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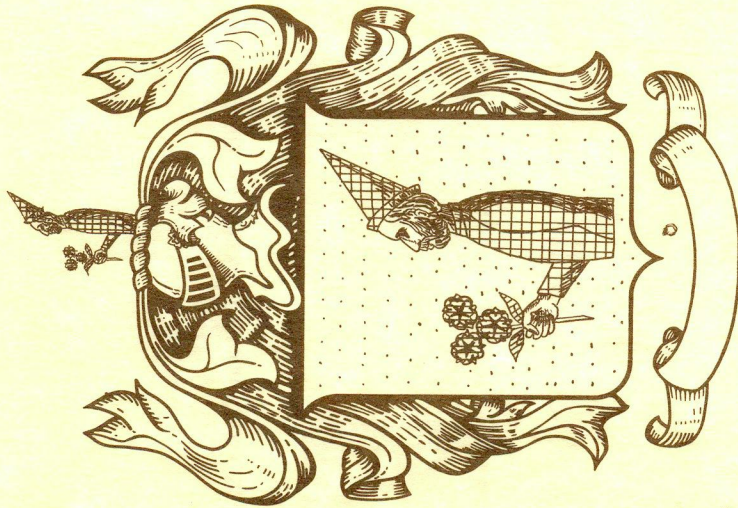
*We keep forgetting all those who lived before us,
We keep forgetting those who lived and worked in our
communities.*

*We keep forgetting those who prayed and sang hymns
in our churches before we were born.
We keep forgetting what our fathers have done for us.
We commit the sin, Lord, of assuming that everything
begins with us.*

*We drink from wells we did not find,
We eat food from farmland we did not develop.
We enjoy freedoms which we have not earned.
We worship in churches which we did not build.
We live in communities we did not establish.
This day, make us grateful for our heritage.*

Amen.

Coat of Arms



Gerig

Historiography

The Gerig Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Gerig Coat of Arms design can be found in Rietstap Armorial General. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"D'or a un homme iss., pose de profil, hab. de sa., coiffe d'un bonnet pointu du meme, tenant une tige de trois roses de gu., feuillee de sin."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Gold: a man issuing in profile, dressed in black, with a pointed cap, holding a stem with three red roses, leaves green."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"L'homme iss."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"The man issuing."

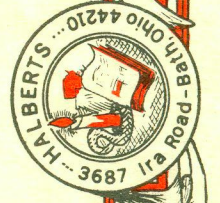
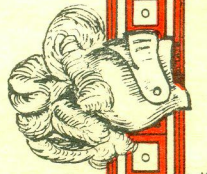
Family mottoes are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times.

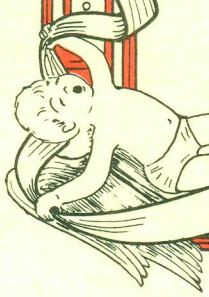
A Motto was not recorded with the Gerig Coat of Arms.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Gerig appears to be patronymical in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Germans, meaning, "descendant of Gerung." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Gerig are Gering, Gehring, Gericke and Gerig.

Information available to us indicates that in 1971 there were approximately 250 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Gerig name. The United States Census Bureau in 1970 estimated that there were approximately 3.1 persons per household in America which yields an approximate total of 775 people in the United States carrying the Gerig name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Gerig name have made to history.

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YOUR NAME AND YOUR COAT OF ARMS ---

Until about 1100 A.D. most people in Europe had only one name (This is still true in some primitive countries today). As the population increased it became awkward to live in a village wherein perhaps 1/3 of the males were named John, another sizable percentage named William, and so forth.

And so, to distinguish one John from another a second name was needed. There were four primary sources for these second names. They were: a man's occupation, his location, his father's name or some peculiar characteristic of his. Here are some examples.

Occupation: The local house builder, food preparer, grain grinder and suit maker would be named respectively: John Carpenter, John Cook, John Miller, and John Taylor.

Location: The John who lived over the hill became known as John Overhill, the one who dwelled near a stream might be dubbed John Brook or perhaps John Atbrook.

Patronymical: (father's name): Many of these surnames can be recognized by the termination---son, such as Williamson, Jackson, etc. Some endings used by other countries to indicate "son" are: Armenian's---ian, Dane's and Norwegian's---sen, Finn's---nen, Greek's---poulos, Spaniard's---ez, and Pole's---wicz. Prefixes denoting "son" are the Welsh---



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Ap, the Scot's and Irish---Mac, and the Norman's---Fitz. The Irish O' incidentally denotes grandfather.

Characteristic: An unusually small person might be labeled Small, Short, Little or Lytle. A large man might be named Longfellow, Large, Lang, or Long. Many persons having characteristics of a certain animal would be given the animal's name. Examples: a sly person might be named Fox; a good swimmer, Fish; a quiet man, Dove; etc.

In addition to needing an extra name for identification, one occupational group found it necessary to go a step further. The fighting man: The fighting man of the Middle Ages wore a metal suit of armor for protection. Since this suit of armor included a helmet that completely covered the head, a knight in full battle dress was unrecognizable. To prevent friend from attacking friend during the heat of battle, it became necessary for each knight to somehow identify himself. Many knights accomplished this by painting colorful patterns on their battle shields. These patterns were also woven into cloth surcoats which were worn over a suit of armor. Thus was born the term, "Coat of Arms."

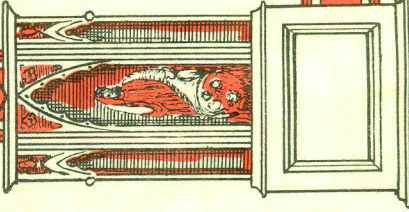
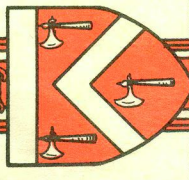
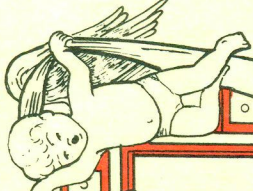
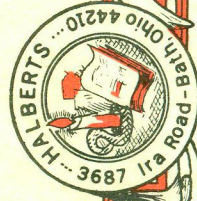
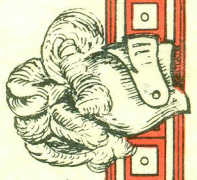
As this practice grew more popular, it became more and more likely that two knights unknown to each other might be using the same insignia. To prevent this, records were kept that granted the

right to a particular pattern to a particular knight. His family also shared his right to display these arms. In some instances, these records have been preserved and/or compiled into book form. The records list the family name and an exact description of the "Coat of Arms" granted to that family.

Interest in heraldry is increasing daily. This is especially true among people who have a measure of family pride and who resent attempts of our society to reduce each individual to a series of numbers stored somewhere in a computer. In our matter-of-fact day and age, a "Coat of Arms" is one of the rare devices remaining that can provide an incentive to preserve our heritage. We hope you'll agree that it is much more than just a wall decoration.

If you are interested in a more in-depth study of the subject of this paper, may we suggest you contact the genealogical department of any fair-sized public library. We especially recommend the "Dictionary of American Family Names" published by Harper & Row and also "The Surnames of Scotland" available from the New York Public Library as excellent sources on the meaning of surnames.

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1703 document at
St. Marie Aux Mines
names a Hans Gerig -
ancestor?

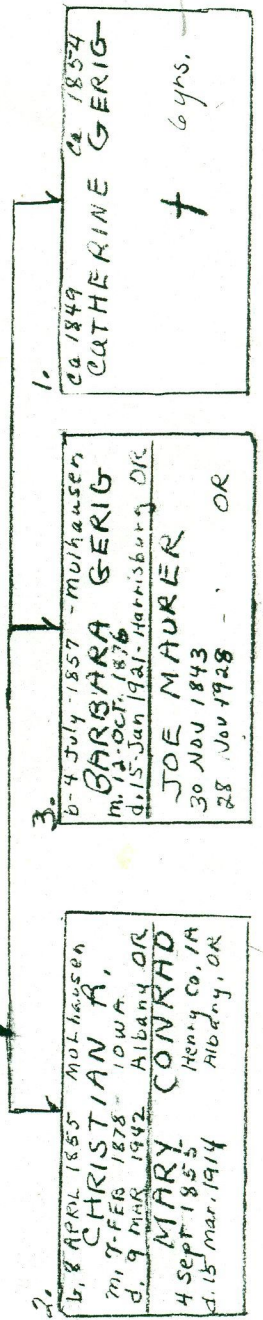
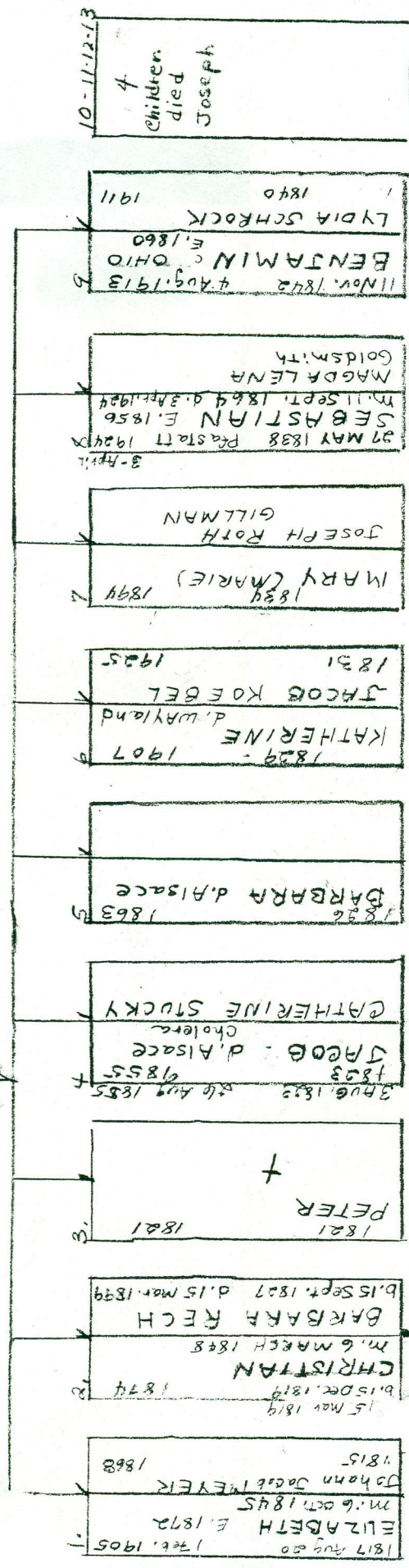
d. 1845 - Meyer - King Family

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CHRISTIAN GERIG
ELIZABETH
GOLDSMITH

JEAN
JOHN ZIMMERMAN
1759 Niederem-
m-
Pntingen
1928 STRASBOURG
BARBARA
STUCKY
1765 OSTHEIM
1828 STRASBOURG

1788 d. Sept. 1854
JACOB
b. MARKIRCH
d. BURTZVILLER
m.
ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN
Rothsack
1797 STRASBOURG
d. 14 Feb 1848 Prestatt



J.C. Meyer info
other was infant

CHRISTIAN GERIG: A family Tree

Christian Gerig b. Ste. Marie Aux mines d.	Eliz Goldsmith 1759-1828 Niederem- entingen Strasbourg	John Zimmermen 1765-1828 OSTHEIM Strasbourg	BARBARA STUCKY 1765-1828 OSTHEIM Strasbourg		
JACOB GERIG 1794 - 1851 b. Ste. Marie aux- mines d. Pfastatt	ELIZABETH Zimmerman 1796 - 1848 STRASBOURG Pfastatt	HENRI RECH	CATHERINE WENGER		
CHRISTIAN GERIG 1819 - 1873 b Pfastatt, Mulhouse, Alsace d. Leo. IND Allen County	BARBE RECK or RECH 2 nd m. CONRAD 1827 - 1899 b. Darauch FR. d. Lebanon OR Linn County				

CHRISTIAN RECK GERIG

8 APRIL 1855 - 9 MAR 1942
 b. Mulhausen - Alsace FR.
 d. Albany, OREGON
 m. 7 Feb 1878

To MARY BOSCHART CONRAD
 4 Sept 1857 - 15 MAR 1914
 b. Henry Co. IOWA
 d. ALBANY OREGON

CHILDREN

1. SIMON
2. FANNIE
3. BARBARA
4. MARTIN
5. MENNO
6. SARAH
7. AMOS
8. ELIZABETH
9. CHRISTIAN
10. CATHERINE
11. BENJAMIN
12. HENRY

Ancestors of Henry Conrad Gerig

Jacob Gerig

b: 1794 in Markirch, Alsace, FR
m: 28 Jul 1816 in Pfastatt Commune, Alsace,
d: 01 Sep 1851 in Mulhouse, Alsace, FR

Christian Z. Gerig

b: 15 Nov 1819 in Pfastatt, Alsace, FR
m: 06 Mar 1848 in Pfastatt Commune, Alsac
d: 23 Feb 1874 in Leo, Allen Co., Indiana

Elizabeth Zimmerman

b: 30 Oct 1797 in Robertsau, Alsace, FR
d: 28 Feb 1848 in Pfastatt, Mulhaus, Alsace,

Christian Reck Gerig

b: 08 Apr 1855 in Mulhausen, Alsace, France
m: 07 Feb 1878 in Wayland, Henry Co., Iowa
d: 09 Mar 1942 in Albany, Linn Co., OR

Henri Rech

b: 1789
d: 1876

Barbe Reck

b: 15 Sep 1827 in Darmach, Upper Rhine
d: 15 Mar 1899 in Albany, Linn Co., OR

Catherine Wenger

Henry Conrad Gerig

b: 13 Feb 1902 in Wayland, Henry Co., Iowa
m: 20 Oct 1921 in Albany, Linn Co., OR by
d: 23 Aug 1982 in Lebanon, Linn Co., Orego

Hans Conrad

b: 03 Aug 1783 in Montbeliard, FR
m: 07 May 1812 in near Montbeliard, FR
d: 06 May 1861 in Wayne Co, OH

Martin H. Conrad

b: 04 Jan 1817 in Montbeliard, FR
m: 27 Nov 1856 in Henry Co., IA
d: 18 Mar 1892 in Henry Co., IA

Barbara Hilty

b: 09 May 1779
d: 25 Aug 1853

Mary B. Conrad

b: 04 Sep 1857 in Henry Co., Iowa
d: 15 Mar 1914 in Albany, Linn Co., OR

Verena Boshart

b: 20 Jan 1829 in Alsace, FR
d: 21 Feb 1859 in Henry Co., IA

GERIG
Spellings of Gerig family name

KERIG & GERIG both in the 1848 certified copy at Pfastaff commune the wedding certificate of CHRISTIAN GERIG and BARBARA RECH (RECK). Married 6 MAR 1848.

