

# A Brief History *of the* Mennonites in Ontario

Giving a Description of Conditions in Early Ontario—the Coming of the Mennonites Into Canada—Settlements—Congregations — Conferences — Other Activities — and Nearly 400 Ordinations

100 Pictures of Men and Churches  
Illustrations and Maps

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*"Ye shall be witnesses unto me"—Jesus.*

*"The word of God grew and multiplied"—Acts of the Apostles.*

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## CHAPTER XV.

### MINISTERIAL LISTS

#### NAMES OF BISHOPS, MINISTERS, AND DEACONS

- | Date of<br>Ordination | (Abbreviations: B. bishop; M, minister; D, deacon)<br>Field of Labor   | Abbrev. |
|-----------------------|--|---------|
|                       | ALBRIGHT, JACOB (1789-1879). Twenty.   | D.      |
|                       | His first wife was Magdalena Meyer, (See Moyer Hist. p. 102), who died in 1834, aged 39 years. The second wife came from Waterloo and was Barbara Biehm, widow of Joe Cressman. Solomon Albright was son of the above. He probably went with the Hoch division as no reference to this man's work is found in the records of the Moyer congregation. Wismer became deacon in 1851. |         |
| 1851                  | BARKEY, HENRY (1804-1876). Altona.   | M.      |
|                       | He married Fanny Grove in 1829, daughter of Bishop Abraham Grove. He died suddenly on a Sunday morning as he was preparing to go to church. He was born in Somerset County, Pa., and came to Markham in the year of his birth.   |         |
| 1864                  | BARKEY, JOSEPH (1811-1886). Wideman.   | M.      |
|                       | In 1838 he married Fanny Ramer. After her decease he married Anna Hare, 1856.  |         |
| 1897                  | BAUMAN, AMOS S. (1854-1911). Iowa.   | M.      |
|                       | He was born in Waterloo County, Ont. He married Lydia Martin in 1875. They resided for some years in Iowa. He was called to the ministry in the Stauffer branch of the church in 1897. Having moved to Alberta the Conference in Ontario accepted him as an ordained man in 1903.  |         |
| 1903                  | BAUMAN, AMOS S. (1854-1911). Mayton, Alberta.  | B.      |
|                       | During the summer of 1903 Bishop Elias Weber, of Ontario, ordained him to the bishop office. In 1906 the Conference in Ontario expelled him for errors in his teaching. He united with the M. B. C. Church.  |         |
| 1852                  | BAUMAN, BENJAMIN B. (1811-1872). Blair.  | M.      |
|                       | He allied himself with the Hoch party. It is not certain whether he was ordained before he left the main body of the church. He was son of the pioneer Pre. Joseph Bauman. His wife was Mary Clemens. They resided on a farm near Blair but later moved to Kent County, Mich., where he died.  |         |

- 1893 BAUMAN, ENOCH (1860-1918). St. Jacobs. D.  
His wife was Veronica Martin. He served the Conestogo Congregation.
- 1894 BAUMAN, ENOCH (1860-1918). Conestogo. M.
- 1802 BAUMAN, JOSEPH (1766-1849). Blair. M.  
He was born in Berks County, Penn., and came to Canada in 1816. He resided near Blair. His wife was Mary Bear. He was ordained in Penn. He was present at a conference in Berlin, May, 1842. Before leaving for Canada he preached a fitting farewell sermon under an oak tree about a mile east from the Allegheny meeting-house which was near his home.
- 1835 BAUMAN, JOHN B. (1800-1850). Lived near "Toll Bridge". M.  
He was the fourth son of Pre. Joseph Bauman. He came with his parents in 1816. In 1825 he was married to Nancy Bechtel. He died from a stroke while on a preaching trip to the "Twenty" in 1850.
- 1896 BAUMAN, SILAS (1861-1913). Floradale. D.  
His wife was Lydia Ann Groff. Their home was just north of Floradale.
- 1872 BEAR, HENRY (1842-1927). Hay, later Latschar. D.  
He moved from Huron County to Manheim in 1882. His wife was Leah, daughter of Pre. Moses Bowman.
- 1838 BEAR, JOHN (1804-1894). Wanner. M.  
He was son of the Martin Bear, below. He was a carpenter and contractor. In 1827 he was married to Anna Pannabacker. Benjamin Eby ordained him. He was a diligent student and read extensively. He was converted and received into the church in 1833. He allied himself with Solomon Eby and others in the schism of the early '70's. He became a staunch worker in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.
- 1808 BEAR, MARTIN (1774- ). Wanner. M.  
York County, Pa., was the place of his birth. He came to Waterloo in 1800 and located near Hespeler, in 1801. He was married to Catherine Gingerich. Bishop Jacob Moyer ordained him.
- 1885 BEARSS, GILBERT (1848- ). Sherkston. M.  
Conference of May, 1885, gave authority to ordain a minister in Bertie. In 1869 he married Louisa Jane Doan. They moved to Vineland in 1895, and returned to Bertie in 1917. Since 1930 they are with their daughter in Welland. He used the English language only.

