Gross; Albert. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Monday March 2nd, 1925 in Neustadt, Ontario. Christened Sunday March 8th, 1925 at St. Joseph's Church, Neustadt. Officiating Rev. Father R.M. Holler. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Thursday October 5th, 1939 in St. Louis Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan.

Married at 18 years of age on Saturday February 19th, 1944 in St. John's Church, Kitchener, Ontario to Horace McMorran Holmes age 19 years. Officiating Rev. Father William F. Gleason. Witnesses were, Wilbert Gross and Caroline Fidler.

Horace McMorran Holmes; Thomas Frederick McMorran Holmes and Edna Viola Shrider.

Born Saturday July 4th, 1925 in Kincardine, Ontario.

* Horace is a World War II Veteran.



Courtesy of the Holmes family.

Forth Generation

Back L-R; Carla (Wallace) Van Sickle and Marilyn (Holmes) Wallace.

Front L-R; Cayle Van Sickle and Alma (Gross) Holmes.

Alma. Albert. John. Conrad. Johann.

6 - i Patricia Elizabeth Holmes; born Saturday December 9th, 1944 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 23 years of age on Friday July 5th, 1968 in Hanover, Ontario to James Harvey Golem age 23 years. James was born on Thursday August 17th, 1944 in Hamilton, Ontario. James is the son of Harvey Golem and Mary Elizabeth Donovan.

7 - i William James Golem; Thursday April 11th, 1974 in Hanover, Ontario.

7 - ii Richard Kenneth Golem; born Friday March 5th, 1976 in Hanover, Ontario.

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6 - ii Kenneth McMorran Holmes; born Thursday April 10, 1947 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 26 years of age on Friday March 22nd, 1974 in Guelph, Ontario to Marilyn Ethel Weir age 19 years. Marilyn was born on Thursday March 25th, 1954 in Guelph to William Thomas Weir and Agnes Eadie Cox.

7 - i Jeremy Thomas McMorran Holmes; born Sunday October 21st, 1979 in Guelph, Ontario.

7 - ii Courtney Eadie Holmes; born Tuesday August 2nd, 1983 in Guelph, Ontario.

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6 - iii Marilyn Nadine Holmes; born Saturday October 16th, 1948 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Saturday May 15th, 1971 in Harriston, Ontario to Larry Robert Charles Wallace age 21 years. Larry was born on Sunday July 10th, 1949 in Palmerston, Ontario. Larry is the son of Donald Wallace and Marguerite Lyons.

Alma. Albert. John. Conrad. Johann.

7 - i Carla Elaine Wallace; born Wednesday June 19th, 1996 in Listowel, Ontario. Married at 22 years of age on Wednesday June 19th, 1996 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, U.S.A., to Steven Ross Van Sickle age 34 years. Steven was born on Sunday October 29th, 1961 in Jerseyville, Ontario.

8 - i Cayle Marie Van Sickle; born Wednesday March 17th, 1999 in Stratford, Ontario.

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7 - ii Melissa Walis Wallace; born Tuesday February 22nd, 1977 in Listowel, Ontario. Married Saturday September 17th, 2005 in Kitchener, Ontario to Peter Anthony Bortolon, the son of Anthony and Mary Bortolon.

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6 - iv Shirley Elaine Holmes; born Sunday January 21st, 1951 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married at 30 years of age on Saturday December 5th, 1981 in Owen Sound, Ontario, to Peter Bruno Rissi age 27 years. Peter was born on Wednesday January 13th 1954 in Belleville, Ontario. Peter is the son of Bruno Rissi and Trudy Bahler.

7 - i Abra Elaine Rissi; born Thursday June 2nd, 1983 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

7 - ii Evan Holmes Rissi; born Sunday May 18th, 1986 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

5 - ii Wilbert John Gross; *Albert, John, Conrad, Johan.*

Born Saturday July 26th, 1927 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Thursday August 11th, 1927 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father R.M. Holler. Sponsors were, John Gross and Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross. Confirmed at 12 years of age on Thursday October 5th, 1939 in St. Louis Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan.

Married at 22 years of age on Saturday August 27th, 1949 in Kitchener, Ontario to Wilma Jane Bleich age 19 years. Officiating Rev. Dr. John Schmieder. Witnesses were, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Evens.

Wilma Jane Bleich; *Lewis Bleich and Ela Klachn.*

Born Friday September 27th, 1929 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Wilbert, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Judy Lynn Gross; born Thursday December 5th, 1957 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, at 17 years of age on Friday July 18th, 1975 in Breslau, Ontario to Eric Ivel age 22 years. Eric was born on Saturday August 23rd, 1952 in Kitchener, Ontario. Eric is the son of Stewart James Ivel and Jewel Shantz. Eric died on Monday January 1st, 1996 in Kitchener. Married 2nd, at 43 years of age on Friday June 8th, 2001 in Kitchener to Robert William Stuart the son of William and Anne Stuart.

7 - i Amie Marie Ivel; born Sunday September 11th, 1977 in Kitchener, Ontario. Spouse is Nelson Neves Bastos the son of Manual Bastos and Marie Serenda.

