

John J Fiechter

By Maria Wemhoff

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John J Fiechter is the son of Andres and Maria (Wierman) Fiechter. John was born on June 27, 1859. John was 12 when his mom got remarried to a guy named Peter. When she remarried John got loaned to another family so that he could earn his keep. He was a great student. John took over the cheese making business from Peter. The cheese is now known as the famous Swiss Cheese. John met a young lady named Lena Reinhart. They got married on February 26, 1884. They lived in a house on the frontier and made a living by selling cheese. They had 13 kids: Bertha 1885-1955, Fred 1886-1941, William 1887-1974, John J. Jr. 1890-1974, Joel 1892-1988, Fannie 1894-1970, Emma 1896-1992, Alma 1898-1993, David 1899-1958, Daniel 1901-1970, Queenie Helena January 1905, Elizabeth Irene May 1905, Lillian 1907-1984. Lena died on January 22, 1942 and John J Sr. died on June 10, 1947.

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Reinhard, Jerome. Email interview. Oct. 2013.

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By Sarah Fiechter

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John Fiechter was born on June 27, 1859. He was the son of Andrew Fiechter and Maria Wierman. He had three sisters Anna Marie, Caroline, and Emma. His father died when he was around 4 or 5. He lived with his sisters. Anna Marie got married to Peter Gerber when John was 12, so he went out and started to earn his keep. He was a good student and did excellent in school.

They had many Swiss neighbors who would bring their cow's milk over for Peter and Anna Marie to make cheese with. Peter would travel to Ft. Wayne to sell his cheese. He didn't speak English well, so he would bring John along with him to translate. John later carried on the cheese making business.

John was very smart in matters of land and farming. He bought many areas of land and he would build buildings and farm on his new land. He met Lena Reinhart and married her on February 26, 1884. They had 13 children; Bertha, Fred, William, John Jr., Joel, Fannie, Emma, Alma, David, Daniel, Queenie, Elizabeth, and Lillian. He was a member of the Apostolic Church. He later died on June 10, 1947.

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John J. Fiechter, Sr.

By Heidi Sinn

John J. Fiechter Sr.

John J. was born to Andrew and Marie (Wierman) Fiechter on June 27, 1859 in Wayne County, OH, soon after they moved to the United States. He was the fourth out of five children. He was their only son. After Andrew's drowning John worked hard to support his family, because his mother had to survive on her meager pension. When John was 10 they moved to Wells County, IN. John was known for his delicious Swiss Cheese. John married Lena Reinhart, her last name is also registered as Reinhard, their wedding date is unknown. They were active there in the Apostolic Christian Church of Newville. Newville's name was later changed to Vera Cruz, the church's name changed to Apostolic Christian Church of Bluffton. The church was on the Wells County/ Adams County line. Together they had 13 children, Bertha, Fred, William, John J. Jr, Joel, Frannie, Emma, David, Daniel, Alma, Queenie, Elizabeth, and Lillian. John was a farmer and a cheese maker, his swiss cheese was well known. They lived where Doug and Jill Fiechter still live today. Lena died in 1942, he died on June 10, 1947. They were buried side by side in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery across the road from the Apostolic Christian church.

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Marie's pension after Andrew's death

Unrecorded
No. 48054

Ohio

Mary Fiechter
WIDOW OF
Andrew Fiechter

Rank Private Co. A
Regt. 16th Ohio Vol

Cleveland Agency.

Rate per Month, \$ 4⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Commencing 11th August 1868

Additional sum of \$2 per Month for each of the following children, until arriving at the age of 16 years, commencing July 25, 1866, viz:

Anny 11th Janr 1873
John 2nd June 1875
Caroline 24th Augst 1877

Summer payments to be deducted

Certificate dated 29th Janr 1867
Sent to Community St. Carr
Waverly Ohio

Act 14th July, 1862.

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John J Fiechter, Sr. Funeral Pamphlet

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN J. FIECHTER

BORN
JANUARY 26, 1890


DIED
FEBRUARY 5, 1974

SERVICES
10:30 a.m. FEBRUARY 8, 1974
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bluffton, Indiana

CLERGYMEN
REV. SAMUEL AESCHLIMAN
REV. JOHN YERGLER

INTERMENT
APOSTOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY
Bluffton, Indiana

*He healeth the
broken in heart,
and bindeth up
their wounds.
Psaln 147:3*



John & Lena's Farm, Craigville, IN