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- 1842 BECHTEL, GEORGE ( ). Location uncertain. M.  
or earlier That a man by this name was minister is shown by a conference record of May 28, 1842, when he was present as a minister. A preaching place is shown in the 1837 Calendar "George Bechtel". Probably at this man's residence.
- 1800 BECHTEL, JACOB (1769-1838). Blair. D.  
or earlier He came to Canada in 1800. He was a native of Chester County, Pa. He located near Blair. His wife was Elisabeth Gabel. Evidently he was deacon when he came to Canada. Buried in the Blair cemetery.
- 1804 BECHTEL, JOSEPH (1761-1838). Preston. M.  
He was son of Pre. Martin Bechtel in Montgomery County, Pa. Came to Canada in 1802. He married Magdalena Allebach in 1786. This, evidently, was the first ordination among Mennonites in Waterloo.
- 1889 BERGEY, DAVID (1845-1932). Blenheim. D.  
He taught school for some years. Later he located on a farm near New Dundee. His wife was Louisa, daughter of Pre. Moses Bowman, Manheim. He was Secretary of Conference for many years and served on many committees.
- 1921 BERGEY, GILBERT (1877- ). Blenheim. D.  
His wife is Angeline Martin. He is Secretary of Conference since 1922.
- 1907 BERGEY, NATHANIEL (1887- ). Mosa. M.  
He is unmarried. While he was called to serve on the Mosa field he has not continued there permanently. For several years he has given valuable assistance at Rainham, Vineland, and later in Waterloo County as well as in his native community.
- 1841 BEIHN, AARON (1814-1897). Weber, Strasburg. D.  
He was married in 1838 to Hannah Schneider. They resided 1 mile west of Doon.
- 1889 BIEHN, AARON S. (1855- ). Weber, Strasburg. D.  
His wife was Mary Bowman. He is a son of Aaron Biehn Sr. and lived on the old homestead near Doon. In 1905 he moved to Guerensy, Sask.
- 1930 BIRKY, JACOB (1889- ). Western, N.Y. M.  
He was married to Emma Nitzsche of Nebraska in 1922. They moved to Western N.Y. in 1927. He was ordained by S. F. Coffman in Dec., 1930, and has charge of this growing congregation.

- 1841 BOCK, JACOB (1798-1867). Blenheim. D.  
He was the first deacon at the Blenheim church. He was born in Lancaster, Pa. His wife was Catherine Shupe.
- Before BOESIGER, CHRISTIAN (1770- ). Waterloo Twp. D.  
1825 He was born in Alsace, France, near the Switzerland border. He was probably ordained in Europe. He came to America in 1822. Included in Snyder's List of 1825. His wife, Elisabeth Steiner, died in Penn. in 1824. Came to Waterloo with his family in 1825. Moved to Ohio.
- 1865 BOESIGER, JOHN (1800-1882). Blandford. D.  
His wife was Barbara Shantz. He was buried at the Blandford church but evidently the remains were later removed to Berlin. Name on marker is spelled Besiger.
- BOWMAN, MENNO (1837-1906). Bloomingdale. D.  
Was leading minister in the M.B.C. Church for many years. It has been questioned whether this man was ordained in the old church. There is evidence to show that he was.
- 1889 BOWMAN, MOSES C. (1855-1933). Latschar. M.  
He married Lydia Shantz. After her decease he united with Susannah Shantz, daughter of Samuel Y. Shantz. When he retired from the farm they moved to Kitchener where he died.
- 1853 BOWMAN, MOSES S. (1819-1898). Latschar. D.  
He was married to Anna Cressman in 1844. Located on a farm near Manheim in 1845.
- 1859 BOWMAN, MOSES S. (1819-1898). Latschar. M.  
He was an able speaker and deliberate, and an enthusiastic Sunday School man. It is reported that he was the first appointed Moderator of Conference following the resolution of 1873. Cressman's bishop book says he became minister in 1857. Ezra Eby says Jan. 2, 1859. Bishop H. Shantz gives Jan. 24, 1859.
- 1876 BOWMAN, PETER (1846-1918). North Woolwich. D.  
He married Nancy Bauman in 1870. In the division of 1889 he held with Bishop Martin.
- 1878 BOWMAN SAMUEL S. (1834-1924). Berlin. M.  
As a young man he taught school during the winter months. He joined the Mennonite Church when a young man. He was for many years Secretary of the Church Conference and compiler of the Meeting Calendars. He used both English and German freely. He was one of the founders and the first secretary of the Mennonite Aid Union. He was first married to Elisabeth Ploch and second to Anna Cressman. In 1897 Conference sent him to organize a congregation in Huron County, Mich.