8 - i Jessica Deanna Bastos; born Saturday November 18th, 1995 in Kitchener, Ontario.

8 - ii Anthony Joshua Bastos; born Monday February 3rd, 1997 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Wilbert, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

7 - ii John Stewart Ivel; born Tuesday December 4th, 1979 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iii Julie Ann Ivel; born Monday September 12th, 1983 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - iv Richard James Ivel; born Thursday July 27th, 1989 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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7 - v Christopher William Ivel; twin born Thursday July 27th, 1989 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - v Daniel Shawn Ivel; twin born Thursday July 27th, 1989 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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6 - ii Sandra Jane Gross; born Sunday January 25th, 1959 in Kitchener, Ontario. Married 1st, at 19 years of age on Friday June 2nd, 1978 in Breslau, Ontario to George Wies age 18 years. George was born on Wednesday June 6th, 1959 to Carl Wies and Perry Lyon. Married 2nd, at 34 years of age on Thursday December 2nd, 1993 in Kitchener to Donald Lasvelles age 38 years. Donald was born on Thursday September 9th, 1954 in Toronto, Ontario. Donald is the son of John Beverly Lasvelles and Ruth Wark.

7 - i Dennis Lasvelles; born / died 0000.

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6 - iii David Lewis Gross; born Monday May 6th, 1963 in Kitchener, Ontario.

5 - iii Gerard Joseph Gross; *Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.*

Born Tuesday October 2nd, 1928 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Tuesday October 2nd, 1928 at home. Officiating The pastor of Hanover and Carlsruhe, Rev. Father R. M. Holler. Sponsor was, Elizabeth (Jantz) Gross. Died Tuesday October 23rd, 1928 in Hanover. Cause of death was listed as starvation. This was caused by him being born without a roof in his mouth and the child could not swallow his food. He was look after Dr. Taylor of Hanover who had also signed the Death Certificate. A Requiem High Mass was held on Thursday October 25th, 1928 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Officiating Rev. Father R.M. Holler. Interment is in St. Ignatius Cemetery, Deemerton, Ontario.

Note; Gerard's grave can not be found as there was a fire that destroyed the cemetery records of the children's section. The Church records confirm that he is buried in Deemerton, no plot number was listed. It also should be noted that these records were St. Francis Xavier Church.

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5 - iv Harold Joseph Gross; born Thursday October 17th, 1929 in Neustadt, Ontario. Christened Sunday October 20th, 1929 at St. Joseph's Church, Neustadt, Ontario. Officiating Rev. Father I.G. Hoffarth. Confirmed at 13 years of age on Sunday June 6th, 1943 in St. Louis Church, Waterloo, Ontario.

* Harold is a Korean War Veteran.

Married 1st, to Joyce Steppler. Joyce was born on Friday May 2nd, 1930 in Waterloo, Ontario. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steppler. Married 2nd, June 1972 in Waterloo to Lorraine Fahrer. Lorraine was born on Tuesday April 10th, 1928 in Formosa, Ontario. The daughter of John Fahrer and Carrie Erniwein. Lorraine died in 1995 in Wasaga Beach, Ontario. Married 3rd, to Lina Micallis.

Harold, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Brenda Gross; born Tuesday April 24th, 1951 in Kitchener, Ontario. Spouse Donald Naylor. Brenda died on February 13th, 1995 in Preston, Ontario.

7 - i Shawna Naylor; born Monday December 26th, 1976.

Harold, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - ii Donald Gross; born Saturday November 12th, 1955 in Kitchener, Ontario. Spouse Katherine Gross.

7 - i Lorrie Anne Gross; born Wednesday May 20th, 1987.

7 - ii Lucas Gross; born Sunday August 9th, 1992.

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5 - v Delores Clara Gross; Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Thursday November 23rd, 1933 in Neustadt, Ontario. Confirmed at 9 years of age on Sunday June 6th, 1943 in St. Louis Church, Waterloo, Ontario. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan. Married 1st, at 16 years of age on Saturday October 28th, 1950 in Kitchener, Ontario to Gerald O'Brien the son of Mr. And Mrs. Pierce O'Brien. Married 2nd, civil to Kenneth Dargo. Married 3rd, to James Ellis. James died in 1989 in High River, Alberta.. Married 4th, to Manual St. Amour. Delores died at 67 years of age on Friday January 12th, 2001 in High River, Alberta.

Delores, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Murray Pierce John O'Brien; born Friday April 27th, 1951 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday May 20th, 1951 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father William F. Gleason. Sponsors were, Lawrence Dean and Veronica Dean.

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6 - ii Bernard Gerald O'Brien; born Sunday April 6th, 1952 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday April 27th, 1952 at St. John's Church, Kitchener, Ontario. Sponsors were, John and Cathy Murphy.

Delores, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - iii Paul Gary O'Brien; born Tuesday November 18th, 1958 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday December 7th, 1958 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father William F. Gleason. Sponsors were, Ronald Gross and Elizabeth (O'Brien) Goetz. Died at 17 years of age due to a car accident on Friday September 26th, 1976. Interment is in the Listowel Cemetery.