Cherich- French- Les Anabaptistes -Mennonites De Salm - M -
289.74438
There was a farm located in the de Salm between J48A 1946
Belfort & Strausbourg as Andre Shoerique Ferme.

Gehrig - Switzerland spelling

Gerig - as Garick Mennonite Quarterly Review page 164

Gerrig -(C.R) 1905 Linn County Census

Gerig, Schirch, Cherich, Schoerique spellings in OCT 1983 Mennonite Family History, "The Land of Salm" pp.# 156

Gorig -- 1821-1825 -- Koering

Guering--European passport for a Joseph Gerig.

Korig --Birth certificate of Jacob Gerig

Gerich	Gehrig	Goering	Gering	Geering	Goehring
Gereke	Gerigk	Gearike	Gerigk	Geric	

"GERIG. - A family name well known in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Oregon. With the exception of the Gerigs (Gearing) in the vicinity of Grabill, IN, (who belong to the Defenseless Mennonites), the majority of the Gerig family in America are members of the main body of Mennonites.

Gerig, Jacob (1788 -1851). - A resident of Alsace, France, and progenitor of a numerous family, most of them living in America. Two of his sons (Sebastion of Wayland, Iowa, and Benjamin of Smithville, Ohio,) were Amish Mennonite bishops and two fo his grandsons are serving in a similar capacity. Besides these are two great-grandson (Willard Leichty of Wayland, Iowa and Henry Gerig of Albany, OR, both ordained in 1935) who are in the ministry and others among the descendants are active workers in the church."

Mennonite Cyclopedic Dictionary. by Daniel Kauffman. 1937

When the Gerig's immigrated to America they each came by themselves. Although they all came for the same reasons, leaving because of the threat of military training required of the men. Sebastion came first in 1855/56 and sttled in Henry Co., IA. Bejamin came in 1860 to Wayne Co., Ohio. Christian Reck Gerig 1864 with his parents, Sister Elizabeth (Gerig) Meyers 1872. Two sisters Mary (Mrs. Joseph Roth) and Katherine (Mrs. Jacob Koebel) came later with their families before their sons were to be drafted.

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GD	Gundy, Peter ¹ m _____, Veronica ²					
GD1	John ³	1740-	_____	Anna ³	RLP90	
GD2	Christian ³	1742-				
GD3	Magdalena ⁴	1744-	Hershberger, [Christian HB3 +		BBP00]?	
GD4	Peter	1746-				
GD5 +	Joseph ^{3 4 5}	1751-	Kauffman, Veronica KF45		SP90	
GD6	Benjamin ^{3 5}	1753-				
GD7 +	David ^{5 5 *}	LP 5/ 6/1755-	5/ 2/1877 XO	_____	Anna ⁸	
GD5	Gundy, Joseph ⁶ m Kauffman, Veronica KF45	BP 1755-			SP90	
GD51	Regina	-	Folk, John FL1 +		GM30	
GD52	Veronica ⁷	-	Forney, Peter			
GD53	Rebecca	-	Firebane, David			
GD54	Mary	-	Nafsinger, Joseph		Harrison Co., Ohio	
GD55	Christina	-	Harttrout, John			
GD7	Gundy, David ⁸ m _____, Anna					
GD71	Anna	P 1/ 2/1781-	1869 MX	Zuck, John ZK151 -		
GE	Gerig, Christian ⁹ m Goldschmidt, Elizabeth [GM116?]				JCM	
GE1 +	Jacob	AF 1794-	9/ 1/1851 AF	Zimmerman, Elizabeth ¹⁰ AF 1796-2/28/1848 AF		
GE2	dau ¹¹	AF		Schantz, _____		
GE3 +	Joseph	AF	ca 1800-	Yoder, Christina AF ca 1799-	GW050	
GE1	Gerig, Jacob m Zimmerman, Elizabeth	AF 1796-	2/28/1848 AF		JCM	
GE11	Elizabeth ¹²	AF 8/20/1817-	2/ 1/1905	Meyer, John Jacob ¹³ AF 5/1/1815-2/16/1868 AF	(MW080)	
GE12 +	Christian	AF	1819-	1874	Rich, Barbara ¹⁴ AF 9/15/1838-3/15/1899	GW070
GE13	Peter	AF	1821-	1821 AF	dy	
GE14	Jacob	AF	8/ 3/1823-	8/26/1855	Stucky, Catherine 1827-	
GE15	Barbara	AF	1826-	1863 AF		
GE16	Catherine	AF	11/15/1827-	1/17/1907	Koebel, Jacob — <i>p.266 Henry Co history p.266,265</i>	
GE17	Mary	AF	1834-	1894	Roth, Joseph	
GE18	Sebastian	AF	5/27/1838-	4/ 3/1924 HJ	Goldsmith, Magdalena GM1154c	JGHD394 JHJ80
GE19	Joseph	AF	9/ 5/1840-	8/ 7/1840 AF	dy	
GE1a	Benjamin	AF	11/10/1842-	8/ 4/1913 WO	Schrag, Lydia ¹⁵ 1840-1911	GW080
				<i>Schrock</i>		
GE3	Gerig, Joseph m Yoder, Christina	AF ca 1799-			JCM	
GE31	Magdalena	AF 12/12/1829-	11/ 5/1884	Hartzler, Isaac J HZ1513	HHH4999 GL170	
GE32	Christina	AF 4/17/1831-	10/29/1909 WO	Schrock, Moses SK349	DBH3290 GW060	
GE33	Catherine	AF 7/12/1832-	3/10/1879 WO	Zook, Ezra ZK21161	GW080	
GE34	Anna	WO	ca 1836-	Lochner, Jacob	[GW050]	
GE35	Joseph	WO	ca 1839-	Bohn ¹⁶ , Sarah		
GE12	Gerig, Christian m <i>Reche</i> Rich, Barbara	AF 9/15/1838-	3/15/1899	<i>I have french wedding registration</i>	JCM	
GE121	*Christian R	AF 4/ 3/1855-	1942 LR	Conrad, Mary ¹⁷ CR1241 - -	GHKMRp19	
GE122	Barbara	AF 7/ 4/1857-	1/15/1921 BR	Maurer, Joseph		
	Catherine	AF	1843	1849	dy - 6 yrs. — <i>Goshon Archives Hist. MSS 1-44 Box 10/4</i>	

XO: Ross Co., Ohio. MX: Marion Co., Ohio

¹ Died before 7/4/1758 in LP. A Lebanon Co., Pa history lists issue of Peter and Franey Gundy: John, Peter, Magdalena, Joseph, Benjamin, Christian, David.

² "Franey" ⁶ Order of issue unknown. All born before 1790. ⁷ "Fanny"

³ Mortgage RLP 11/6/1766-11/28/1766 (Satisfied 6/2/1772) to Jacob Erb and Jacob Kurtz (guardians of Joseph, Benjamin and David Gundy - orphans and heirs of Peter Gundy deceased) by John Gundy and wife Anna: a tract in RLP adjacent to Muddy Creek, land of Christian Gundy, etc.

⁴ Notation from Jean H. Hershberger 6406 Taper Court, Sykesville, Md, 21784: Peter Gundy's daughter Magdalena petitioned for a guardian in 1758 (LP). She subsequently married a Hershberger. She had a brother Joseph who married a Kauffman and moved to ESP."

⁵ RLP 4/5/1772: Benjamin and David Gundy over 14 chose brother John as guardian in place of Jacob Kurtz and Jacob Erb. RLP 5/8/1772: guardianship account of Jacob Erb and Jacob Kurtz for Joseph, Benjamin and David Gundy ("Joseph Gundy now of age") showing payments to John Gundy as new guardian of Benjamin and David.

⁶ By telephone from Roy B. Zuck, Dallas Texas (214-341-8372) a descendant of John Zuck ZK151 + : The wife of John Zuck was Anna Van Gundy b 1/12/1781 d/o David and Anna Gundy, David Gundy born on "Maða" Creek LP 5/6/1755, died 5/2/1827 in Ross Co., Ohio.

⁷ Data on all Gerig families given by Mrs. Paul E. Wade of Sterling Illinois from papers of Professor J. C. Meyer of Western Reserve University.

¹⁰ d/o John and Barbara (Stuckey) Zimmerman. ¹¹ Jacob Gerig GE1 + had a nephew Christian Schantz, born ca 1821.

¹² Came to America as a widow with two sons and her brother Benjamin. ¹³ s/o Michael and Anna Marie (Retzenhaller) Meyer.

¹⁴ Given as Reck by JCM, but with her family in GW070 is Henry Rich, 77, born F, presumably her father.

¹⁵ d/o Peter and Catherine (Burkholder) Schrag, s/o immigrant Benedict Schrag. ¹⁶ Given as Bone by JCM.

¹⁷ d/o Martin H. and Fannie (Bushart) Conrad s/o John and Barbara (Hilti) Conrad.

GM	⁴⁷⁷⁶ Goldschmid, Jacob ⁴⁷⁷⁷ m Hab, Barbara			- 4/25/1718		JGHDp6
GM1 +	Heinrich	RS	1/15/1691-	2/17/1755 AF	Hueser, Barbara ca 1691-2/19/1743 AF	
GM2	Anna	RS	ca 1696-	9/ 6/1756 AF	Blanken, Nicholas	
GM3	Barbara	RS	baptized	3/16/1698		
GM4	Jackob	RS	baptized	3/16/1698		
GM5	Anna Barbara	RS	baptized	6/30/1701		
GM6	Hans Kasper	RS	baptized	10/ 2/1907		
GM7	Hans Heinrich	RS	baptized	9/15/1709		
GM8	Conrad	RS	1/18/1713-	9/17/1760 AF	Huntzinger, Anna Marie ca 1725-3/9/1755 AF	
GM1	³⁸⁸ Goldschmid, Heinrich ³⁸⁹ m Hueser, Barbara			ca 1691-2/19/1743 AF		JGHDp5
GM11 +	Jakob		2/ 2/1722-	3/16/1771 AF	Fretz, Barbara	
GM12	Elisabeth		ca 1726-	7/30/1755 AF	Schantz, Christian	
GM11	¹⁹⁴ Goldschmid, Jacob ¹⁹⁵ m Fretz, Barbara					JGHDp6
GM111	Heinrich	AF	6/ 1/1748-		Gingerich, Barbara	
GM112	Johannes	AF	-	1795	Bruchbuhler, Barbara	
GM113	Jakob	AF	-			
GM114	Peter	AF	-	1/ 4/1837 AF	Kauffman, Marie	
GM115 +	Conrad	AF	1757-	1817 AF	Koenig, Catherine KGC1	
GM116	⁹⁷ ?Elizabeth	AF	-		? Gerig, Christian GE +	
GM115	Goldschmidt, Conrad ⁹⁷ m Koenig, Catherine KGC1			BG -1/1/1836 AG		
GM1151	Catherine	AF	ca 1790-		Gautsche, Christian G ca 1782-	MBO40, MBO50
GM1152 +	Jacob	AF	-		Schlatter, Catherine ca 1791-9/4/1878	MBO40
GM1153	ch	AF	-			
GM1154 +	*Joseph	AF	3/19/1796-	4/26/1876 HJ	Swartzendruber, Elizabeth ⁵	MBO40
GM1155	Magdalena	AF	4/19/1797-			
GM1156	Benjamin	AF	11/ 7/1800-			LBO40
GM1152	Goldsmith, Jacob m Schlatter, Catherine			ca 1791-9/4/1878		MBO40
GM11521	Catherine	AF	6/15/1827-		Egly, Henry ⁶ , ⁷ 4/5/1824-	
GM11522	Jacob	AF	ca 1832-		Egly, Susanne ⁸ G ca 1824-	MBO50
M1154	Goldsmith, Joseph m Swartzendruber, Elizabeth			HG 2/17/1807-8/18/1900 HJ		JGHD1 THJ60
GM11541	John	WN	9/14/1824-	4/11/1914 HJ	Linder, Mary -5/5/1870	
	m2 (1874)				Sloneker, Barbara 4/22/1841-3/9/1922	JHJ80
GM11542	Catherine	WN	5/ 3/1826-	3/ 2/1886 BO	Augsburger, †Joseph ⁹ F 1/4/1816-2/17/1896	FBO50
GM11543	Lydia	WN	4/12/1828-	4/15/1910 HJ	ds	
GM11544	Benjamin	WN	10/21/1830-	1/29/1920 LJ	Hauter, Magdalena BG 10/7/1831-3/31/1918	MWJ60
GM11545	Joseph	BO	10/ 5/1832-	1909 BO	Kinsinger, Magdalena ⁹ 7/24/1838- 1911	
GM11546	Peter	BO	11/28/1834-	11/15/1904 XX	Sommers, Eve SUB26	DBH4756 MWJ60
GM11547	Christian	BO	6/29/1837-	5/21/1920 BO	Sloneker, Barbara 1/27/1844-2/23/1914 BO	
GM11548	Elizabeth	BO	11/ 3/1838-	3/25/1914	Wenger, Christian ¹⁰ F 10/8/1833-10/14/1912 HJ	JHJ80
GM11549	Jacob	BO	4/ 5/1841-	6/21/1930 HJ	Schantz, Magdalena 12/3/1853-7/4/1936	
GM1154a	Anna ¹¹	BO	4/ 5/1841-	1/ 2/1926 WJ	Roth, Michael ¹² o 8/18/1834-1/17/1903	JHJ80
GM1154b	Veronica ¹³	BO	6/ 5/1843-	8/12/1909 JJ	Gingerich, †Joseph J GG449 +	WJJ80
GM1154c	Magdalena	LJ	1/22/1847-	9/ 8/1931 HJ	Gerig, *Sebastian GE18	JHJ80

