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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.

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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.

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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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