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6 - iv Sharon O'Brien - Ellis; born Thursday October 27th, 1960 in Kitchener, Ontario.

6 - v Karen Dargo - Ellis; born Friday January 24th, 1964 in Kitchener, Ontario.

6 - vi Linda Dargo - Ellis; born Saturday March 27th, 1965 in Kitchener, Ontario.

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5 - vi Ronald Albert John Gross; Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Saturday November 13th, 1943 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday November 28th, 1943 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father William F. Gleason. Sponsors were, Lorne Gross and Emma (Fidler) Dorscht. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Sunday May 4th, 1958 in St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan.

Ronald is a Canadian Forces Veteran.

Married at 24 years of age on Friday September 13th, 1968 at Sacred Heart Church, Walkerton, Ontario to Evelyn Marie Mary Altman age 17 years. Officiating Rev. Father James Malone. Witnesses were, Gerald Zettler and Jane Biengessner.

Evelyn Marrie Mary Altman; Peter Altman and Florence Kupferschmidt.

Born Sunday December 24th, 1950 in Walkerton, Ontario. Christened Sunday January 14th, 1951 at Sacred Heart Church, Walkerton. Officiating Rev. Father J. Jordan. Sponsors were, Harry Tschirhart and Mrs. W. Bogden. Confirmed at 11 years of age on Friday April 27th, 1962 in Sacred Heart Church, Walkerton. Officiating Bishop Joseph Ryan.

Ronald, Albert, John, Conrad, Johann.

6 - i Patricia Ann Theresa Gross; born Thursday January 21st, 1971 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday February 21st, 1971 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Sponsors were, Gerald Zettler and Jane Beingessner. Confirmed at 14 years of age on Wednesday April 17th, 1985 in St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Bishop Paul Francis Reding.

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6 - ii Donna Marie Magdalene Gross; born Tuesday February 13th, 1973 in Kitchener, Ontario. Christened Sunday June 3rd, 1973 at St. Anthony Daniel's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Rev. Father Farwell. Sponsors were, Bruce and Mona Linder. Confirmed at 14 years of age in St. John's Church, Kitchener. Officiating Bishop Paul Francis Reding. Married at 27 years of age on Saturday May 13th, 2000 in Kitchener to Steven Garrity age 31 years. Steven was born on Sunday December 22nd, 1968 in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Steven is the son of Robert Garrity and Mary Norton.

7 - i Matthew Alexander Garrity; born Thursday April 12th, 2001 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - ii Nathan William Garrity; born Sunday November 9th, 2003 in Kitchener, Ontario.

7 - iii Brendan Riley Garrity; born Thursday October 20th, 2004 in Kitchener, Ontario.



Courtesy of Harold and Pauline Fiddler.

Edwin Doerr and Matilda Gross

4 - xi Matilda Christine Gross; John, Conrad, Johann.

Born Monday October 30th, 1899 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Saturday November 4th, 1899 at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Carlsruhe, Ontario. Sponsors were Aloysius and Matilda Acheldmeyer. Officiating was Rev. Fr. Joseph E. Wey. Confirmed at the age of 12 years on Friday June 12th, 1912 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Confirmation name chosen was Mary. Officiating was Bishop John Farwell the first bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Died Monday March 24th, 1975 in Hespeler, Ontario. Interment is in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hespeler.

Married at 19 years of age on Tuesday November 26th, 1918 in Formosa, Ontario to Edwin Doerr.
Edwin Doerr was 27 years of age.

Edwin Doerr; Herman Doerr and Elizabeth Benninger.

Born Tuesday July 22nd, 1891 in Formosa, Ontario. Died Thursday December 7th, 1944 in Hespeler, Ontario. Interment is in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Hespeler.

* Edwin is a W.W.I. Veteran and was wounded in that war from shell shock and in the picture you can see that he has a glass left eye.

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5 - i Francis Doerr; Matilda, John, Conrad, Johann.

Born in Burlington, Ontario. Married on Friday May 14th, 1954 at Saint Mary's Church in Hespeler to Shirley Jean Pore.

* Francis was adopted and there are no records of his birth. He was married the second time also no records were to be found.

Shirley Jean Pore; John Pore and Myrtle Bell Rickert.

Born in Platsville, Ontario.



Courtesy of Ron Gross.

Edna Susannah Grosz

4 - xii Edna Susannah Grosz; John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Monday September 23rd, 1901 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened on Saturday September 28th, 1901 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Nicolas Deiss and Susannah Grosz. Officiating was Rev. Fr. Joseph E. Wey. Confirmed at the age of 11 years on Friday June 21st, 1912 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Confirmation name chosen was Julia. Officiating was Bishop John Farwell, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Died at the age of 33 in child birth on Saturday April 13th, 1935. Interment in the John Gross Family Plot, section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

Married at the age of 31 years on Tuesday May 16th, 1933 at Holy Family Church, Hanover to John Obermeyer 34 years of age of Formosa, Ontario.

John Obermeyer; Anthony Obermeyer and Josephine Meyer.

Born Saturday September 10th, 1898 in Formosa, Ontario. Christened on Sunday September 11th, 1898 at Immaculate Mary Church, Formosa.