XX: Wheatland, Wyoming

¹ m ZS 11/12/1689, d 4/27/1721. ² Eight children and the widow were survivors of the father. Order of issue unknown.³ Six children survived the father. ⁴ Also given as Gauchy, Gouchie.⁵ HG 2/17/1807-8/18/1900 HJ. d/o Catherine _____ who d 3/ /1861 age 88 years, given as Catherine Swartzendruber on her tombstone, but as Catherine Miller in THJ60.⁶ o Abraham and Magdalena (Reber) Egly. Abraham Egly might have been a brother of Catherine Egly w/o Jacob Raber RR + and/or of Christian Egly EG +. Magdalena Raber might have been RR3.⁷ One of the founders of the Defenseless Mennonite Church (The "Egly" Church). ⁸ s/o Joseph and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Augspurger.⁹ d/o Joseph and Magdalena Kinsinger. ¹⁰ s/o Christian and Mary Wenger. ¹¹ "Nancy." ¹² s/o John and Catherine Roth. ¹³ "Fanny."



Christian Z. Gerig

B. 1819 ---- D. 1874 married March 6, 1848 to Barbe Reck
at Pfastatt Commune, Alsace Lorraine, France

This is a copy of a tintype

BARBARA RECK GERIG CONRAD

b. 15 SEP 1827 -Darauch, Upper Rhine.

d. 15 MAR 1899 -Lebanon, Oregon
Buried Lebanon IOOF Cemetery.

m. 6 MAR 1948 to Christian Z. Gerig at Pfastatt Commune, Alsace, France. Mother of Christian Reck Gerig and Barbara (Gerig) Maurer. Her second marriage was to Mr. Conrad. After his death she moved to OREGON with daughter Barbara, (Mrs. Joseph Maurer) and husband and made her home with them. She was a charter member of Fairview Amish Mennonite Church.

Father Henri Reck (Recke) Mother Catherine Wenger



H.C. Gerig's Grandma - buried at IOOF
cemetery, Lebanon - OR

THE MAURER STORY

Our story begins in Alsace of France, a small country that lies just west of the Rhine River. Some think that it may have been near Maulhausen (now Malhouse) in lower Alsace, but this is only a supposition based on that fact that John Maurer's future daughter-in-law came from that place. The plain people of Alsace were almost entirely made up of those who were on the Amish side of the division of 1693. Historical records indicate that the smaller provinces of Germany were largely incorporated into one large state. It would seem that France did the same in relation to Alsace where some of our forefathers came from. This was of deep concern to the nonresistant people who had been so severely persecuted for their faith. It would now be of little value to flee from one community to another as it was all under the same government. Therefore the pressure of militarism was a great and primary reason that the Amish Mennonites of Alsace began to leave almost enmass for American shores because of the freedom it promised.

Our story continues with John Maurer and his wife Anna. Records indicate that he died July 27, 1883, at the age of 66 years and six months. This would indicate that he would have been born in January or February of 1817. His wife Anna Howery was born 1820 and died May 16, 1887, at the age of 77.

The John Maurer family emigrated to America with four and perhaps five children in the year of 1853. Great-grandfather John Maurer would have been about 36 years old at the time. Joseph (our grandfather in which we are particularly interested) was about 10 years old with his younger brother John Jr. at about 7. Of this voyage across the ocean we have no record. Usually the voyage across could take two or three months or even longer depending on the winds. Often too there was sickness and death with passengers buried at sea. All on board were glad when they had their first glimpse of the new world.

Great-grandfather John Maurer settled with his family near Pulaski, Iowa. He died on July 1883 and is buried in the old cemetery north and just outside of the town of Pulaski. He was 66 years and six months old when he passed away.

Our story continues with our Grandfather Joseph who was born in Alsace, France on November 30, 1843, and came across the ocean in 1853 at about the age of 10. He grew to manhood in the Pulaski, Iowa area. There is a picture of Joseph but his daughter Sarah Schmucker has a question as to whether it is a correct one.

When Joseph had grown into young manhood, it is said that he had an impressive dream that he would marry someone who was the only girl in the family. Writing to a friend in Ohio, (according to this story) he asked this person if he knew of such a girl. Later this person in Ohio did know of such a girl and informed Joseph about it. Joseph then went to the bank with his father John to draw out some money for the trip to Ohio. The banker was reluctant to give him the money but he finally did. The next morning the reason for his reluctance became apparent as the bank had closed its doors. Joseph then left by train to find the girl of his dreams. Upon meeting this girl he was convinced that this was the girl that he wanted and began showing to her his affection. A friend wrote to Iowa to check the young man Joseph's credentials. Joseph had a return ticket and time was running out and so the wedding was scheduled. The letter from Iowa arrived the day before the wedding. The girl he was about to marry was from a poor family and was working to support her widowed mother.

He was united in marriage to Barbara Gerig on October 12, 1876. At their marriage she was given the last wages she had earned and bought two sheets and two pillow cases.

Now looking back a little into the life of Grandma Barbara (Gerig) Maurer. She was born July 4, 1857 near Maulhausen, Alsace, France. She came with their parents to America in 1864 at about the age of 7. With her parents they settled in Wayne Co., Ohio and attended the Oak Grove Amish Mennonite Church. Her brother Crist (according to the Gerig family history) moved to Indiana and thence to Wayland, Iowa in 1876. Wayland, Iowa was not very far from where the Joseph Maurer's lived. Later her brother Crist moved to Oregon and became the second bishop of the church at Fairview near Albany, Oregon. Barbara's mother would have desired to accompany the Joseph Maurers to Iowa after they were married. But because of a previous commitment to marriage to a man by the name of Conrad, she felt obligated to keep that commitment. Her new husband treated her

well but it is said that she was not well accepted by his children because they feared that she would enter into their inheritance. After his death, she was at first reluctant to settle the estate but finally consented, asking for only 500 dollars. The relatives seemed happy with this and now seemed to come into good terms with her. Great-grandmother (Gerig) Conrad moved to Iowa after her husband's death and later accompanied her daughter and son-in-law (the Joseph Maurer's) to Oregon. Here she died and is now buried in the Maurer plot at Lebanon, Oregon.

At the time of their marriage, Joseph Maurer was nearly 33 years old and his wife Barbara was 19. In 1887 they moved to Oregon. Joseph's health was the reason for the move as he was bothered with rheumatism. Joseph was 44 years old at the time of their moving west. Prior to their move to Oregon, a cousin by the name of Stevix had moved to Colfax, Washington. This family had left Iowa following a severe storm that occurred in their area. It had demolished some of their farm buildings, killing the hired girl but sparing their immediate family. The Maurers had stopped at Colfax enroute to Oregon but Joseph did not like the winds of this part of Washington.

In their move to Oregon they stopped a short time in the Hubbard, Oregon area. We will give a quote from the book recording the history of the Pacific Coast Conference:

"Ben Miller and family and Peter Mishler, who had been members of the Forks A.M. Church, near Middlebury, Indiana, located near Hubbard, Oregon. About 1887, Bishop Jonathan Smucker from the Indiana-Michigan Conference came to Hubbard and organized a congregation. The membership consisted of two families named together, Joseph Maurer and family, Peter Christner and wife, L.J. Yoder and wife, the last two families named having been members of the Old Order Amish Church." (see page 12)

To what extent that he and his family were identified with this first organized group of plain people of the Mennonites is a matter of question but it is obvious they did not long remain in this community. One story that came from a son-in-law who knew Joseph well, says that Joseph thought that he was acquiring a certain property only to find that an Amish brother had purchased it. This brings

out a point that the Amish were the first of the plain peoples here in the Hubbard area and were not too receptive to the more progressive Mennonites moving into the area. Another story reports a conversation between Joseph Maurer and the Amish bishop. The Bishop was reported as saying, "Why not buy my land and I will move on," with Joseph replying, "No, you were here first and I will move on." And this is what he did.

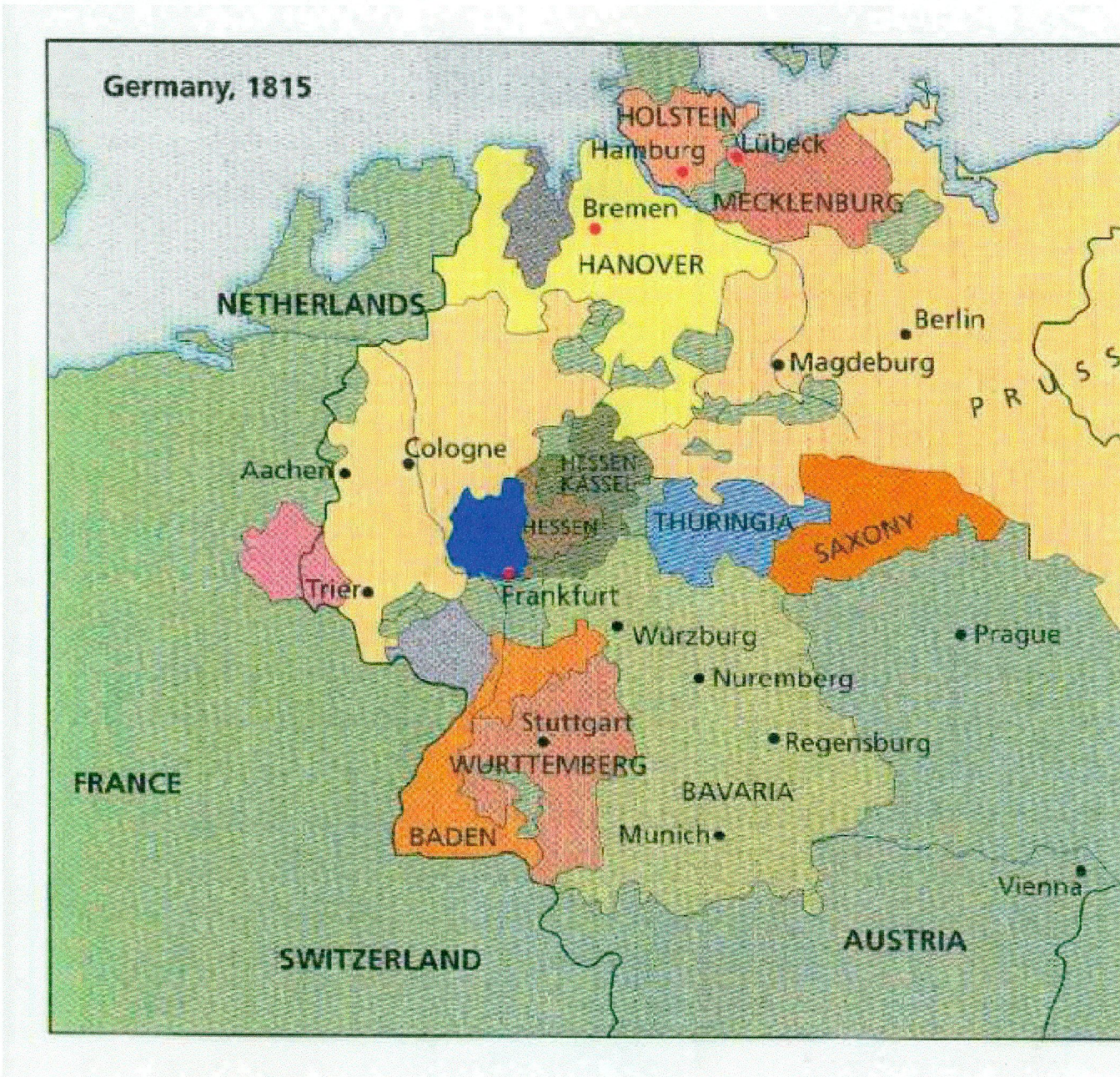
Later this first Mennonite congregation at Hubbard largely disbanded and moved to Elmira which is near Eugene, Oregon. However, Joseph Maurer with his family moved to near Lebanon, Oregon. He anticipated that others would soon move into the area, so they could have a congregation of their own faith. Since this did not immediately materialize, after seven years he thought it best for his family to move and had his place up for sale. However, then some others did move in and the Fairview Church was organized.

