

Christian (Z) Gerig: His shirt has buttons and his face is clean shaven



DISCUSSION:

[Roger Miller](#)

C R Gerig's two uncles, Benjamin and Sebastian Gerig, who were both bishops in the Amish-Mennonite Church. Benjamin in Ohio and Sebastian in Iowa. They both were present at Fairview Mennonite when C R Gerig was ordained to the office of bishop in 1904. He served as bishop until 1930.

Benjamin's early photo without a beard suggests I am wrong to have assumed Christian (Z) Gerig hadn't joined the church because he had no beard, though Benjamin looks really young. I believe he came to America at the age of 17 to avoid being drafted in the French army.

The photo of Sebastian was taken circa 1915. I see that Sebastian has a button on his coat. So now I am wondering if I remembered correctly about C R Gerig and 'hook and eye'. C R Gerig and his uncle Sebastian certainly had the same type of beard without a mustache.

[Roger Miller](#)

Author

Do you have any pictures of him when he was older? This is the only one I have ever seen.

[C Lou Gerig](#)

Hook and I suits are hard to find in the 19th century.

Roger Miller
Author

As I remember it was Marjorie that told me about the buttons on the soldiers uniforms and the hook and eye. She was explaining the rationale for using the hook and eye. It had a logical sense as a statement of faith that one was a pacifist. Didn't want to imitate the soldiers. We were talking about C R Gerig. It may have only been in his early years that he used hook and eye. He came to America in 1864 when he was only 8 years old. I may have extrapolated out to far how long he used them from what she said.

Roger Miller
Author

Also in retrospect, it may have only been a concern about buttons on uniforms (jackets) not buttons on shirts. The buttons the soldiers wore were metal and ornate - they were showy. The Amish-Mennonites wanted to be dressed in simple unadorned and humble clothing.



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Are you sure he doesn't have an under the chin beard? Follow the side burnt.

•Reply

I believe what you are seeing is a bow tie. His chin is clearly separate and visible.

[Roger Miller](#)

Author

He also appears to have long sideburns

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Look at the photo of C R Gerig at the top of this group page. His beard goes all the way up to his bottom lip. This man clearly is clean shaven from his lower lip to his neck below his chin.

[C Lou Gerig](#)

[Roger Miller](#) you are right.

[Rob Gerig](#)

Very astute and serious. Looks like a strong leader.

[C Lou Gerig](#)

Looks like you a bit. Those genes have solid roots.

[LuAnn Sandy](#)

Maybe the seriousness is their living situation. Something made them leave France

[Roger Miller](#)

Author

One common explanation for the lack of smiles in old photos is that long exposure times — the time a camera needs to take a picture — made it important for the subject of a picture to stay as still as possible. That way, the picture wouldn't look blurry.

[Darla Forbes Miller](#)

I'm not sure he is clean shaven. I'd say he has sideburns and a beard under his chin.....???

[Roger Miller](#)

Author

He has long sideburns. I don't see a beard. If he had a beard it would like like C R Gerig's. The only photo of him is at the top of this group page. It covers his chin all the way up to his lower lip. Here is a photo of his brother Sebastian Geri...

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