** Several years after Edna's death John was remarried to Helen Rosa Montage of Normanby Township. They both have since pass on and are buried in Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery, Carlsruhe, Ontario.*

5 - i Baby Obermeyer; Edna. John. Conrad. Johann.

Born Saturday April 13th, 1935. Died Saturday April 13th, 1935. Interment with the babies mother in The John Gross Family Plot section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.



Courtesy of Ron Gross

Lorne Anthony Grosz

4 - xiii Lorne Anthony Grosz; John. Conrad, Johann.

Born Tuesday July 4th, 1905 in Hanover, Ontario. Christened Sunday July 9th, 1905 at Holy Family Church, Hanover. Sponsors were Henry Schildroyh and Rosa Thiel. Died at the age of 86 years on Monday December 23rd, 1991 in Owen Sound, Ontario. Interment in the John Gross family plot, section 2, row 16, Holy Family Cemetery, Hanover.

My Memories of Lorne Gross

He was the youngest of the family and stayed a single man all his life. Everyone in the Hanover area sooner or later came to know Lorne. During the Second World War he worked at the Dominion Tire Factory in Kitchener. I first learned of him as young boy. I was told; your uncle Lorne is coming to visit. I had asked who he is. My mother told me "That's your father's brother from Hanover." He is also your godfather "so you better be good!" When he arrived I saw this big man with a big belly and he handed a bag to my father and said "I brought a bottle with me." The bottle of course was gin, I thought it smelled awful and wondered how he could drink that stuff. As I grew older I would see my uncle Lorne a lot more. Every time we went to Hanover my father would say "I know where to find him he'll be in the Queens Hotel." At that age I didn't think that my father was good at finding him as he thought he was, because it took him a half hour. These are just a few of my memories of my uncle Lorne, I'm sure there are those in the family with a few more. His mother told him when he was a young man that he wouldn't be anything much when he grew up. "Well sorry grandma he touch our hearts."

RON GROSS

Memories Past



*Courtesy of Marie (Gross) Bennington.
William Henry Grosz
Son of Conrad Grosz*



*Courtesy of Alma (Gross) Holmes
Edna & Matilda Gross*



*Courtesy of Ron Gross.
Adrian Mercey & Albert Gross*



*Courtesy of Roy Gross.
Hanover Volunteer Fire Dept.
Alexander Gross on right side of dog.*

Class of 1912

*Edna Gross, Lorne Gross and Matilda Gross
Teacher Miss McQueen.*

Holy Family School - 1920

*Elmer Mercey, Frank Mercey, Helen Mercey, Leonard Mercey, Madelyn Mercey and Wilfred Mercey.
Teacher Miss O'Malley.*

Holy Family School -1927

*Adrian Mercey, Earl Gross, John Zimmer, Leo Gross, Leonard Mercey, Marie Gross, Oliver Mercey,
Ted Zimmer and Wilfred Mercey.*



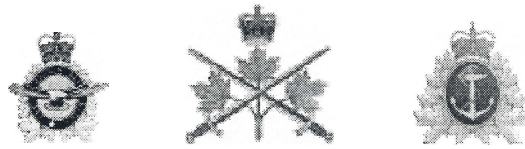
Courtesy of Shirley (Weber) Mercey.

Grades 1 and 2 - 1946

Front row, 4th from left, Ronald Zettler. Second row, 3rd from left, Janet Mercey, 8th from left, Yvonne Mercey. Third row, 4th from left, Edna Gross. Forth row, 1st from left, Darlene Mercey, 7th from left, Charles Mercey.

The Holy Family CYO - 1946

*President, Miss Salome Wallner, Vice President, Adrian Mercey, Secretary, Therese Westfall,
Treasurer, Beatrice Fortney.*



The Military Section

This section is dedicated to the family members who had served their country. All the family members were discharged or released with honours. Some were wounded during their service in war time. Edwin Doerr who was wounded in W.W. I., from shell - shock and the loss of an eye. Alexander Gross was also wounded in W.W. I., from shell - shock and picked shrapnel out of his body until the day he died. Louis Gross who was with the Royal Canadian Artillery on the east coast of Canada in W.W. II. John Zimmer who first enlisted with the RCAF and later transferred to the RCN in Halifax in W.W. II., and was discharged as a warrant officer. Harold Fidler, Earl Gross and Horace Holmes all served with the Second Canadian Division from Normandy to Holland and Germany. Adrian Mercey was wounded with the loss of a finger in W.W. II., and had won a Medal of Honour; he also served in France Holland, and Germany. Kenneth Gross who lost part of his hearing due to the weapon he was using in W.W. II. Roy Gross after the war saw service with NATO and retired from the RCAF. Two of the family members while stationed in England played hockey for their various Military Units that they were serving with. Adrian Mercey, who was known as a good defence man and had played hockey in Hanover, also played in with his unit in England where he broke his leg. Roy Gross while with 410 Squadron, played hockey against the Bomber Boys in England, some the Bomber Boys team mates later played for the NHL and were known as the "Kraut Line", Bobby Bauer, Milt Schmidt and Woody (Porky) Dumart. They Played for the Boston Bruins Hockey Team. Harold Gross saw service with the UN in Korea. Irene Gross served with the RCAF in communications. Ronald Gross saw service with Air Search Rescue while with the 2nd Battalion of the Queens Own Rifles in Alberta. Later was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment and saw service as a Peace Keeper in Cyprus in 1965-66. Cpl. Antoine Hughesman who served with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in two Peace Keeping Operations. UN Cyprus in 1992 and Yugoslavia in 1993.