Joseph's wife's brother, Crist Gerig, was ordained Bishop of this church in 1907. There were increasing conflicts in the congregation over various issues including the hooks and eyes on clothing and the German language. From what we could learn is that Joseph desired to remain aloof from these problems. He did, however, favor the use of the German language but whether this had any bearing on his move to Harrisburg is not known at this late date. It appears that the deacon from Fairview had already moved to Harrisburg. The Joseph Maurer family moved to Harrisburg November 4, 1912. They had lived 26 or 27 years in the Fairview community. Three of his daughters remained members of Harrisburg until the time of their death. The remainder of the sisters were members at Fairview until death with the exception of Katie (Bethany), and Sarah (Brownsville). Joseph's wife died January 15, 1921, and Joseph died on November 28[?] 30, 1928, at the age of 85. They are buried in what is now known as the IOOF cemetery at Lebanon, Oregon.

Submitted by Wilbur Kropf

Map of Germany, 1815 showing the members of German Confederation

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MIGRATIONS OF THE SWISS (VOLHYNIAN) MENNONITES

Switzerland
Zurich 1525
Canton Bern 1526

The Emmental Valley in Canton Bern is probably the ancestral home of most Swiss Volhynians. Because of persecution they migrated in 1650 with a large migration in 1670 and another migration in 1711.

ALSACE 1525 and again 1643 — Goering, Graber, Rothe, Kaufman. Many fled Alsace during Louis XIV's persecution of Protestants including Mennonites.

MONTEBELIARD (Florimont and Belfort) — Mennonites came in 1670-1791. Large migration came in 1671. Included: Kaufman, Graber, Gerig, Stucki, Lichti.

Early 1700's—1713 Menn's came from Alsace and Switzerland including Stucki, Graber, Gerig, Kaufman, Lichti, Flückiger, and others.

Moses Gerig, passport of Feb. 8, 1791 included: Gerig, Graber, Lichti, Kaufman, Rothe.

THE PALATINATE (Pfalz) Arrived in the Palatinate 1650 and remained to 1786. Areas of Germany located on both sides of the Rhine River with Heidelberg as the political center.

The Mennonite families moved into the area west of Worms near Kirchheim-Bolanden (present village of Weierhof is located near Marnheim). Family names include: Krehbiel, Miller, Schrag, and Zerger.

GALACIA—1784-1786—Located near Lemberg, Austria (territory was acquired in the First Partition of Poland. This area is under the sovereignty of Russia and was renamed L'vov). There were 3 villages: **Falkenstein** 1784—6 family names included: Bachman, Krehbiel, Schrag, Mundelheim, Ewy, and Merk. **Einsiedel** 1786—18 family names included: Albrecht, Mauer, Mueller, Schmidt, Sutter, Zercher, and Rupp. **Rosenberg** 1788—3 families.

Einsiedel, Austria stopped temporarily and possibly moved to Podolia on the lands of Prince Czartoryski.

HUTTERITE BRUDERHOF REDITSCHOFF near Wischenka, Russia. Families include: Mueller, Berghold, Zerger, Schrag, Krehbiel, Schmidt, and Sutter. Schrag women married 2 Hutterite men.

MICHALIN settlement near Machnovka 1791? (Invited by Prince Protocki) by Mennonites that came from Graudenz on the Vistula Delta. In 1797 Swiss families of Krehbiel, Mueller, Schrag, and Zerger joined them.

URSZULIN 1795 (Invited by Prince Czartoryski). Some went to Michelsdorf. Mundlein joined the group at least by 1800? Names: Gering, Kaufman, Graber, Stucki, Flückiger. Names added: Voran (boy adopted by Mundlein) Wolbert by marriage, Senner and Schwartz, formerly German Lutherans.

MICHELSDORF — 1795?-1837 Names added: Mundlein, Schrag, Sutter, Mauer, Albright, Senner, Schwartz, and Voran.

BERESINA, RUSSIA 1801-1802 (Invited by Prince Edward Lubanirsky.) The Swiss from Michalin moved to Beresina. Names added: Wedel.

OSTROG 1801-1802. (Invited by Prince Edward Lubanirsky.) Dutch Mennonites from Michalin moved to Ostrog.

WIGNANSKA 1801? North of Dubno (Futtur and Hecker).

EDWARDSDORF 1807 (Invited by Prince Edward Lubanirsky.) Names included: Waldner, Archlus, Riesz, Strausz, and Preheim.

HORODISCHTZ 1837-1874 Land wooded, located near Rovno. Included: Graber, Albrecht, Kaufman, Flickinger, Gering, Krehbiel, Preheim, Riesz, Schwarz, Schrag, Senner, Strausz, Stucki, Voran. A congregation was organized here.

WALDHEIM — 12 families moved to Waldheim 1837?-1874 from Horodischtz. The congregation owned the land.

SAHOREZ — Families living in Dubno area including villages of Futtur and Hecker. Sahorez became the congregational center after 1861 when the Edwardsdorf group moved to Kotosufka.

KOTOSUFKA and Neumanufka. 1861-1874 — 25 miles northwest of Zhitomir — Post Office: Horschak. Names added: Dirks and Ortman. Congregation owned the land. Villages were separated by a forest.

Freeman-Marion, S.D. 1874

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CITY OF CHESTER
August 24, 1874
Leaders—Elder Peter Kaufman, Christian Kaufman, and Christian Schrag

CITY OF CHESTER
August 24, 1874
Leaders — Elder Johann Schrag and Rev. Christian Graber.

CITY OF RICHMOND
May 18, 1874
Leader—Andreas Schrag

CITY OF RICHMOND
August 31, 1874
Leader—Elder Jacob Stucky and Jacob Goering

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CHRISTIAN GERIG

Born: 15 NOV 1819 at Pfastatt, Alsace Lorraine, France, to Jacques Gerig, b. 1794-1851 at Markirch, Alsace Lorraine, France and Elizabeth Zimmerman, 1796-1848 b. Robertsau, Alsace Lorraine, France.

Married on 6 MAR 1848. At Pfaststaff Commune to Barbe Reche/Rich, b. 15 SEP 1827 at Dornach, Upper Rhine FR. She died 15 MAR 1899, and is buried at IOOF Cemetery, Lebanon, OR.

Christian died 1874 at Leo, IN

Their 3 children were Catherine 1843-1849

Christian Reck (C.R.) 1855-1942 m. Mary Conrad

Barbara 1857-1921 m. Joseph Maurer

Siblings: 1) Elizabeth Meyer ; 3) Peter, dy; 4) Jacob; 5) Barbara;
6) Catherine Koebel; 7) Mary Roth; 8) Sebastian;
9) Joseph, dy; 10) Benjamin;

Sebastian Amish Mennonite Bishop at Sugar Creek Cong. Wayland, IA.

Benjamin Amish Mennonite Bishop at Oak Grove Cong. Smithville, OH

C.R. Arnish Mennonite Bishop at Fairview Cong. Albany, OR

BARBARA RECK GERIG CONRAD

Born - 15 SEP 1827, Dornach, Upper Rhine France

Died - 15 MAR 1899, Lebanon, OR

Buried at IOOF Cemetery at Lebanon, OR

Married 6, Mar 1948 to

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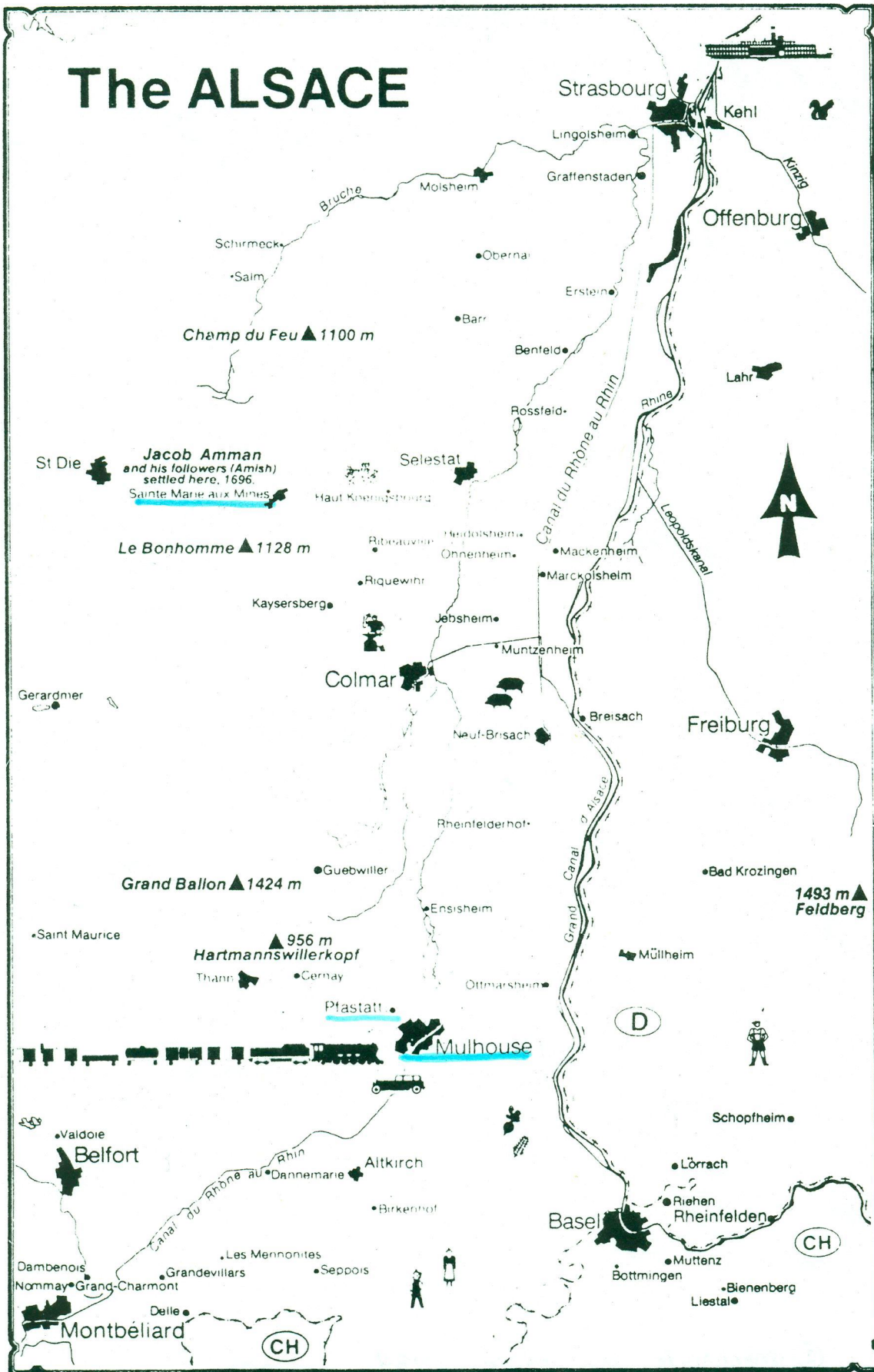
Fairview Amish Mennonite Church.