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- 1875 BOWMAN, TOBIAS (1829-1909). Shantz, near Baden. M.  
In 1853 he was married to Anna Schneider. Residence near St. Agatha. Because of some business indiscretions he was relieved of his ministry, 1899.
- 1839 BRETZ, JACOB (1800-1879). Wanner. M.  
His later years were spent at Plattsville. His wife was Nancy Wieler. His obituary in Herald says he was minister 40 years.
- 1877 BRUBACHER, ABRAHAM (1835-1912). Mosa. M.  
Ordained by Bishop Martin while living near Bothwell. His wife was Leah Sitler. They moved to Ohio in 1883 and to Woolwich in 1907 where he died. He sympathised strongly with the Wisler section of the church. In this attitude he was alone in Mosa and therefore moved to Ohio.
- 1876 BRUBACHER, DANIEL M. (1840-1921). Conestogo. M.  
He was ordained to the ministry by Bishop Martin. His wife was Elisabeth Beeshy. He went with the Woolwich section at the time of the '89 schism.
- BRUBACHER, JOHN (1793-1875). Berlin. D.  
He first came to Canada in 1815 and selected Lot 57 German Company Tract east of Berlin. Next year he took possession of his farm and in 1817 he married Catherine Sherk. He was born in Lancaster. The date of his ordination is not known but he was present at a conference in Berlin, May, 1842.
- 1847 BRUBACHER, JOHN W. (1803-1886). Conestogo. D.  
He was born in Lancaster County, Penn., and raised in Mifflin Co. He came to Waterloo in 1825 and returned the same fall to his native State. In the spring of 1826 he returned to Waterloo and the next year was married to Catherine Martin. They lived in Woolwich Twp. about three miles west of St. Jacobs. He was ordained on Ascension Day.
- 1926 BRUBACHER, MENNO E. (1874- ). St. Jacobs. D.  
He married Almeda Good of Wilmot.
- 1918 BRUBACHER, MOSES M. (1879- ). St. Jacobs. M.  
In 1911 he married Elisabeth Cressman, daughter of Menno E. Cressman.
- 1931 BRUBACHER, MOSES M. (1879- ). St. Jacobs. B.  
This ordination took place in the Kitchener church July 9th. It was at the request of the other bishops and especially to assist Bishop Jonas Snider whose health is not good.