Lest We Forget

Some of these family members have pass on, and we should never forget what they had done in the service of their country.

They shall grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

603196 Pte. Edwin Doerr

Born in Formosa, Ontario on Tuesday July 22nd, 1891, the son of Herman Doerr and Elizabeth Benninger. He enlisted in the Canadian Army on Wednesday September 15th, 1915 in Walkerton, Ontario. Attestation papers were filled out on Wednesday September 15th, 1915 in Walkerton and witnessed by Lt. J.A. Farrell. A Certificate of Magistrate was given in Walkerton by the Justice of the Peace, Robert Richardson.

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The Medical description is as follows.

Age; 24 years. Height; 5 feet 4 inches. Girth when fully expanded; 33 inches.
Range of expansion; 2 inches. Complexion; Fair. Eyes; Grey. Hair; Light
Scar under left shoulder blade.

I have examined the above -named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Service.

H. H. Sinclair MD

September 15, 1915
Walkerton, Ontario.

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Oath to be taken by man on Attestation.

I Edwin Doerr do make Oath, that I will faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date September 15, 1915

Edwin Doerr Signature of Recruit
J.A. Farrell Lieut. Signature of Witness

*Edwin was wounded in the war from heavy shelling and was suffered with loss of an eye and from Shell-Shock until he died in Hespeler, Ontario in 1944.



Courtesy of Alma (Gross) Holmes.

Pte. Alexander Gross c...1915

The Hanover Post June 1915

HEARTY SEND OFF TO SOLDIER BOYS

Alex Gross and Wilfred Burns enlist to fight in the battles of the Empire.

After ten months of fighting the war is still raging and more Canadians are being enrolled to raise the number of our troops to 150,000. Two more Hanover boys have enlisted for overseas service in the persons of Alex Gross, son of John Gross and Wilfred Burns, son of Mrs. Michael Burns. Alex is 27 years of age and is a married man with two little sons age 2 and 4 respectively. He is of German decent. Wilfred is 21 years of age, unmarried, and a rugged young Irish Canadian. Both boys are keen to get to the front and no doubt will give a good account of themselves.

Hanover citizens including a contingent of ladies of the I.O.D.E., gave the boys a loyal enthusiastic, and touching "send off" at the hurriedly called meeting held in the council chamber on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The boys went to Own Sound at 11:15 a. m. in charge of Lieutenant A. E. Ball. There was a large crowd at the depot to see them off, and Tipperary was sung as the train stood at the station.

There was quite a large attendance at the council chamber and a number of speeches were made. Dr. Taylor acted as chairman and he said that Canadian soldiers had proved themselves to be second to none. Addresses were made by Rev. J. W. Cooley, Rev. W. I. McLean, R.J. Ball M.P., H. H. Miller, Mrs. George Wilson and Dr. Elide.

Mrs. Wilson on behalf of the I. O. D. E. presented the boys with two pair of knitted socks each Mrs. Wilson speaking for the ladies said " we envy you men the privilege of going to the front." Mrs. William Ruttle on behalf of the ladies Gymnastic Club presented the boys with two khaki handkerchiefs each. Dr. Taylor on behalf of the town gave the boys a \$10 gold piece each.



Courtesy of the Albert Gross family.

Cooks of the 58TH Battalion in World War One.
Alex Gross standing with a knife.

The 58th Battalion sometimes called the Niagara Battalion and was named as such because of its training base at Canadian Forces Base Niagara. In England and France it was called the Central Ontario Battalion as it was made up of smaller Militia Infantry units in Ontario as it was formed in Toronto. The 58th Grey County Company was stationed in Own Sound. The 58th Battalion became part of the Ninth Brigade of the Third Canadian Division and embarked from the ports of Montreal and Halifax, Nova Scotia on Monday November 15th, 1915 on the Ship S. S. Saxonia was one of the ships that transported the troops to England. The Third Canadian Division became a part of the Canadian Corp in France in February and June of 1916.

Alex Gross was a cook in the Battalion and it was the cook's job to take the hot food up to the front lines to feed the troops. They would put a large steel pot on a wagon (above photo) with two horses and take it up to the front lines where it was transferred into large thermos cans; the cooks then put three cans on their back pack, one in each hand and along with their rifle, through the lines they would go feeding the men. Alex Gross served with honour through out his military service. He returned home recovering from his wounds in 1917 and was honoured by the town of Walkerton. He tore many a shirt on the shrapnel as it worked out of his body until he died in 1958.



Courtesy of Gen-144.

Attack of the 58th Battalion in Passchendaele.