Father - Henri Reck (Recke) Mother - Catherine Wenger



LEBANON IOOF CEM

The ALSACE



GERIG HOMELAND in FRANCE

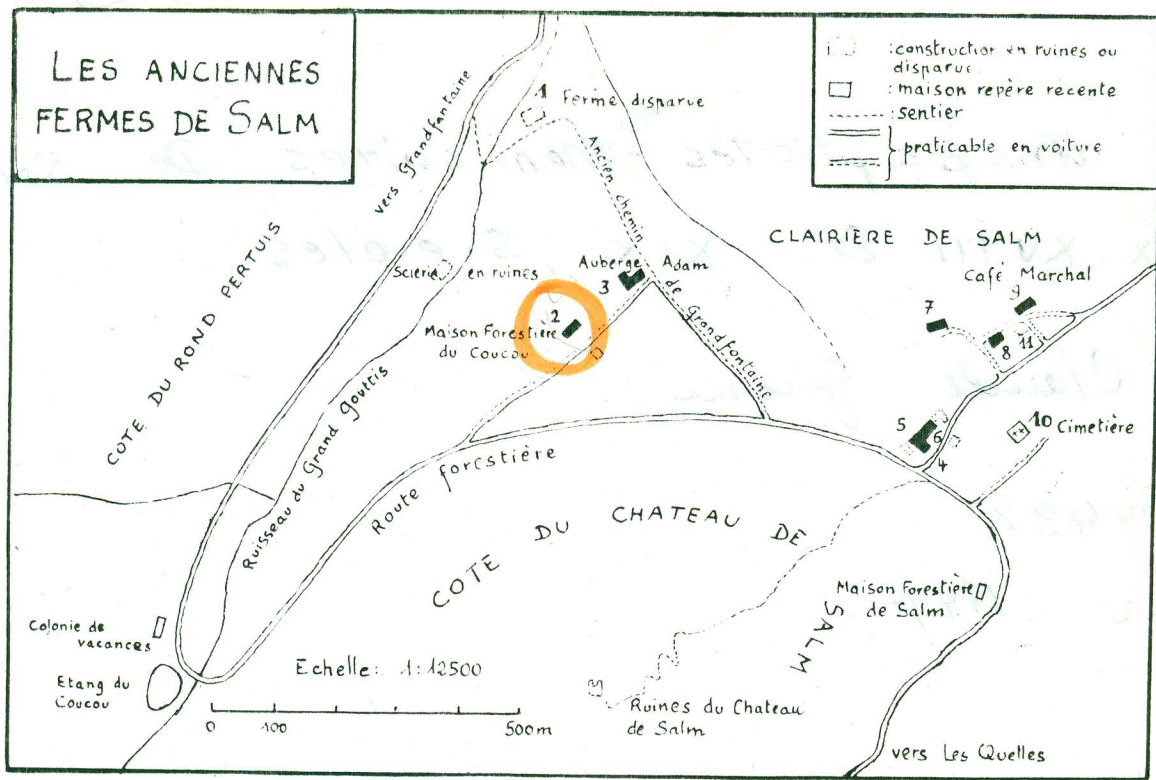


FIGURE G
LES ANCIENNES FERMES DE SALM VERS 1840
 Dessin d'après le plan cadastral conservé par Mme Marchal.

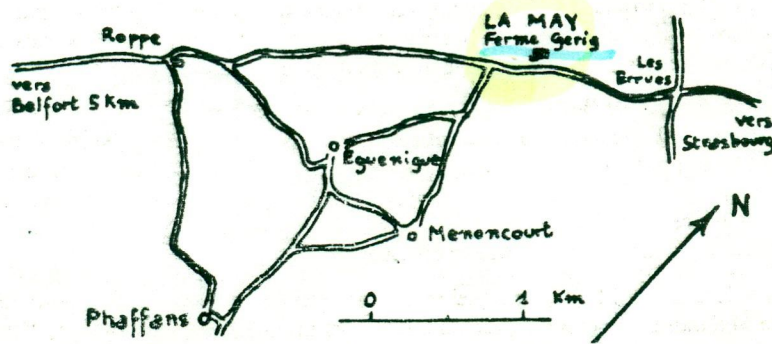
Numéros du plan	LES PROPRIETAIRES VERS 1840
1	Ferme disparue, près du ruisseau, au bord de l'ancien chemin de Salm à Grandfontaine. Appartenait à Jean Kingrich (Gingrich).
2	Maison Forestière du Coucou, à l'emplacement de la ferme d'André Shoerique (ou Cherich ou Gerig ?)
3	Hôtel-Auberge Dock-Adam - ancienne ferme de Christian et Madeleine Cherich construite en 1862.
4	Maison ayant servi d'école à partir de 1918 - Ancienne habitation de Pierre Honck (ou Hung ?)
5	Partie arrière gauche de la maison Kupferschmidt/Augsburger - Logement principal de Jean Kingrich (Gingrich).
6	Cense Kupferschmidt/Gerber/Augsburger. Reconstituée après incendie en 1790 - emplacement d'une habitation dès le Moyen-Age.
7	Cense Neuhauser Joseph (décédé en 1869) et Neuhauser Christian. Appartient à la famille Schlaibach.
8	Construite par Christian Schlaister en 1720 - Copropriété : Hundzinger Caroline 2/14e H. Jacob 5/14e H. Jean Georges 5/14e Poell (Buhl) Nicolas du Climont 2/14e.
9	Café Marchal, construit à l'emplacement d'une boutique de maréchal-ferrant appartenant à Léonard Hundzinger (Huntzinger).
10	En 1836, terrain en copropriété : Nicolas Ausburger et Jean Kingrich. Cimetière offert à la communauté mennonite par le premier.
11	Ferme disparue de Léonard Hundzinger, cultivateur et maréchal-ferrant. Remplacée actuellement par une remise.



La ferme de la May de nos jours (dessin C. Jérôme)

Ces bâtiments datent du début du siècle et s'élèvent à proximité de l'endroit où se trouvait la ferme historique, lieu de réunion, qui brûla en septembre 1912.

L'appellation « La May » servit à forger le nom de la première communauté mennonite des environs de Belfort, connue sous le nom de « Lamaener Gemeinde ».



Plan de situation de la May ou ferme Gerig

Les Anabaptistes ¹²⁷ Mennonites d'Alsace

bien qu'ils n'aient rien eu de commun avec les disciples de Calvin.

En 1780, l'Intendance d'Alsace lança une grande enquête sur les anabaptistes. Les renseignements recueillis par les baillis ont fourni un recensement détaillé de l'implantation anabaptiste dans la province à cette époque⁴. Il y avait alors 362 anabaptistes dans la subdélégation de Belfort qui se répartissaient comme suit:

	Hommes	Femmes	Enfants	Domes- tiques	TOTAL
Bailliage de BELFORT	6	7	11		24
Bailliage de DELLE	59	65	146	19	289
Bailliage de MASEVAUX	6	6	14		26
Bailliage d'ALTKIRCH	2	2	6		10
Bailliage de BRUNSTATT	3	3	7		13
TOTAL	76	83	184	19	362

Parmi eux, se trouvaient les membres de la famille de La May.

2. La ferme de La May

Située au Nord de la route de Strasbourg, à 8 kilomètres de Belfort et à l'abri des dernières pentes du massif de Roppe, la ferme de La May était bâtie sur un canton de terre que se disputaient les deux communautés de Menoncourt et Eguenigue. C'est ce qui explique que l'on trouve parfois mention d'anabaptistes dans ces deux villages ou au hameau proche des Errues. En réalité, les seuls anabaptistes qui ont résidé dans la paroisse ont toujours été installés dans la ferme de La May.

En 1780, le subdélégué de Belfort indiquait qu'il y avait une famille anabaptiste à Eguenigue se composant comme suit : le père, la mère et deux enfants. Ce document signale qu'ils étaient établis depuis vingt ans et qu'« ils font valoir un bien à M. le Comte de Reinach (c'est-à-dire : La May) et payent la capitation ». Hélas, ce document ne nous donne pas le patronyme du fermier anabaptiste. Contrairement à cette information, nous avons toute raison de croire qu'il y avait au moins deux familles « sur La May » à cette époque.

En effet, un bail du 21 Avril 1780⁵ par lequel les anabaptistes de La May prenaient pour quatre années le pâturage de Millandre, cite comme preneurs: Hammel un anabaptiste de Belfort, "Christ Hervet⁶ anabaptiste et fermier sur La Maix" et "Naftsquer⁷ anabaptiste demeurant sur La Maix". Ils prenaient pour quatre ans le tiers du pâturage de Millandre (Riervescemont) dépendant de Belfort pour un canon annuel de 230 livres payables en deux fois: au 1^{er} septembre et à la fin de l'année, plus 20 livres de beurre à livrer en mai ou juin et un fromage de 25 livres à livrer en fin d'année. L'hiver, les bêtes restaient à

donc bien que les anabaptistes de la ferme de La Maie aient envoyé leur bétail pâturer en montagne à la belle saison, du moins à la fin du XVIII^e siècle.⁸

Nous ignorons la date de la première installation de ces chrétiens sur ce domaine. La May fut achetée en 1711 par le sieur de Reinach⁹, c'est à partir de cette date qu'il y installa des fermiers. Comme nous ne possédons pas les baux de cette exploitation, nous ne pouvons dire si les premiers preneurs étaient anabaptistes. Cependant, la date d'achat de la ferme correspond à un an près à celle de l'édit d'expulsion qui vit les anabaptistes essaimer dans toute la province. Nous savons aussi, que le sieur de Reinach qui était seigneur de Montreux avait déjà installé des « frères » dans cette seigneurie. Bien que nous ne puissions l'affirmer, il est très possible que les anabaptistes se soient installés à La May dès les années 1712. On trouve trace de leur existence en 1732 dans les registres paroissiaux. Il est intéressant de remarquer qu'ils ont occupé cette ferme jusqu'à notre époque et qu'ils l'occupent encore aujourd'hui. Cependant nous ignorons si ce sont eux qui faisaient marcher la tuilerie installée sur le domaine¹⁰.

On peut se demander ce qui pouvait pousser un propriétaire à affermer ses biens à des anabaptistes. Ceux-ci avaient la réputation d'être d'excellents agriculteurs, laborieux et intelligents. Ils payaient très régulièrement leurs canons (loyers) et n'avaient pas de procès. De plus, comme ils n'avaient pas le droit d'acquérir de biens (étant exilés), ils investissaient leurs économies en bétail¹¹. Ils s'intéressaient aussi à la pisciculture (il y avait un étang à La May) et tissaient.

L'enquête de 1780 indique qu'ils mariaient leurs enfants très jeunes et se retiraient chez ceux-ci où ils passaient leur vieillesse dans le travail. La seule exemption dont ils jouissaient était celle de la milice car leur religion leur interdisait de porter les armes. Ces paysans modèles étaient les locataires idéaux des biens nobles ou bourgeois et parfois même ecclésiastiques.