- 1845 BRUNDAGE, DANIEL (1812-1895). Vaughan, Edgely, Ont. M.  
He was born in York County, Ont. He was married to Mollie Gayman. He was a millwright. It is reported that he also lived in Hay and Rainham Townships as well as in Vaughan for short periods. He became financially embarrassed and moved to Indiana in 1858. Here he was able to meet his former obligations and was restored to full fellowship with the church. Later he became a leading bishop in the western states. His wife died in Missouri. In 1877 he married Mary Beutler of Indiana. They returned to Indiana in 1897.
- 1922 BURKHART, IRVIN E. (1898- ). Floradale. M.  
He was ordained at the request of the Rural Mission Board, and by that body was placed in charge of the work in Western New York. After a time he continued his school work at Goshen College and is now a faculty member at Goshen College. His wife is Gladys Loucks of Scottdale, Penn. He was granted a conference letter in 1929.
- 1825 BURKHART, PETER. Waterloo. D.  
or earlier This man is shown as a deacon in the Snyder List of 1825. No further trace of him has been found.
- 1934 BURKHOLDER, AMOS R. (1884- ). Cedar Grove. D.  
In 1907 he was married to Fanny Weber of Waterloo. He was ordained Aug. 19, with Bishop S. M. Kanagy presiding.
- BURKHOLDER, JACOB (1797-1872). Wideman. D.  
He was born in Franklin County, Pa., and came to York County, Ont., in 1824. In about 1826 he was married to Sarah Barkey. Residence Lemonville. He was present as a deacon at a conference in Berlin in 1842.
- 1852 BURKHOLDER, JACOB (1797-1872). Wideman. M.  
He was ordained a minister by the "Ramer" section by Bishop John Lapp. Later he returned to the main body of the church and he was allowed to retain his ministry. It is reported that he was the first to use the English language in the church in Markham.
- 1896 BURKHOLDER, LEWIS J. (1875- ). Cedar Grove. M.  
Married in 1904 to Lucetta High and in 1925 to Emma Meyer. Received from Conference bishop charge, 1919-1923. Historian, 1928.
- 1912 BURKHOLDER, OSCAR (1886- ). Breslau. M.  
He was ordained at Cedar Grove, where he held membership at that time. Later in the same year the church at Breslau asked him to labor there. He continues there. In 1913 he was married to Laura Shantz; to Mary Reesor in 1918. He is one of the regular Instructors in the Kitchener Bible School. He also does the work of an evangelist.



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- CLEMENS, ABRAM C. (1803-1872). Wanner. D.  
He was born in Chester County, Pa., and came to Canada with his parents when he was six years old. His wife was Elisabeth Strohm. After her decease in 1864 he married Nancy Bowman. Ordained about 20 years before his death. See Eby's History, Vol. I, page 405. See Conf. List, 1842.
- 1815 CLEMENS, ABRAHAM LEDERACH (1781-1845). Hagey. D.  
He was born in Montgomery County but was raised in Chester. In 1807 he married Magdalena Miller. They came to Canada in 1809 and located on a farm just north of Preston where they died. From the Hagey deacon book it appears that he followed John Cressman as deacon.
- Before 1842 CLEMENS, ABRAHAM STEINER (1790-1867). Breslau. D.  
He was born in Montgomery County, Pa., and was married to Rachel Dierstein in 1812. They moved to Canada in 1825. At first they lived a mile west of Breslau and later about two miles south. He was deacon in 1853, but the date of ordination is not known. Attended conference, 1842 and '44.
- CLEMENS, HENRY L. (1802-1876). Dumfries. D.  
He is brother to the above Abraham L. He was born in Chester County, Penn., and came to Canada as a young man. His wife, Nancy Bricker, of Blair, died in 1846. Late in the '30's he was resident in Dumfries Twp. He was present as a deacon at a conference in Berlin, 1842. See also the Wayland List of 1853 where he is shown a deacon. His second wife was Elisabeth Dodge, widow of Samuel Schlichter.
- 1895 COFFMAN, SAMUEL FREDRICK (1872- ). Chicago, Ill. M.  
Bishop J. F. Funk ordained him in the Home Mission in Chicago in 1895. He came to Vineland in 1895 where he continues to labor.
- 1903 COFFMAN, SAMUEL FREDRICK (1872- ). Vineland. B  
In 1901 he was united in marriage with Ella Mann of Elkhart, Ind. He was ordained to the bishopric by Amos Cressman of New Hamburg. He has served on many Conference committees. He has served as Moderator of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario.
- CRESSMAN, AMOS ( ). Wellesley. D.  
Present at Conference, 1842.
- 1864 CRESSMAN, AMOS S. (1834-1909). Geiger. D.  
In 1856 he was married to Anna Martin. The ordination took place at Blenheim and was conducted by bishop Henry Shantz.
- 1867 CRESSMAN, AMOS S. (1834-1909). Geiger. M.  
This ordination took place at the Shantz church with Bishop Henry Shantz presiding. He continued his residence just a little way south of New Hamburg.