The Canadian Corps Commander was Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie, who was the first Canadian Commander of the Canadian Corps in World War One. He participated in all major actions of the Canadian Forces. He had planned and executed the assault on Vimy Ridge. He was best known for his leadership in the last 100 days of the war. Third Division Commander was Major-General L.J. Lipsett and the Ninth Infantry Brigade Commander was General F.W. Hill.

Passchendaele was a Village in the south-west part of Belgium about 10 kms (6 miles) north-west of Ypres. The battle for Passchendaele was called the most futile and the horrendous battle of World War One. The Canadian Corps 20,000 members saw action in that battle. Sixteen thousand Canadians were Killed Wounded or Missing in the action against the well trained Fourth German Bavarian Army.

On Friday October 26th, 1917 the temperature was 48 Fahrenheit (8.8C). It was a misty, overcast morning. There was about 3 inches (7.8mm) of rain that had fallen sporadically through the night, as it would continue to do all day long. This was to be the worst day for the Grey County Boys of the 58th Battalion. The Canadian attack started at 5:40am from the intersection of the Gravenstafel Road and the Ravebeek Creek toward the enemy held pillboxes at Laamkeek Farm, in a muddy swamp called "Marsh - Bottom", a few thousand yards south-west of the Passchendaele Village. Their objective of gaining 600 yards (548.6 metres) was stopped by the German pillboxes near the Laamkeek Farm. It is believed that this battle is where Alexander Gross was wounded. It is said the after taking the hill at Laamkeek Farm the Germans shelled the trenches of the 58th Battalion, men were buried as the walls collapsed on them. Ours started to dig them out but only few were saved and one of them was Alexander Gross. With heavy shrapnel wounds and suffering from shellshock they were move to the rear Field Hospital for treatment and then sent to England to the Royal Military Hospital and home to Canada to recover. The 58th Battalion was relieved on Sunday November 4th, 1917 by the Royal Canadian Regiment. The Grey County Boys of the 58th Battalion did not know of it at the time but they helped make Canada a nation to be respected. The 58th Battalion was formed in Toronto on Sunday August 15th, 1915 and was disbanded on Thursday September 15th, 1921 in Toronto.



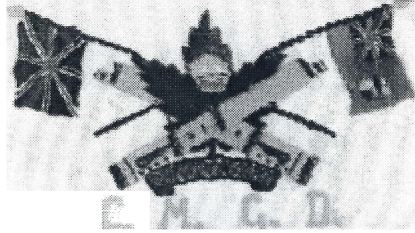
Courtesy of Gen-144.

Pte. Alexander Gross

WALKERTON NEWSPAPER, 1917

Pte. Alex Gross, who returned to his home here last week on a two months furlough after being badly shell - shocked at the front, was accorded a public reception in the Opera House on Thursday evening last, when a large crowd turned out to witness the event and to do Honour to the returned hero. Vice - President John Roward, of the Preparedness League, who was in the chair, gave one of his usual bang - up, war - time talks, in which he quoted the words of Dr. Clair Brink of Teeswater, just returned from the front, and which were to the effect that Walkerton had the best soldiers in France. At this juncture Rev. R. Perdue read an address of welcome to Pte. Gross and Mayor Johnston presented him with ten dollars in gold, after which the audience arose and lustily sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and finished up with three cheers and a tiger for the returned warrior. Pte. Gross who with his wife and two children occupied seats on the platform, modestly returned thanks to the people for their kindness and hoped he might soon recover and again go back to the front. Mayor Johnston, after congratulating the returned veteran, stated that he had a letter from the Militia asking for four thousand recruits from this district for home defence. This would be a chance for those who do not want to go over seas and fight, to take up weapons at home. Rev. R. Perdue in referring to Pte. Gross's condition, said that it was a rare thing for a man to regain his full strength after a Shell - shock. Rev. Perdue had offered to go three times to the front and had been rejected. He hoped that the young men of town who were afraid to handle a rifle wouldn't at least be afraid to handle a hoe this summer. P.S. Inspector Mc Cool stated that he was ashamed to be on the platform in civilians instead of at the front in khaki. His age is against him. Rev. Cosens, who is a old artilleryman, said that he offered his services, and got back an inquiry as to his faculties, which he humorously replied were so good that he could hear a dinner bell farther than any body in the township, and could see and smell a dinner farther than any body in town. He never heard from them since. Splendid speeches were also delivered by Ex - warden Mc Nab, Reeve Robert Russell, Rev. J.W. Sanderson and Mayor John Henderson. The program through out was interspersed with patriotic solos from Miss Hilda Ermel, Miss Vera Dippel, Miss Laithewaite and Miss Seiler, together with recitation from Master Charlie James all of which were well rendered and loudly applauded. The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem and renewed cheering for Private Gross.

** I would like to thank Mr. Ken Holmes for the help in restoring this picture of Alex Gross so it may be displayed with the honour it deserves.*



Courtesy of Joan (Gross) Purves.

Patch of the No. 7 Machine Gun Depot.



Courtesy of Joan (Gross) Purves.