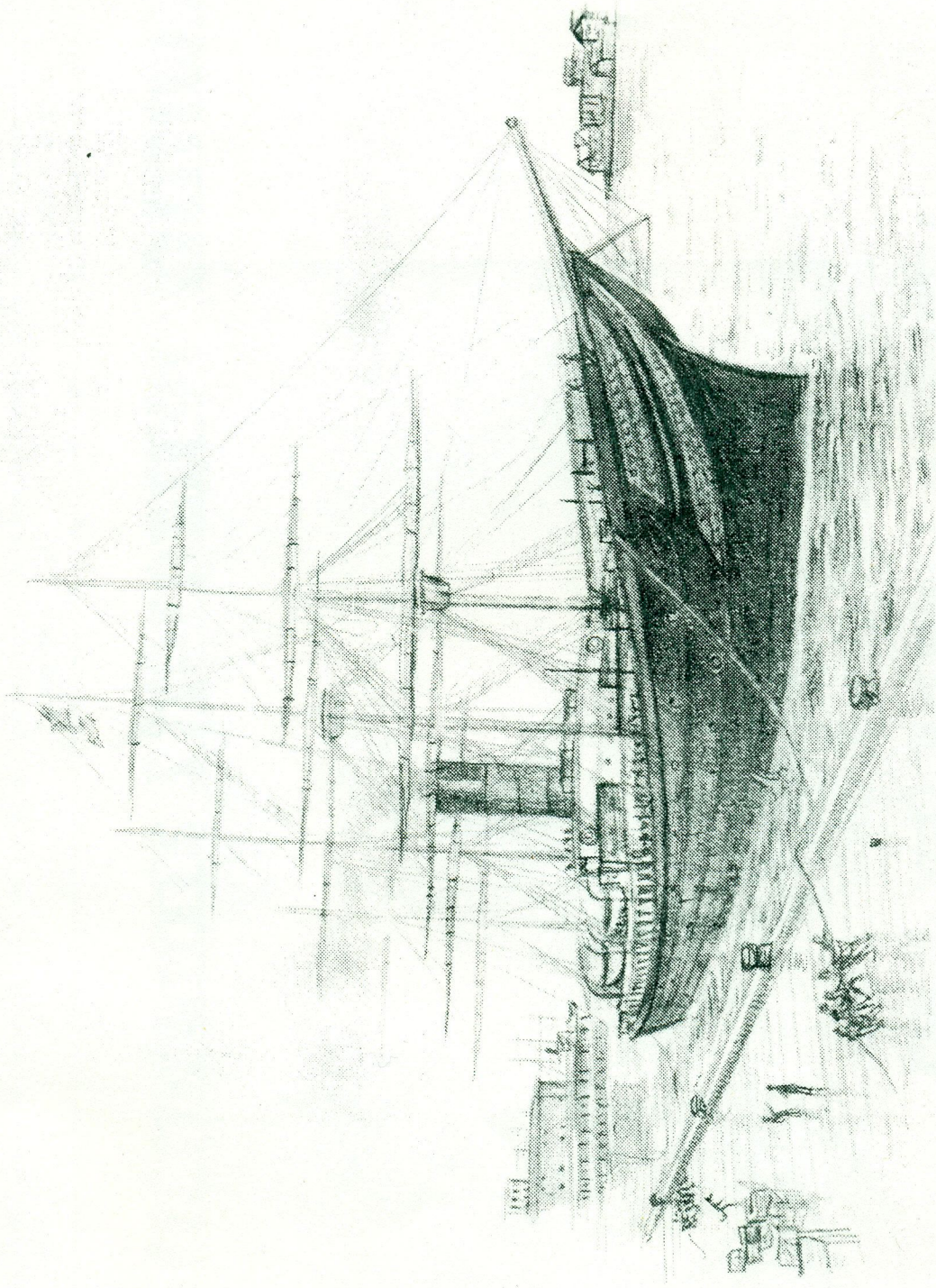
3. Les mœurs anabaptistes

La vie religieuse est l'élément le plus important de la vie des anabaptistes. Leur doctrine s'exprime dans leur confession de foi, dite de Dordrecht (1632) dont l'article 6 dit: "Ni le baptême, ni la Sainte Cène ni l'Eglise ni une quelconque cérémonie extérieure ne peuvent en effet être de quelque utilité pour plaire à Dieu ou obtenir de lui une consolation ou promesse de salut sans la foi et une nouvelle naissance (qui est) un changement ou un renouvellement de la vie. Mais on doit avec des cœurs sincères et une foi complète aller à Dieu et croire en Jésus-Christ".

Leur culte était une simple réunion dans une salle de ferme présidée par des "anciens". Les hommes et les femmes y étaient séparés. De temps en temps on y procédait à des baptêmes ou à des mariages. Les offices consistaient en prières, partage du pain et du vin (non bénis) et lavement des pieds.

Au XIX^e siècle, la ferme de La May a servi de lieu de culte pour les anabaptistes de Belfort¹². Nous ignorons s'il en était déjà ainsi avant la Révolution. Aucun document ne confirme ni n'infirme cette supposition.

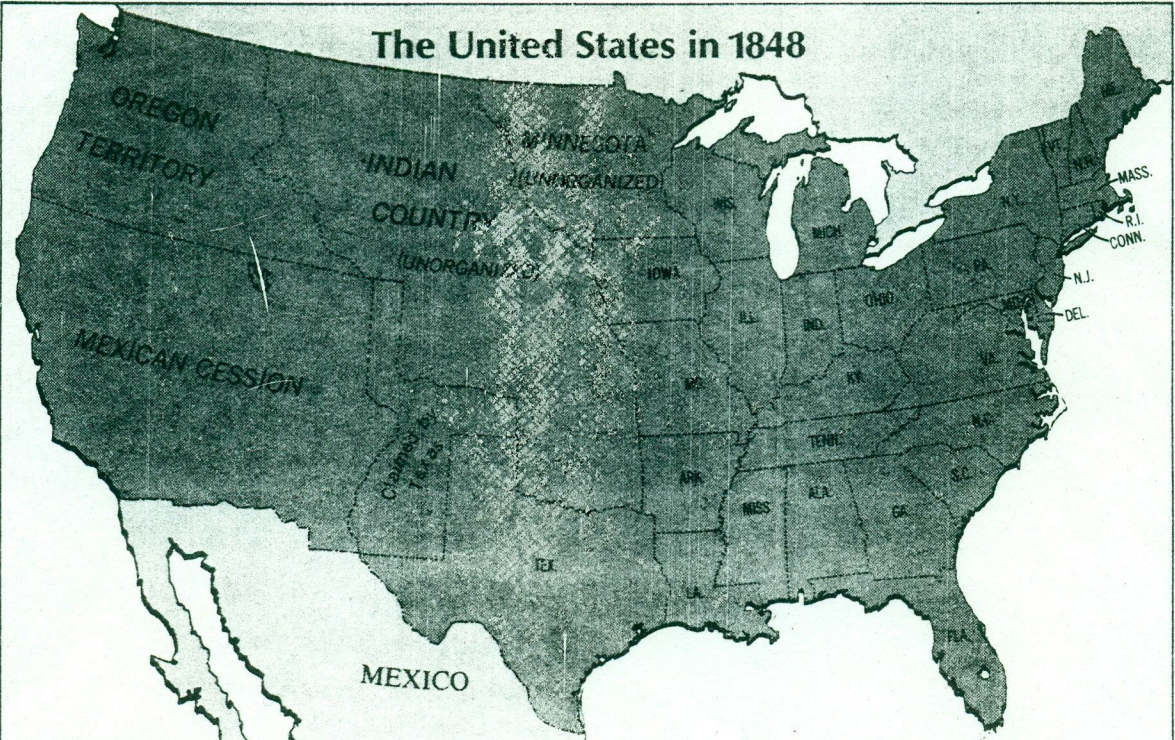
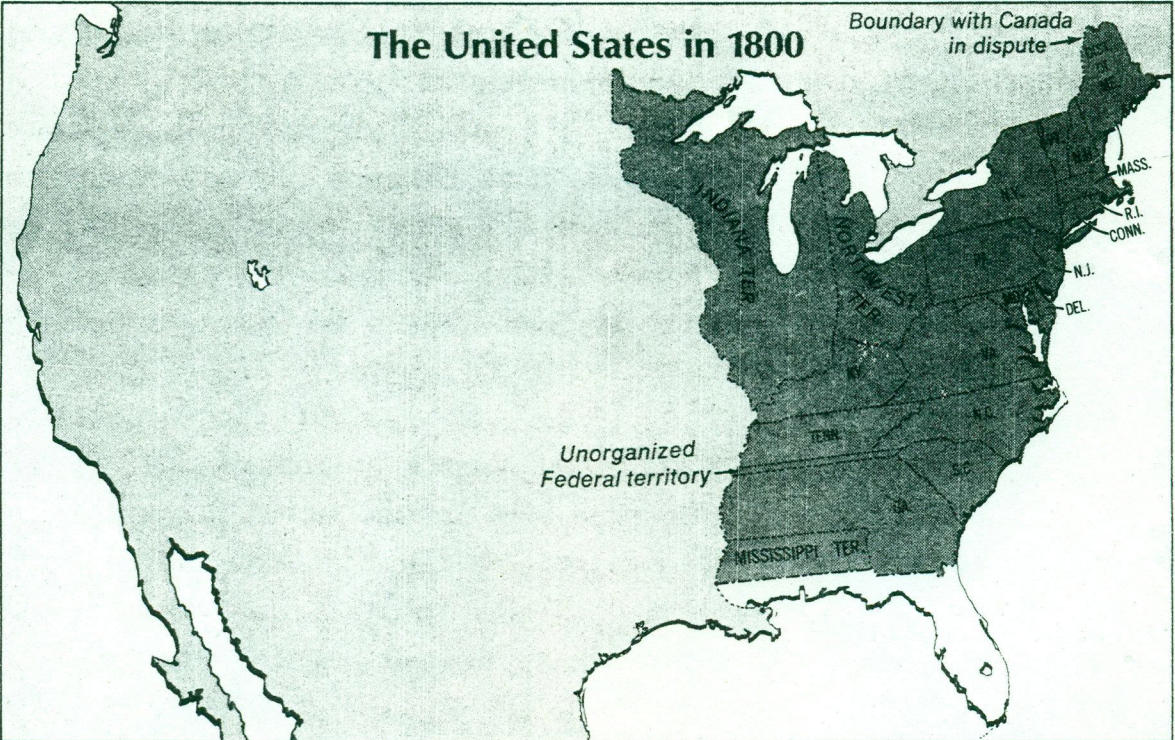
Les anabaptistes étaient opposés au baptême des enfants. Chez eux, on baptisait vers l'âge de quinze ans, après que le postulant eut subi une instruction religieuse de plusieurs mois entrecoupée d'examens périodiques. Il n'y avait ni parrain ni marraine.



Arrival of Mennonite immigrants in the New World, ca. 1860. This pencil drawing illustrates the means of passage our forebears experienced throughout several centuries of migrations to the Americas, ever since the 1600s.

Drawing by Marcus Wegner

C. R. GERIG WAS 9 YEARS OLD WHEN HE CAME TO AMERICA WITH HIS PARENTS, CHRISTIAN AND BARBARA GERIG AND SISTER BARBARA IN 1864 FROM ALSACE, FRANCE



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GERBER

was ordained to the ministry at West Branch in 1909 and returned to Canada in 1924.

Gerber, Samuel (1863—1929).—Born near Carlock, Ill., in early manhood he united with the Amish Mennonite Church at Tremont, Ill., where he spent the remainder of his life. He was ordained to the ministry in 1897, and fourteen years later, he was ordained a bishop. He was one of the most influential members of his conference (first of the Western District A. M. Conference and later of the Illinois Conference), and besides his work as an overseer, he spent some time in the evangelistic field and as an instructor in Bible conferences. "During his 32 years as a minister he officiated at 38 marriages, baptized 362 converts, and ordained 2 bishops and 4 ministers."

Gerber, Valentine (1853—1928).—A native of Waterloo Co., Ont., he was ordained to the ministry in Holt Co., Neb. Later he served the Lord and the Church in Wilmot, Minn., and in Haldimand Co., Ont., after which he moved to Huron Co., Ont., where he died.

Gerig.—A family name well known in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and Oregon. With the exception of Gerigs (Gearig) in the vicinity of Grabill, Ind. (who belong to the Defenceless Mennonites), the majority of the Gerig family in America are members of the main body of Mennonites. (See Gerig, Jacob.)

Gerig, Benjamin (1842—1913).—Born in Alsace, France, he came to America in 1860. He united with the Amish Mennonite Church before coming to America. The scene of his life labors was in Wayne Co., Ohio, where in 1895 he was ordained to the ministry in the Oak Grove congregation and the following year was ordained a bishop. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Church and was a regular attendant at conferences. One of his sons, Jacob S. Gerig, followed in the father's footsteps, was a coworker with him in the ministry for a number of years, and succeeded him as bishop in the Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill congregations after his father's death.

GERMAN

1788—1851

Gerig, Jacob (1794—1851).—A resident of Alsace, France, and progenitor of a numerous family, most of them living in America. Two of his sons (Sebastian of Wayland, Iowa, and Benjamin of Smithville, O.) were Amish Mennonite bishops and two of his grandsons (Christian R. of Albany, Oreg., and Jacob S. of Smithville, O.) are serving in a similar capacity. Besides these are two great-grandsons (Willard Leichty of Wayland, Iowa, and Henry Gerig of Albany, Oreg., both ordained in 1935) who are in the ministry and others among the descendants are active workers in the Church.

Gerig, Sebastian (1838—1924).—He was born in Alsace, France, and united with the Amish Mennonite Church at the age of seventeen. Three years later he came to America, spent a few weeks in Canada, six years in Davis Co., Iowa, two years in Ohio, and finally settled in Henry Co., Iowa. In 1864, he was married to Magdalena, daughter of Bishop Joseph Goldschmidt. He was ordained to the ministry in 1869, and ten years later was ordained a bishop. For a number of years he was the overseeing bishop of all the Amish Mennonite congregations in Iowa. He was active and alert, traveled extensively, attended many conferences, and exerted a commanding influence wherever he went, especially in the Western District A. M. Conference, of which body he was a leading member from the time of its organization in 1883.

German.—The language spoken by most of the Mennonites in America, until toward the latter part of the last century. Outside the Dutch Mennonites, the German language took the lead among Mennonites: in America almost exclusively so. Through the influence of public schools, in which the English language was taught to children of successive generations, there was a general trend toward English speaking, and consequently, toward English preaching. Gradually the opposition to English preaching faded away, until at the present time the German language is rarely ever used among Mennonites in the pulpit or in Sun-

Mennonite Cyclopedic Dict.
Daniel Kauffman 1937

VILLE DE



STRASBOURG

DÉPARTEMENT DU BAS-RHIN

ACTE DE DECES

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Signatures : ZIMMERMANN
Ch. HEYBERGER

L'Officier de l'Etat Civil
signature illisible

Death Record
16 APR 1828
Barbe Stucki
ZIMMERMANN
mother of Elisabeth
Zimmermann who
married Jacob GERIG

La conformité avec l'inscription au registre de l'état civil est certifiée.

Strasbourg, le 18 Octobre 1966.

L'Officier de l'Etat Civil
par délégation

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Death Certificate copy of **Barbe STUCKI**

Declaration of death made in the city hall of village of Strasbourg, department of the Bas-Rhin of the officer of the civil registration, made in the 9th hour of the morning the 16th April 1828.

