

John J. Fiechter, Jr.

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John J. Fiechter was born to John J. Sr. and Lena (Reinhard) Fiechter on January 26, 1890 in Adams County, IN. He was the fourth out of thirteen children. He was active in the Apostolic Christian Church of Bluffton. He married Lydia Ann Gerber, also a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, on February 8, 1914. They had 11 children Ervin, Irene, Velma, Dale, Mildred, Lillian, John Doyle, Marie, Doris, and Gerald. He worked as a farmer near Craigville, Indiana. He owned the homestead his father, John J. Fiechter Sr., had farmed, it's still there today. Their biggest barn burnt down when it was hit by lightning, and they built a new one using wood out of the woods behind their house. All of his children joined the church. Lydia died in 1971, he died on February 1, 1974. Their youngest son Gerald inherited the farm after his father's death.

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