331431 Pte. Frank Gross

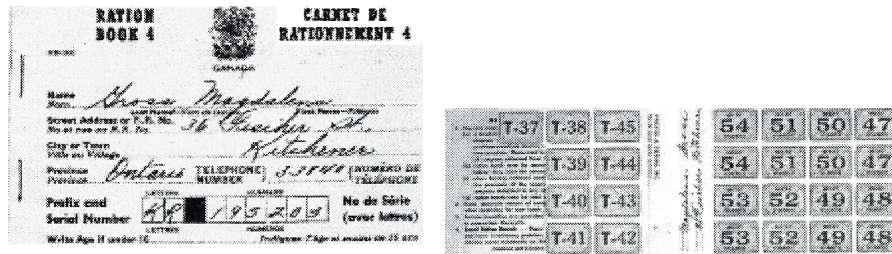
Drafted Under Military Service Act, 1917, Frank Gross became a private in the 2nd C.O.R. Regiment. The number 7 Heavy Machine Gun Depot was part of this unit and which Frank was a member. His Medical Examination was taken on Wednesday October 30th, 1918 in Hanover, Ontario by Dr. Taylor. He was married, 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes. He is listed as working as a finisher in the Furniture Industry. Training was conducted at Canadian Forces Base , Niagara Falls, Ontario. The Commanding Officer was Major L G Clark .

Frank Gross

- *War metals framed by Randy Purves*



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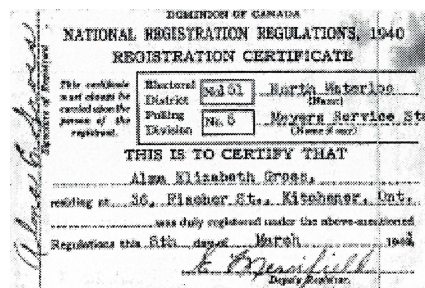


Courtesy of Ron Gross

A Ration Book from World War Two (Left), ration stamps (right).

This book belonged to Mrs. Magdalena (Fidler) Gross and the address is 36 Fisher Street, (now Belmont Ave.) Kitchener, Ontario. This book was for her baby son Ronald Gross. Every thing was being rationed, including Food, beer, rubber, steel, gas, and after 1941 there was no car production in North America, as car plants were making aircraft, trucks, and tanks. All around the Great Lakes Corvettes Escort ships were built. Every factory made something for the war effort.

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Courtesy of Alma (Gross) Holmes.

This was a Voters Registration Card 1940. With this card you were able to vote. It was made out on March 8th, 1945. Electoral District No.51 North Waterloo, Polling Division No. 5 Meyers Service Station, Waterloo.

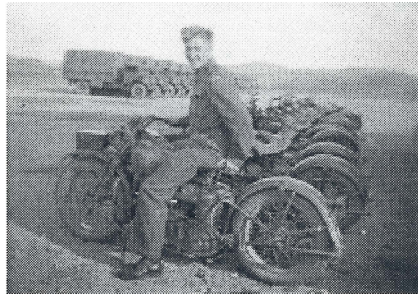


The Second Canadian Infantry Division Normandy 1944.

Left; Blue square with gold leaf is the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division Formation Insignia.

Middle; Badge of the Royal Regiment of Canada

Right; Infantry Group Markings of The Royal Regiment of Canada; Red with white numbers.



Courtesy of Jean (Russell) Zimmer.

EARL GROSS

The Royal Regiment of Canada in World War Two became part of the 4th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division. The regiment landed with the 2nd Canadian Division in France in July 1944. Fighting near Caen, the unit helped to close the Falaise Gap, ending the Battle of Normandy. The Royals then fought up the Channel coast, assisted in clearing Holland and Belgium, and fought its way into Northern Germany.

Veterans of World War II



The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry

HAROLD FIDLER



The Royal Canadian Regiment

KENNETH GROSS



The Royal Canadian Artillery

LOUIS GROSS



Royal Canadian Air Force

ROY GROSS



Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

HORACE HOLMES



Royal Canadian Navy

JOHN ZIMMER



8th Reconnaissance Regiment

*Left; blue square with gold leaf is the formation sign of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division.
Middle ; badge of the 8th RECCE Regiment. Right; top of square is green and bottom is blue and with
white numbers. This is the unit serial and arm of service flash of 1942-45.*



Courtesy of John Gross.

SGT. A.E. MERCEY M.M.

The 8th Reconnaissance Regiment (14th Canadian Hussars) . This unit was a Reconnaissance Regiment of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division in North -West Europe 1944-45. The unit landed at Normandy 1944. For bravery the unit won 2 DSO's , 5 MC's , 3 DSM's , 11 MM. , from August 1944 to April 1945. Sgt. Adrian Mercey M.M. won the Military Medal for bravery in combat on the 1st of April 1945 in Holland.



Courtesy of Frank and Shirley Mercey.

Hanover Soldiers In Action In Holland

Waiting to move off to the northern area of Beveland in Holland are Sgt. Adrian Mercey, son of Mrs. Joseph Mercey of Hanover, left, and Tpr. E.F. Borland, Toronto. They are standing in an armoured car that took them hunting for Germans.