Given first name of the deceased : Barbe Stucki, age of 63 years, born in Ostheim, Haut-Rhin, Strasbourg, FR. Profession, wife of Jean Zimmermann, farmer, home in Strasbourg. Death in this city hall the 16th of the month at 2nd hour in the home, the household the (porte Dauphine) . Given first name and profession of father the late deceased Benoit Stucki, farmer. Given first name and profession of mother :feu.

First informant given first name age and profession Jean Zimmermann age 28, farmer, son of the deceased. Second informant first name age and profession. Charles Heyberger, age of 65 years,, commissioner of police assistant, neighbor of the deceased. The second informant homes in this city hall. Reading made the officer of the civil registration has signed with the informant.

Sig: Jean Zimmerman N. 629/1828
Charles Heyberger

Death certificate of **JEAN ZIMMERMANN**

Declaration of deceased made at the city hall of village of Strasbourg, Dept. of Bas-Rhin, in front of officer of the civil registion, at the 11th hour of the morning of the 18th of December 1828.

Given first name of the deceased, Jean Zimmerman, age 79 years. Born male at Niederemmendingen, (Grand Duché of Bade;).

Profession or title: Farmer, widower of Barbe Stucki, home in Strasbourg, death in this city hall the 18th of the current month at 7;00 o'clock in the morning in the home.

Given surname and profession of his father : the late deceased Jean Zimmermann, farmer. Given first name and surname of the mother : deceased ./.

First informant, surname and profession: Jean Zimmerman age of 29 years, farmer, son of the deceased. Second informant, Charles Heyberger age of 66 years, neighbor of the deceased. Commission of police assistant.

Sig: Zimmerman N. 1963/1828 Dept. DU BAS-Rhin , Ville de Strasbourg
Heyberger

1830. Ce jourd'hui deuxième Thermidor l'an six de la République,
 Y. Zimmermann officier Municipal de la Commune de Strasbourg Département
 Elisabeth, épouse du bas Rhin, élu pour rédiger les actes destinés à
 N° le 30. Messidor. Constater l'état civil des Citoyens la Copie du procès verbal,
 Rupertsau du jour d'hier dressé par Jean Braumet Commissaire de
 Nouvion par sa audit lieu N° 301. accompagné de Louis Weckel agé de
 Mere. trente six ans Cultivateur et de Jean Baptiste Keller
 agé de cinquante ans, Secrétaire dudit Commissaire
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 Stokli, son épouse en légitime mariage est accouchée
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en son dit Domicile
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 Girschel, après que
 l'enfant d'environné, Louis Weckel, & Jean Baptiste
 Keller m'ont eu certifié la vérité de cette déclaration
 J'ai rédigé le présent acte qu'ils ont signé avec moi
 fait en la maison Commune de Strasbourg le jour
 mois et ans, ci dessus.



Valentin Girschel
 Officier Municipal

BIRTH Record
 of
 Elisabeth
 Zimmermann
 She married
 Jacob GERIG
 marriage copy given in 1984

del. J.B. Kuehn

1830.
Zimmermann
Elisabette
Né le 30. Messidor.
Rupertbauer
Nouveau par sa
Mère.

Ce jour d'hui deuxième Thermidor l'an 39 de la République Française une et indivisible vu par moi Valentin Girschel officier Municipal de la Commune de Strasbourg Département du Bas Rhin, élu pour rédiger les actes destinés à constater l'état civil des Citoyens la Copie du procès Verbal du jour d'hier dressé par Jean Baumert Commissaire de police de la Rupertbauer Municipalité de Strasbourg qui constate, que Jean Zimmermann Cultivateur domicilié au dit lieu N. 308. accompagné de Louis Heckel âgé de trente six ans Cultivateur et de Jean Baptiste Keller âgé de cinquante ans, Secrétaire dudit Commissaire tous deux domiciliés au dit lieu, est comparu pardevant ledit Commissaire et lui a déclaré que Barbe Stokki, son épouse en légitime mariage est auouchée avant hier trente Messidor à trois heures de relevée

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Valentin Girschel
Off. Publ.

Zimmermann M. de L. J. B. Keller

Heading: 1890

Zimmermann, Elisabeth, born the 30th of Oct, Rupertsau, nourished by her mother.

Today, the 2nd of (11th month of French Republic calendar) (in the) sixth year of the French Republic, united and indivisible, seen by me, Valentin Hirschel, municipal officer of the district of Strasbourg, region of Lower Rhine, elected to (transcribe, draw up) the certificates intended to certify the civil state of the citizens, the copy of the verbal proceeding, yesterday (written up, prepared) by Jean Baumert, Superintendent of Police of Rupertsau, municipality of Strasbourg, who states that Jean Zimmermann, farmer, dwelling at said place number 301, accompanied by Louis Wechel, age 36 years, farmer, and by Jean Baptiste Keller, age 50 years, secretary of said superintendent, both dwelling at said place, has appeared before the said supt., to him has declared that Barbe Stoki, his wife in legitimate marriage, gave birth, the day before yesterday (10th month), the 30th of _____ at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at his said dwelling, to a female child which he presented to said superintendent, and to whom he gave the (first) name of Elisabeth. I, Valentin Hirsche, after Jean Zimmermann, father of the aforementioned child, Louis Wechel, and Jean Baptiste Keller, have certified to me the truth of this statement. I have (transcribed, drawn up) this certificate which they have signed with me, done in the (hall, house, building) district of Strasbourg, the day, month, and years above.

(Signature)
Valentin Hirschel

(Signature)
Zimerrmann

Wechel

J.B. Keller

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Département du Haut-Rhin - Arrondissement de Mulhouse

Commune d'I l l z a c h

Extrait des registres aux actes de l'Etat-Civil
de l'année 1851.-

- Acte de Décès N° 34 -

Le premier septembre mil huit cent cinquante-un, à trois heures de l'après-midi, Devant Nous, Jean Geyelin, maire et Officier de l'Etat-Civil de la commune d'Illzach, sont comparus Chrétien Gerig, fileur, âgé de trente-deux ans, fils du défunt, demeurant à Burtzwiller, dépendance de cette commune, et Chrétien Tschantz, tonnelier, âgé de trente ans, neveu du défunt, domicilié en cette commune; lesquels nous ont déclaré que J a c q u e s G E R I G, journalier, âgé de soixante-trois ans, natif de Ste. Marie-aux-mines, Haut-Rhin, veuf de fene Elisabeth Zimmermann, fils de défunts -- Chrétien Gerig et Elisabeth Goldschmidt, son épouse, est décédé en son domicile audit hameau ce jour, à neuf heures du matin, ainsi que nous nous en sommes assuré. Après lecture faite, lesdits comparants ont signé avec nous,-----

- suivent les signatures au registre -

Pour extrait conforme:

Illzach, le trente juin mil neuf cent trente-et-un.

Le Maire: .



[Handwritten signature]
Adjoint

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F R E N C H R E P U B L I C

Department of the Upper Rhine - District of
Mulhouse - Town of Illsach.

Death Certificate No. 34 from the Town Registry
for the year 1851.

On the first of September 1851, at three o'clock
in the afternoon, before me, John Geyelin, Mayor
and Civil Officer of the town of Illsach, there
appeared Christian Cerig, a weaver, aged thirty-two
years, son of the deceased, living at Burtzwiller,
a suburb of this town, and Christian Tschantz, a
cooper, aged thirty years, nephew of the deceased,
living in this town; who have declared before me
that J a c o b G E R I G, a day laborer, aged
sixty-three years, born at Saint Marie-aux-Mines
(MarkKirch), Upper Rhine, widower of the late
Elizabeth Zimmermann, and son of the deceased
Christian Cerig and Elizabeth Goldschmidt, his wife,
died this day at his home in the said village, at
nine o'clock in the morning, as we have been assured.
After having read this declaration the two declarants
have signed with me.

John Geyelin (in French)
Christian Cerig (in German)
Christian Tschantz (in German)

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Signatures : ZIMMERMANN
HEYBERGER

L'Officier de l'Etat civil
signature : illisible

Death certificate
of
Jean ZIMMERMANN
father of Elisabeth,
(Mrs. Jacob GERIG)
18 DEC 1828

La conformité avec l'inscription au registre de l'état civil est certifiée.

18 Octobre

Strasbourg, le _____ 1966.

L'Officier de l'État Civil
par délégation

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Département du Haut-Rhin .

Arrondissement de Mulhouse

Commune de Pfastatt

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Extrait du Registre des Actes de Naissances
de l'année 1817.

Acte de
te de
Naissance
de Elisabeth
K O E R I G *
née le
20 août 1817
à Pfastatt.

L'an mil huit cent dix-sept, le vingt du mois d'août à deux heures, après-midi, pardevant Nous Jean Heitz, Maire et Officier de l'Etat-civil de la Commune de Pfastatt, Canton de Mulhouse, Département du Haut-Rhin, est comparu Jacques KOERIG, fermier, âgé de trente ans, domicilié en cette commune, lequel nous a présenté un enfant du sexe féminin, née ce jourd'hui à une heure de cet après-midi, de lui déclarant et d'Elisabeth ZIMMERMANN, son épouse, et auquel il a déclaré vouloir donner le prénom d'Elisabeth. Les dites déclaration et présentation faites en présence d'Augustin SPONY, instituteur, âgé de vingt-cinq ans et de Georges Condé, Weibel, âgé de cinquante-trois ans, tous deux domiciliés en cette commune. Et ont les père et témoins signé avec nous le présent acte de naissance après lecture et interprétation à eux faites. Au bureau de l'Etat-civil de Pfastatt, les jour, Mois et ans que devant. -----
----- Jacob KERIG ---Heitz, Maire-----Spony-----

Pour extrait conforme,

Pfastatt, le 13 Août 1929.

L'Officier de l'Etat-civil, par délégation :



Ch. Werner

* Zimmermann
de Mulhouse

Birth of Record of Elisabeth Gerig 20 Aug 1817 at Commune of Pfastatt.

The year 1817. The month the 20th of August at 2nd hour afternoon in front of us, Jean Heitz,

mayor and officer of the civil registration of the commune of Pfastatt, Canton of Mulhouse Department of Haut-Rhin.

There appeared Jacques Koerig, farmer, age of 30 years, home in this commune, which we have presented one infant of sex femine, born this day at one hour of this afternoon.

Of him declare and of Elisabeth Zimmerman son wife and who he has declared wish to give the name Elisabeth. The said declaratio0n and presentation made in presence of Augustin Spory, school teacher age of 25 years and of Georges Conde Wiebel age of 35 years two homes in same commune.

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Arrondissement de Mulhouse

C o m m u n e d e P f a s t a t t

Extrait du Registre des Actes de Naissances

de l'an 1842

N°33

L'an mil huit cent quarante-deux, le dix du mois de
Novembre, à onze heures avant midi, pardevant Nous Daniel
Haeffely, Maire et Officier de l'Etat-Civil de la Commune
de Pfastatt, Canton de Mulhouse; Arrondissement d'Altkirch,
Département du Haut-Rhin, a comparu Jacques GERIG, journalier,
âgé de cinquante ans, domicilié en cette commune, lequel nous
a présenté un enfant du sexe masculin qui lui est né en son
domicile, ce jourd'hui à six heures du matin et auquel il a
déclaré vouloir donner le prénom de BENJAMIN, lequel enfant
il a eu de Elisabeth Zimmermann, son épouse sans profession,
âgée de quarante cinq ans, domiciliée en cette commune.

Les dites déclaration et présentation faites en présence
de Georges Spony, cultivateur, âgé de soixante ans, et de Joseph
Ast, cordonnier, âgé de, soixante-cinq ans, tous deux domiciliés
en cette commune. Et ont les Père et Témoins signé avec Nous
le présent acte après lecture et interprétation à eux faites.
Jacob Gerig---Georg Spony-----Ast----Haeffely-----

Pour extrait conforme

Pfastatt, le 14 Août 1929

L'Officier de l'Etat-civil:

Benjamin

GERIG

né le 10-11-42

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Arrondissement de Mulhouse

Commune de Pfastatt

Extrait du Registre des Actes de Naissances
of Birth of Male
of the year
de l'an 1842

Birth registration
of
Benjamin Gerig
son of
Jacob Gerig

the year 1842 N° 33 the of the month of
L'an (mil huit cent quarante-deux), le dix du mois de
November at 11th hour before NOON in front of us
Novembre, à onze heures avant midi, pardevant Nous Daniel
Haeffely, ^{officer of the civil registration of commune} maire et Officier de l'Etat-Civil de la Commune
of de Pfastatt, Canton de Mulhouse; Arrondissement d'Altkirch,
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^{age of 40 5} âgée de quarante cinq ans, domiciliée en cette commune.
the said declaration and presentation done in presence

Benjamin
GERIG
né le 10-11-42

Les dites déclaration et présentation faites en présence
of farmer of 60 years and of
de Georges Spony, cultivateur, âgé de soixante ans, et de Joseph
^{shoemaker age of 6 5 years} Ast, cordonnier, âgé de soixante-cinq ans, tous deux domiciliés
in this commune and they they homes
en cette commune. Et ont les Père et Témoins signé avec Nous
with
le présent acte après lecture et interprétation à eux faites.
Jacob Gerig---Georg Spony-----Ast----Haeffely-----

Pour extrait conforme

Pfastatt, le 14 Août 1929

L'Officier de l'Etat-civil:

No. 3.