- 1875 CRESSMAN, AMOS S. (1834-1909). Geiger. B.  
He was ordained to relieve Bishop Shantz, who had become almost disabled in his body. This ordination was conducted at the Detwiler church.
- 1934 CRESSMAN, ALSON (1885- ). Breslau. D.  
He is son of deacon Jacob S. Cressman. In 1906 he married Barbara Randall. She died in 1926.
- 1916 CRESSMAN, CURTIS C. (1894- ). Biehn. M.  
His wife is Amanda Byler formerly of Missouri. He represents the Ontario Conference on the Board of Education.
- 1872 CRESSMAN, DAVID E. (1843-1926). Biehn. D.  
In 1864 he married Mary Martin. She died in 1876. His second wife was Lydia Martin. About the time of the Wisler Division he cast his lot with that section of the church and moved to Woolwich Twp. in 1891 and resided near Elmira. Both he and John Nahr-gang were ordained on Oct. 14. They served jointly at Biehn and Geiger until Cressman moved nearer to Biehn.
- 1893 CRESSMAN, JACOB S. (1859-1926). Snyder. D.  
In 1884 he was married to Villina Snyder. His death came suddenly while he was at the church, building the fire for the morning meeting.
- 1867 CRESSMAN, JOHN (1829-1903). Blenheim. D.  
In 1852 he married Mary, daughter of Bishop Henry Shantz. Resided near Washington.
- 1815 CRESSMAN, JOHN (1755-1818). Hagey. D.  
or earlier He evidently was the earliest deacon resident near this church. He is one of the four deacons shown in the old deacon book in the Hagey church. He was born in Chester County, Pa., and came to Canada in 1807. His wife was Anna Showalter. They lived near Freeport.
- 1869 CRESSMAN, MENNO E. (1838-1919). Biehn. D.  
He married Lydia Martin in 1859. After her decease he married Anna Good Snyder in 1876. His home was about six miles south of New Hamburg.
- 1870 CRESSMAN, MENNO E. (1838-1919). Biehn. M.
- 1889 CRESSMAN, MOSES M. (1859- ). Biehn. D.  
His wife is Elisabeth Shantz. They reside near Haysville. Some ten years ago he met with an accident and sustained head injuries. He has been given an assistant in the deacon office—Jeremiah Good.

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- 1902 CRESSMAN, OSIAH (1866-1933). Geiger. D.  
His wife is Annie Gingrich, daughter of Pre. Joseph Gingrich of Woolwich.
- 1903 CRESSMAN, OSIAH (1866-1933). Geiger. M.  
While he was counted to the Geiger church yet this ordination was to provide assistance to Menno E. Cressman in the ministry.
- Before CULP, ABRAM (1840-1921). Vineland. D.
- 1880 His wife was Anna Honsberger. His name appears in the 1881 Calendar. He must have been ordained in 1880 or earlier. His family declares he was ordained to fill the gap caused by the division in the Moyer church. There must have been a split at the Twenty before the break in conference in 1889. James Moyer says there was trouble as early as '75.
- Prob. CULP, JACOB (1797-1875). Cayuga. M.  
1835 It is reported his wife was Magdalena Kratz.
- 1921 DERSTINE, CALYTON F. (1891-~~1967~~). Kitchener. B.  
He was called to the ministry in Altona, Pa., in 1914. He was called to the bishop office at Eureka, Ill., in 1921. He moved to Kitchener in 1925. In 1912 he married Gertrude Hangey of Telford, Pa. After her decease he married Mary Kolb of Kitchener.
- 1855- DETWILER, ABRAHAM W. (1828-1912). North Woolwich. M.  
1860 His wife was Barbara Koch. They moved to Michigan in 1864. He served in the church at Brutus where he died. He held with the Wisler section of the church at the time of that division.
- 1859 DETWILER, ENOCH (1818-1874). Detwiler. M.  
In 1842 he married Abigail Bechtel. He was born in Bucks County, Pa., and came to Canada in 1822.
- 1874 DETWILER, HENRY B. (1837-1897). Hay. M.  
His wife was Matilda Snyder. He was born near Bloomingdale, Ont. In 1870 they moved to Huron County, Ont., where, four years later, he was called to the ministry. In 1893 they moved to Midland, Fauquier County, Va., where he died.
- Before 1842 DETWILER, JACOB (1778-1858). Detwiler, Roseville. M.  
He was born in Montgomery County, Pa., and was called to the ministry when a young man. His wife was Susannah Rosenberger. They came to Canada in 1822 and lived near Roseville. See Eby's History, Vol. I, page 516. He was present at a conference in Berlin in 1842 but the date of his ordination is not known. He was probably minister when he came from Pa. in 1822. This might be concluded from Ezra Eby, Vol. I, page 516. Why does Snyder (1825) and Govt. Report (1828) not include him?