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Hanover Soldier Cpl. Adrian Mercey In Dieppe Victory

Last Friday, when Canadian troops entered Dieppe, victoriously, Hanover was there, in the person of Corporal Adrian Mercey, son of the late Mr. Joseph Mercey and Mrs. Mercey of Hanover, who was with the first troops to drive into the port.

Leading the advance into Dieppe was a squadron commanded by Major Dennis Bult-Francis of Montreal, who had been on the Dieppe raid; was wounded on the beaches and by a miracle got back to England.

The reconnaissance force, of which Corporal Mercey is a member, was just short of the town Thursday night after two clashes with small German forces on the way in which there were no Canadian casualties.

The regiment entered Dieppe at 10:30am Bult-Francis led in his squadron and other squadron leaders were Major J.K. Bate of Saskatoon and Major G. M. Wood of Estevan, Sask. Major John Merner of Toronto, the unit's second-in-command, went in too.

Two years and 13 days after their bloody battle on the beaches of the seaport of Dieppe troops of the Canadian 2nd Division occupied it without opposition.

Hard on the heels of the first reconnaissance patrol the three Ontario battalions which suffered so heavily in the amphibious landing of Aug. 19, 1942, marched in early last Friday to a tumultuous welcome from a populace that knew these returning battalions far better than the battalions knew Dieppe.

To all but a handful of men of Toronto's Royal Regiment of Canada, the Essex Scottish of Windsor and the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, the trim Norman town on the high cliff was a place they had often heard about but never seen. If all their veterans of the 1942 landing who returned today had been mustered together in the town square they wouldn't have made up a very large force.

But Dieppe remembered their blue shoulder flash well and extended a reception that was worthy of the men who had worn it so bravely there before.

Three of the Dieppe regiments which suffered so heavily in the “invasion rehearsal” of Aug. 19, 1942, that cost 710 men killed, 608 wounded and 2,066 missing or taken prisoner, rode into the city without firing a shot.

They were the Essex Scottish of Windsor, Ont; the Royal Hamilton light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment) and The Royal Regiment of Canada, Toronto.

Private Leo Bohnert, son of Mr. And Mrs. Oscar Bohnert another Hanover boy, paid the supreme sacrifice, at the first Dieppe invasion, so Hanover soldiers are making history in France, from where so many casualties have been received by their parents here recently. It is with pride, we read of their participation in Victory, but we remember those who were unable to share it.

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Courtesy of John Gross.

Class of '33

The Holy Family room one class of 1933 included young boys and girls who would later experience the horrors of war. Third from left in the back row is Leo Bohnert who was killed at Dieppe. Fourth from the right (back row) is John Wallner who was killed while flying on a mission. In third row, third from the right is Adrian Mercey who won a medal for his actions in the war. W.W. II veteran Art Lobsinger, who submitted this photo is in the third row, fifth from the right.

22 June 1945

B-37817 Sgt. Mercey A.E.
CAC (8th Recce Regt. (14CH)

Field Marshal Sir Barnard L. Montgomery has advised me that you have been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and distinguished conduct during the Doentinghen battle. I wish to congratulate you, not only for your example and courage, but also for the honour which you have brought to the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division.

I am enclosing here with a ribbon which you may take into wear immediately. Until the award has finally been approved by His Majesty the King and published in the Canada Gazette, however, there will be no publicity in connection with your award.

I also enclose a copy of the official citation which will be published in due course.

(A. Bruce Matthews) Maj. - Gen.
Commanding
2nd Canadian Infantry Division

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The official citation

On the 1st April 1945, 'A' Squadron 8th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (14th Canadian Hussars) was given the task of cutting the main road north of Doentinghen, in order to secure this route which was virtually required as the main centre line for the Division in its proposed advance on the Twente Canal.

A patrol led by Sgt. Mercey was advancing through the woods south west of the town when about 45 enemy, armed with machine guns and bazookas, attempted to ambush the patrol. Sergeant Mercey, disregarding the presence of the bazookas led his men to within a few yards of the dug-in Germans and under heavy machine gun fire stood up in his scout car, and pitched hand grenades into the slit trenches. This prompt and vigorous action, performed under enemy machine gun fire resulted in the killing of 30 Germans, the capture of the bazookas and the taking of 15 prisoners.

With this pocket cleared, Sergeant Mercey led his patrol towards the railway west of the town. Sighting an 88mm anti-tank gun covering the main road, he dismounted from his scout car and taking a Bren-gun, moved to the left of the gun position. This was necessary as the terrain on the left flank was unsuitable for vehicles. He brought such a strong concentration of fire to bear on the position that the defenders were forced to take cover. His vehicles then moved forward, knocked out the anti-tank gun with 2 pponder fire and captured the crew. This last action enabled Sergeant Mercey's patrol to continue on and complete Their task.

Throughout both actions Sergeant Mercey displayed the highest qualities of initiative and leadership. His absolute disregard for his own safety and daring were responsible for the success of his patrol which enabled future operations to proceed with out delay.

Veteran of the Korean War.



Black Watch of Canada (HLI)

HAROLD GROSS

Veterans of the United Nations and NATO.



The Royal Canadian Regiment

RONALD GROSS

ANTOINE HUGHESMAN



The Royal Canadian Air Force

ROY GROSS CD

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