Christien Kerig

et
Barbe Beck

Extrait

des registres de l'état civil de la commune de Gastatt,
déposés aux archives de la mairie de ce lieu.Section de mariages
Année 1848 folio 2


1848. Le sixième huit cent quarante huit, le six du mois de Mars à huit heures de
matin par-devant nous Pierre Baeffly maire et officier de l'état civil de
commune de Gastatt ont publiquement comparés à la maison commu-
nière Christian Kerig ancien de fabrication né en cette commune le quinze
Novembre mil huit cent dix neuf demeurant en compagnie de son père en cette
commune et de consentement de quel il procède, fils majeur de Jacques Kerig
cultivateur et de feu Elisabeth Zimmermann; Et demoiselle
Barbe Beck couturière née à Dorach Haut-Rhin le quinze de
mois de Septembre mil huit cent vingt sept demeurant en compagnie
de ses père et mère à Mulhouse de consentement de quels elle procède
fille légitime et majeure de Pierre Beck chauffeur et de Catherine
Wenger. Lesquels nous ont requis de procéder à la célébration
de leur mariage, d'aut les publications ont été faites à Gastatt les
dimanches trente Janvier et six Février dernier, et à Mulhouse
aux mêmes époques sans qu'il soit intervenu aucune opposition
Sur les actes de naissance des futurs époux, celui de l'époux de la
mère de l'épouse, le certificat des publications à Mulhouse.
Desquels actes en due forme il a été donné lecture ainsi que du chapitre
six du code civil, titre un du mariage. Faisant droit à la requête
des comparants, nous leur avons demandé s'ils veulent se prendre
pour époux. D'après leurs réponses séparées et affirmatives, nous
avons prononcé au vu de la loi que les dits sieur Christian Kerig
et Barbe Beck sont unis par le mariage. D'aut acte passé et
interprété en allemand en présence des père, des époux et de la mère de
l'épouse, des sieurs Jacques Kerig journalier âgé de vingt quatre ans frère de
l'époux d'Antoine Spangy garde Champêtre âgé de quarante huit ans
ami de l'époux les deux demeurant en cette commune; de Jean Beck marier

le 6 Mars

âge de vingt deux ans frère de l'jeune demeurant à Mulhausen et de Jacques
Wolff tisserand âgé de trente six ans veuve et ami de l'jeune
demeurant en cette commune, tuteurs majeurs, lesquels ont vu par
les jeunes et leurs pères et mères ont signé avec nous.
Signés au registre Christian Gavig, Louis Louis Korb, Gavig,
Korb, Gavig, Jakob Gavig, Gavig, Jean Korb

Wolff A. Louis Bauffely Maire.
Pour exhibition conforme déposée à la Mairie de Gastatt
le 7 Septembre 1850.

L. Maire
A. Bauffely



No. 3

Christian Kerig

Certified copy

and

Barbe Rech

from the civil registers of the
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The year 1848 the sixth day of the month of March at eight o'clock in the morning. In front of us, Henri Haeffely, mayor and civil officer of Pfastatt commune, publically appeared at the courthouse. Mr. Christian Kerig, factory worker born in this commune on November 15, 1819 residing with his father in this commune whose consent has been documented, the son of Jacques Kerig, farmer, and the late Elisabeth Zimmerman; and Miss Barbe Rech, seamstress, born in ^{DORNACH} Daruach in the Upper-Rhine on September 15, 1827, residing with father and mother at Mulhausen whose consent has been documented, legitimate daughter of legal age of Henri Rech, driver and of Catherine Wenger. Said people have requested that we officiate their marriage ceremony for which public notification was made at Pfastatt on the Sundays of last January 30 and February 6 and at Mulhausen during the same periods without there being any resulting opposition. We have seen the birth certificates of the spouses-to-be, the death certificate of the mother of the bridegroom, the certificate published at Mulhausen. From said acts in due form it has been given _____ as well as from Chapter 6 of the civil code title five concerning marriage. Given the right of requisition of the individuals before us, we asked them if they wanted to be taken as husband and wife (literally "spouses"). According to their separate affirmative answers we pronounced in the name of the law that the said Mr. Christian Kerig and Barbe Rech are united in marriage. The above act was read and interpreted in German in the presence of the fathers of the

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Gerig. - Sebastian Gerig was born May 27, 1838, in Alsace, France. He accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the Mennonite Church when 14 years of age. Three years later he came to America, spending a few weeks in Canada, about six years in Davis County, Iowa, and two years in Ohio. After this he came to Henry County, Iowa, where he has since resided. On Sept. 11, 1864, he was united in marriage with Magdalena Goldsmith, with whom he lived in holy matrimony almost 60 years. To this union were born three sons and nine daughters. He was called to the ministry of the Sugar Creek congregation, near Wayland, Iowa. Ten years later he was ordained as bishop. He took active part in this service for 55 years. He was remarkably active until last October, when health began to fail. Since then he has not been able to attend church services. The past ten weeks he was confined to his bed. During his illness he suffered much but bore it patiently. When his pains were almost beyond endurance he always lifted his voice in prayer in behalf of the Church, his children and grandchildren, and thanked the Lord for his many blessings. He was submissive to his Master's will and asked that God's will and not his own be done. On April 3, 1924, he peacefully passed away, at the age of 85 y. 10 m. 6 d. He leaves his aged companion, two sons and eight daughters (Joseph, Jacob, Elizabeth, wife of C. M. Roth, Lydia, wife of Jacob Eigsti, Anna, wife of William Wyse, Mollie, wife of D. W. Orendorf, Lavina, wife of Amos Wyse, Eva Leichty, Emma, wife of A.D. Blosser, Minnie, wife of S. J. Sutter; all of the Sugar Creek congregation, near Wayland, Iowa, excepting Joseph, who is residing near Springdale, Ark., and Lydia, living near Morton, Ill.), and 29 grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. One son, a daughter, and a grandson preceded him to the eternal beyond. Funeral services at the Sugar Creek Church, April, conducted by Bros. Joe Hershberger, Daniel Graber, and Simon Gingerich, the sermon being based on Luke 2 :29, the text which was selected by the aged bishop. He was especially interested in the welfare of young people, and willing to lend a helping hand to any one in need. He will be greatly missed in the home, the Church, and the community. Transcriber's note: Day date of funeral missing from the original.

Gerig, Magdalena Goldsmith, youngest daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Goldsmith was born Jan. 22, 1847, at Westpoint, Lee Co., Iowa; died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Sutter of Wayland, Iowa; Sept. 8, 1931. She attained the ripe old age of 84 y. 7 m. 16 d. She was a member of a family of 12 children. 5 sisters and 6 brothers, all of whom have preceded her in death. In 1857 at the age of ten she with her parents moved to Henry Co., Iowa. She attended and united with the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in her youth of which church her father was founder and bishop. She remained a member in this church for almost 70 years, always retaining a deep interest for the work of the Church in her heart and served as a faithful member. On Sept. 11, 1864, she was united in marriage to Sebastian Gerig who preceded her in death 7 years ago and who had served the Sugar Creek Congregation as minister and bishop from 1869 to 1924. To this union were born 3 sons and 9 daughters; Joseph of Wayland; Samuel, deceased; Jacob; Mrs. C. M. Roth, both of Wayland; Mrs. Jacob Eigsti of Morton, Ill.; Helena, deceased; Mrs. Anna Wyse; Mrs. D. W. Orendorff; Mrs. Amos Wyse, deceased; Mrs. Eva Leichty; Mrs. A. D. Blosser; and Mrs. Minnie Sutter all of Wayland, Iowa. As a loving wife and mother she devoted an entire life to her family—a life characterized by prayer and Christian service which aided her husband in the ministry and which gave her an opportunity to see her entire family united with the church of her faith. All her children are still of the same faith which she confessed in her youth. Her husband Bishop Sebastian Gerig, officiated at the marriage of all ten of their children. She was grandmother to thirty-one grandchildren, thirty living and one deceased; and great-grandmother to 16 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed a life of comparatively good general health with the exception of a period of ten years during which she was confined to a wheel chair due to rheumatism. In the latter years of her life she recovered sufficiently to walk unaided. Her eyesight

also began to fail three years prior to her death and she was almost totally blind at the close of her life. During her final illness of 5 months she was confined to her bed in an almost helpless condition. During this time she always enjoyed company. Her mind remained active and keen. She was a patient sufferer in her last days and was very grateful for all the kind acts extended to her by those at her bedside. Her passing marks the close of a successful Christian life as sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral services in charge of Bros. Simon Gingerich and Perry Blosser of South English, Ia. Text, Luke 2:36-38.

Gerig. - Joseph, son of Sebastian and Magdalena (Goldsmith) Gerig, was born near Trenton, Iowa, Aug. 6, 1865; passed away suddenly of a heart attack, at his home in Wayland, Iowa, Nov. 27, 1950; aged 85 y. 3 m. 21 d. On Feb. 19, 1897, he was married to Nettie Miller. One son (Benjamin) was born to this union. His parents, one brother (Samuel), and 2 sisters (Helen and Lavina) preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, one son (Benjamin, Morton, Ill.), one brother (Jacob, Wayland, Iowa), 7 sisters (Mrs. Lydia Eigsti, Morton, Ill.; Mrs. C. M. Roth, Mrs. Anna Wyse, Mrs. D. W. Orendorff, Mrs. Eva Leichty, Mrs. A. D. Blosser, Mrs. Minnie Sutter, all of Wayland, Iowa, and a large number of nephews and nieces and other relatives and friends. He accepted Christ as his Saviour when a young man and united with the Mennonite Church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the Sugar Creek Church Nov. 29 with Simon Gingerich and Vernon Roth in charge. Text: Job 5: 26. Interment was made in the nearby cemetery in charge of Willard Leichty, assisted by Omar Nicely and Glen Richards.

Gerig, Jacob, son of Sebastian and Magdalena (Goldsmith) Gerig, was born near Trenton, Iowa, May 12, 1869; died at the Parkview Home, Wayland, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1961; aged 92 y. 7 m. 9 d. On Nov. 19, 1896, he was married to Anna Nebel, who died March 21, 1956. One son also preceded him in death. Surviving are 2 sons and one daughter (Vernon, Rachel--Mrs. Milton Roth, and Milburn, all of Wayland), 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 5 sisters (Elizabeth Roth, Anna Wyse, Mollie--Mrs. D. W. Orendorff, Eva Leichty, and Minnie Sutter). Two brothers, 4 sisters, and a foster son also preceded him in death. He was a member of the Sugar Creek Church, where funeral services were held Dec. 23,

Gerig. Benjamin Gerig was born in Frostett, France, Nov. 11, 1842; died at his late residence near Smithville, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1913; aged 70 y. 9 m. 3 d. He emigrated to this country in 1860 at the age of 17. On June 12, 1862, he united in wedlock with Lydia Schrock who was born and reared on the farm of said residence where they lived together for nearly 50 years, when mother died Apr. 4, 1911. To this union were born 5 sons and 5 daughters, all of whom survive their parents, save one, Caroline, who died in November, 1897. There have been 26 grandchildren born, all of which are yet alive. In his youth he accepted his Savior and united with the A. M Church before coming to America. On May 6, 1895, he was ordained minister by the church of his choice and on May 3, 1896, he was ordained to the office of bishop, in which capacity he served faithfully until God called him higher and he quietly and peacefully passed into the great beyond. He was very sympathetic and much interested in the welfare of his members. He was a kind and loving husband and affectionate father, and as a neighbor he was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was generous and kind to the poor who sought his advice and counsel, always sociable and hospitable to strangers, and during his affliction he so very much appreciated the many visits of friends and neighbors who came to see him. On Aug. 7 his remains were laid away in the Oak Grove Cemetery, his funeral being unusually large.

Gerig.--Lydia Gerig (nee Schrock) was born Oct. 1, 1841; died April 4, 1911; aged 69 y. 6 m. 3 d. She was born, lived all her life and died at her late residence near Smithville, O. On June 17, 1862 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Gerig. To this union were born five sons and five daughters, all of whom grew up to manhood and womanhood and all of whom survive and are present except the oldest daughter, Caroline, who preceded her to the spirit world. In addition to her own sons and daughters there are also 24 grandchildren. In her youth she united with the Amish Mennonite Church and was a consistent and faithful member of the same during her life, and was always present and took an active part in worshipping with this body of believers when circumstances would allow. By her departure, she leaves a loving husband, children and grandchildren together with a large circle of friends and neighbors to mourn their loss. Yet they mourn not without the hope of meeting her again in the eternal realms above.