- Before 1842 DETWILER, JACOB (1789-1883). Detwiler, Dumfries. D.  
He was born in Montgomery County, Pa. Married Mary Gotwals in 1813. The Wayland List shows him to have been deacon in 1853. After the death of his wife, he married Esther Ziegler, Dec. 31, 1816. They moved to Canada in 1822 and settled near Blair. Cassel says he was the first deacon in the Dumfries church.
- 1865 DETWILER, JOHN Z. (1817-1904). Hallman & Detwiler. D.  
He was a native of Montgomery County, Pa. His wife was Magdalena Schlichter. They were married in 1844. They lived in North Dumfries until 1887 when they moved to Berlin.
- 1929 DETWILER, REUBEN (1901- ). Elmira. D.  
In 1923 he married Ella Weber.
- 1934 DETWILER, REUBEN (1901- ). Floradale. M.  
His present residence is nearer Floradale than Elmira. He was chosen by the unanimous voice of the Floradale congregation.
- 1809 EBY, BENJAMIN (1785-1853). Berlin. M.  
He was son of Christian and Catherine (Bricker) Eby of Lancaster County, Pa. In 1804 he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Bishop Christian Burkholder. He came to Canada in 1806, returning the same year. In 1807 he married Mary Brubacher. They located on a farm where part of the city of Kitchener now stands, in 1807. His wife died of Cholera in 1834. He later married Magdalena Erb, a widow. He was teacher, author and publisher.
- 1812 EBY, BENJAMIN (1785-1853). Berlin. B.  
A family tradition in Pennsylvania says that Bishop Peter Eby came to Waterloo on horseback on both occasions when his brother Benjamin was ordained. He was the first bishop in Waterloo and the third in the province. Moyer and Grove were earlier.
- 1854 EBY, CHRISTIAN (1821-1859). Berlin. M.  
His wife was Mary Cressman. He evidently was ordained to succeed his father Benjamin, who had died the previous year. He gave promise of great usefulness but was called away after about five years in the ministry.
- 1840 EBY, ISAAC (1808-1874). Berlin. M.  
He was the oldest son of Bishop Benjamin. It is reported that he was ordained at the same time as was Jacob Oberholtzer. It is generally conceded that he was not capable for public speaking. He was married to Veronica Shoemaker in 1831.
- 1858 EBY, MARTIN (1807-1891). Port Elgin. D.  
In 1832 he was married to Catherine Weber. In 1854 they moved with others to Saugeen Township, near Port Elgin. On August 8, he was ordained to the office of deacon. His son Solomon became minister on the same day.

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- 1815 EBY, SAMUEL (1785-1844). Berlin. D.  
On Christmas Day, 1808, he married Elisabeth Brech (Break). Their farm home was just a little north and east from where the Kitchener Railway (C.N.R.) Station now stands. He was born in Penn. and came to Canada in 1807. He was ordained soon after his marriage.
- 1858 EBY, SOLOMON (1834-1931). Port Elgin. M.  
His wife was Catherine Shantz. About two years after his ordination he felt that he was not fit to preach and wished to quit. He was persuaded to continue. About the year 1869 he vowed that he would follow his convictions regardless of the church or her officials. He immediately held prayer-meetings. Nearly all the members stood by him. He felt led into a course that was contrary to the recognized standards and practices of the church body. His influence spread into other congregations and he soon had considerable following. This seems to be the beginning of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ movement.
- 1854 ERB, MOSES (1821-1901). Snyder & Berlin. M.  
In 1841 he was married to Susannah Rosenberger. After her decease in 1884, he married in the next year Salome Schmitt, widow of Joseph Hallman. They lived north of Bridgeport but later in Berlin. He was allied with Solomon Eby, in that division, for a short time. He and C. Eby, above, were ordained on the 14th of April in the same year.
- 1859 ESHLEMAN, DAVID (1822-1905). Latschar. D.  
In 1844 he united in marriage with Esther Shantz.
- 1920 FRETZ, A. LEWIS (1897- ). Wideman. Selkirk. M.  
In 1928 he was married to Barbara (Holly) Hoover of Selkirk, Ont. This ordination was requested by the Rural Mission Board. For several years he had charge of the Wideman congregation. Early in 1931 the Conference transferred him to the Haldimand County work.
- 1801 FRETZ, JOHN (1730-1826). Moyer. D.  
He was born in Bucks County, Penn., and was married in 1754 to Mary Kolb of the same place. They came to Canada and settled at the Twenty with the group of 1800. Following the instructions received by letter from the ministers in Penn. he was appointed deacon in the same year as the minister Kratz was chosen. He was past seventy when ordained. See Moyer History, page 428.
- 1912 FRETZ, MANASSEH R. (1860- ). Wideman. D.  
His wife is Mary Ann Cober. He succeeded C. L. Hoover in this office and Almira is included in his charge.

