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GROSS, JOHN

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John Gross was born in Germany in the year of 1864. He came to America when he was fourteen years of age with his father, Nick Gross. John says that their trip across the ocean was not a very pleasant one for after being on the water for some days they ran into a fog, and the large ship hit a smaller sail boat and cut it in half and about one hundred lives were lost.

When landing in New York his parents, Nick and Elizabeth (Schinder) Gross, and the children started for Minnesota and settled in Luxemburg, Saint Augusta township, Stearns County, where they homesteaded a farm. They **broke** all the land by hand and harvested their crops the same way. They also made all their own furniture such as chairs, tables, and beds. The chairs were made by cutting round blocks of wood, the **table** was made the same way, and the beds were made of four blocks of wood with poles across and then covered with straw.

Nick and Elizabeth (Schinder) Gross had eleven children, Mary Catherine; Nick; John; Mary; Mathies; Anna; Susan; Sister Sebastian, O. S. B.; Barbara; Catherine; and Marie.

John being one of the eldest children went out to make his own living. He received employment at a stone quarry, where he received seventy-five cents a day. He then went to the Great Northern car shops where he received one dollar and a half a day. Later he was employed at the stone sheds as a polisher, this position he retained until a few years ago.

John Gross was married October 13, 1892 to Elizabeth Dietman. They had one child, Victor Gross, who has been employed at the Watab Paper Mills for eighteen years.

Interviewed: John Gross  
Date: August 12, 1936  
By: Gilbert Bunt

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN GROSS BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 343

John Gross and Elizabeth Dietmann

Married At Luxemburg October 13, 1891

By: Rev. Wolfgang Steinkogler

Witnesses: Christopher Dietmann and Mary Gross



GROSS, JOHN

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography  
as compared to information <sup>as listed</sup> ~~in biography~~ in the legal records in the  
Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

Marriage of John Gross to Elizabeth Dietman on October 13,  
1891, is correct as in the legal record.

Re-interviewed: John Gross  
Date: Nov. 23, 1937  
By: Walter Jernberg