

Andres Fiechter

By Maria Wemhoff

### Andres (Andrew) Fiechter

Andres is the son of Jacob Uli and Christina (Nyffler) Fiechter. He was the youngest of the five children. Andres was born on March 16, 1823 and died on August 11, 1863.

Andres married his first wife, Elizabeth Walche, and had one child with her. They had a daughter that was named Anna Marie (Mary) born on September 10, 1848. Elizabeth then died. After being widowed for many years Andres met a young woman named Marie (Maria) Wierman. They got married on April 21, 1854. Andres, Maria, and Mary decided to come to America. They were part of a colony of Swiss immigrants that migrated westward and settled in Wayne County, Ohio. Andres and Maria had 3 children, John born June 26, 1859, Caroline born in 1861 and Emma 1862. Andres was recruited for the Army during the Civil War. He served in the Sixteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteers Infantry. Andres then died on August 11, 1863 when he decided to go for a swim on the way back home from the Civil War.

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Andrew Fiechter

By Sarah Fiechter

*Andrew Fiechter*

Andrew Fiechter was born on March 16, 1823. He lived in Switzerland with his parents Jacob Fiechter and Christina Nyffler. He was the fifth of six children. His siblings were Jacob, Anna Marie, Fredrick, Johannes, and Anna. Andrew's first marriage was to Elizabeth Walche who was born on December 19, 1824. They were married in Switzerland on March 8, 1844. They had one child together. Her name was Anna Marie.

Elizabeth Walche died on March 1, 1853 but no one knows how. He met Maria Wierman and she said that she would only marry him if he promised to take her to America. They married on April 21, 1854, in Switzerland. They moved to America in 1858 and they lived in Wayne County, Ohio. They had three children, John, Caroline, and Emma. Andrew became a private in the Civil War. He was in the 16th Ohio Infantry. On his way home from the Civil War, he stopped to take a swim in the Mississippi river and drowned on August 11, 1863.

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Andrew Fiechter

By Heidi Sinn

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Andreas was born to Jakob and Christiana (Nyffler) Fiechter in the small town of Fiechten, Switzerland on March 16, 1823. Fiechten is now a part of Huttwil, Bern, Switzerland. He was the fifth out of six children. He married Elizabeth Walche on March 8, 1844. They had one child named Anna Marie (she went by Mary) before Elizabeth died on March 1, 1853. He remarried a younger woman named Marie Wierman on April 21, 1854. When Marie was asked why she married an older man she said it was because "He promised he would take me to America." Andrew and Marie's first daughter was named Elizabeth, she still remains a mystery. There is no record of her death in Switzerland, but her name is also not present on any ship documents. They had five children all together, Anna Marie, Elizabeth, Emma, John J. Sr., and Caroline. Andrew and his family came to America and settled in Wayne County, OH in approximately 1858. Soon after moving to America Andrew was drafted into the army. He was a private in the Ohio 16th Volunteer Regiment, Company A. He joined the army on October 8, 1862. The day of discharge, August 11, 1863, Andrew took a bath in the Mississippi River near Vicksburg, Mississippi and drowned. After his death his wife Marie received a very meager income of \$8 a month plus an addition \$2 a month per child. She remarried to Peter Gerber and her step-daughter Mary was adopted by a nice couple, whose names are unknown. Peter and Marie had two more children, Dan and Ludia.

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<i>Jacob Albrecht</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1790</i>	<i>Jan. 7.</i>	<i>1826</i>	<i>Feb. 9</i>
<i>Joseph Albrecht</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1788</i>	<i>Aug. 19</i>	<i>1825</i>	<i>Aug. 19</i>
<i>Andr. Jakob Albrecht</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1811</i>	<i>Nov. 15.</i>	<i>1825</i>	<i>Nov. 25.</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1813</i>	<i>Feb. 26.</i>	<i>1827</i>	<i>Feb. 9</i>
<i>Frederick</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1817</i>	<i>Dec. 18.</i>	<i>1827</i>	<i>Dec. 18.</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1820</i>	<i>Jan. 9.</i>	<i>1827</i>	<i>Jan. 9.</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>aus</i>	<i>1825</i>	<i>Feb. 15.</i>	<i>1827</i>	<i>Feb. 15.</i>

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*Andreas Spitzkopf* *Jacob Albrecht* *aus* *1823* *Aug. 16.* *1824*

*Elisabeth Weidinger* *aus* *1823* *Dec. 19.* *1825* *Nov. 1.*

*Anna Maria* *aus* *1823* *Sept. 10.*

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*Spitzkopf* *aus* *1825* *Jul. 16.*

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Andrew & Elizabeth's Marriage License

Birth dates of Andrew's immediate family.

Andrew's Drafting Papers

F. 16 Ohio.	F. 16 Ohio.	F. 16 Ohio.	F. 16 Ohio.
<i>Andrew Spitzer</i>	<i>Andrew Spitzer</i>	<i>Andrew Spitzer</i>	<i>Andrew Spitzer</i>
Co. A, 16 Reg't Ohio Infantry.	Co. A, 16 Reg't Ohio Infantry.	Co. A, 16 Reg't Ohio Infantry.	Co. A, 16 Reg't Ohio Infantry.
Appears on	Appears on	Appears on	Appears on
Company Muster Roll	Company Muster Roll	Company Muster Roll	Company Muster-out Roll
for <i>March 2nd 1862</i> , 1862	for <i>May 1st 1862</i> , 1862	for <i>July 1st 1862</i> , 1862	for <i>March 2nd 1862</i> , 1862
Present or absent	Present or absent	Present or absent	Present or absent
Stoppage, \$..... for	Stoppage, \$..... for	Stoppage, \$..... for	Stoppage, \$..... for
Dis. Gov't, \$..... for	Dis. Gov't, \$..... for	Dis. Gov't, \$..... for	Dis. Gov't, \$..... for
Remarks: <i>Discharged</i>	Remarks: <i>Discharged</i>	Remarks: <i>Discharged</i>	Remarks: <i>Discharged</i>
Book mark: <i>Leake</i>	Book mark: <i>Leake</i>	Book mark: <i>Leake</i>	Book mark: <i>Leake</i>