- 1898 FRETZ, WILLIAM (1860- ). Vineland. D.  
In 1881 he was married to Maggie Troup. He lives on his father's homestead at Jordan Harbor.
- FREY, JACOB (1768-1847). Clinton. D.  
This man is listed by Joseph Snyder in 1825. In 1794 he married Elisabeth Wismer, who died Oct. 26th, 1827. In 1831 he married Mary Gross, widow of Abraham Nash. He was first resident in Grimsby Twp. In 1812 he bought Lot I, Con. VII, from Jacob and Marie Hoch.
- 1839 FREY, JOHN (1806-1884). Cayuga. D.  
or earlier Sept 4, 1839, a parcel of land was conveyed by Joseph Grubb of Clinton Twp. to John Frey "Blacksmith and elder" for worship and school. John Frey is designated as living in Cayuga. Another document dated 1843 also conveys land to John Frey as above.
- 1889 GARBER, DAVID (1862-1934). Rainham. M.  
He was ordained in his home church near Goshen, Ind. He spent June-September, 1892, with the little flock in Haldimand County, Ont. He located here largely through the influence of Anna Weaver of Goshen, a native of Rainham. His work was appreciated. Rainham had no minister.
- 1911 GASCHO, CHRISTIAN (1873- ). Zurich. D.  
In 1896 he married Mary Schwartzendruber. He succeeded Chris. Schragg who became minister about 1909.
- 1876 GASCHO, JOHN (1838-1919). Hay. M.  
He was called to the ministry in the Amish section of the church. In about 1908, he with about fifty of his members transferred to the Mennonite Conference and organized a congregation in the village of Zurich. His wife Veronica died in 1882. Later he married the widow, Annie Schwartzendruber.
- 1862 GAYMAN, CHRISTIAN (1825-1898). Cayuga. M.  
Nov. 9 He married Annie Knisley about 1850. After her decease he married Elisabeth Burkholder of Markham in about 1864.
- 1875 GAYMAN, CHRISTIAN (1825-1898). Cayuga. B.  
He probably came into the bishop office soon after the death of Bishop Moyer in 1873. Moyer presided in the Cayuga church. Joseph Hagey did bishop work in Cayuga in 1875 and he died in 1876. Bishop Gayman was a leading figure in the division of 1889. He acted independently both in an ordination and in changing date of a local conference. (See Article on Division of 1889, Page 197.)
- 1803 GEHMAN, SOLOMON (1841-1912). Detwiler. M.  
In 1864 he was married to Angeline Shantz. They resided on the old homestead where he was raised. In later years they lived in the town of Waterloo.

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- 1838 GEIGER, ULRICH (1797-1864). Geiger. M.  
He was born in Germany and came to America about 1820. In 1851, or earlier, he made common cause with Hoch but again renounced that group. His wife was Barbara Baisiger. He lived near the Blenheim church in his last years. Another informant says that his life was closed near Zurich, Ont., and that he was in fellowship with the church to the end.
- 1896 GINGERICH, ABRAHAM (1856- ). Floradale. M.  
In 1877 he married Lydia Shantz. She died in 1928.
- 1907 GINGERICH, ABRAHAM (1856- . Floradale. B.
- 1878 GINGERICH, JACOB (1840-1920). Hagey and Wanner. M.  
He was married to Mary Sherk. After her decease he married Elisabeth Sherk, her sister. Both were daughters of the minister David Sherk. They resided on the old "Sherk" home on the east bank on the Grand River. He had a paralytic stroke as he began to deliver his last sermon, in 1906. After about 14 years he was called home.
- GINGERICH, JOHN. Wilmot. D.  
The Joseph Snyder List of 1825 gives this name as above.
- 1867 GINGERICH, JOSEPH (1842-1912). North Woolwich. M.  
His wife was Elisabeth Good. They lived about four miles north of Elmira. He held with the Wisler section of the church. Evidently he was ordained to succeed Abr. W. Detwiler.
- 1932 GOOD, ABRAHAM (1870- ). Geiger. D.  
In March, 1902, he married Barbara Shantz. He was chosen to assist his brother Eli in the same congregation.
- Before 1842 GOOD, DAVID (1805-1864). Martins. D.  
His wife was Susanna Bauman. They resided near Conestogo and moved to Indiana soon after 1854. He was named as a Deacon-Trustee for West Woolwich church in 1854. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., and came to Ontario about 1828. A grandson says he was born in 1811 and died 1865. He attended a Berlin Conference as a deacon in 1842. He is buried at Yellow Creek, Ind.
- 1904 GOOD, ELI (1862-1934). Geiger. D.  
His wife is Nancy, daughter of Bishop Amos Cressman.
- 1921 GOOD, JEREMIAH (1873- ). Beihn. D.  
His wife is Angeline Schmitt. He was called to assist Moses Cressman who was injured in a fall.

- 1932 GROH, HAROLD D. (1900- ). Toronto Mission. M.  
His wife is Cora Gingrich of Preston. He received his B.A. degree from McMaster University in 1926. He was appointed to the Toronto Mission when the Webers left for South America.
- 1833 GROSS, JACOB (1780-1865). Twenty. M.  
He was born in Bucks County, Pa. He moved to a farm near Beamsville soon after his marriage to Anna Moyer, 1817. He came to Canada soon after the War of 1812. His wife died in 1827. In 1830 he married Salome Moyer of Hilltown, Pa. Cassel says, page 313, that Bishop Eby ordained Gross on both occasions.
- 1834 GROSS, JACOB (1780-1865). Twenty. B.  
In 1849 he with several other members of his congregation united with the Evangelical Association Church. He continued a highly respected minister in the church of his later choice. See Moyer History, page 113. Temperance, Sunday Schools, and Prayer Meetings are questions upon which he separated from the Mennonite Church. See Conf. Report, Sept., 1844.
- 1931 GROVE, AARON D. (1906- ). Wideman. M.  
His wife is Etta Hoover, daughter of the minister Leonard W. Hoover. Married in 1931. He is the fifth generation of Groves in Markham and all, except one, has a minister.
- 1808 GROVE, ABRAHAM (1770-1836). Wideman. B.  
His wife was Elisabeth Lehman. He served as minister in Pennsylvania. When it was known that he was going to a colony in Canada without a bishop he was ordained to that office expressly for his new field of labor. (For a precedent see Daniel Lehman, Heatwole, page 158). The Groves came to Canada in 1808. Note: Evidently C. Troyer, Vaughan D. Kreider and Martin Huber were the only York County ministers after Grove's death. Huber moved to Ohio in 1837. Kreider about the same time.
- 1836 GROVE, JACOB (1804-1863). Wideman. M.  
Mar. 13 He is son of the above and was ordained less than three weeks after his father's death. Adam Wideman and John E. Reesor were ordained the same year and probably at the same time as was Grove. Bishop Benj. Eby presided. It is an example of very prompt action on Eby's part. He was married to Elisabeth Barkey in 1825.
- 1837 GROVE, JACOB (1804-1963). Wideman. B.  
He was ordained to the bishop office by Benjamin Eby and Jacob Gross.
- 1834 HABECKER, DAVID (1791-1889). Sanborn (Falls), N.Y. M.  
He was born in Manor Twp., Lancaster, Pa. In 1816 he married Barbara Newcomer of the same place. They moved to Wheatfield Twp., N.Y., in 1832. He built an organ and used it freely in his own home. He preached against tobacco. Said man would have a chimney if God intended him to smoke.



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- 1838 HAGEY, JACOB (1808-1893). Hagey. D.  
He was born in Montgomery County, Pa. He came to Canada with his parents in 1822. His wife was Leah Schwartz. He succeeded David Sherk.
- 1839 HAGEY, JOSEPH (1810-1876). Hagey or Breslau. M.  
Feb. 10 He came with his parents from Montgomery in 1822. In 1832 he was married to Sophia Bricker. They located on a farm on the River Bank along the Preston Road. He died Dec. 30, 1876. See Herald. Ezra Eby seems to be in error when he says Hagey became minister in 1851 and bishop in 1852, although he gives the day and the month in each instance. He was present at a conference in 1842 and is shown as a minister.
- 1851 HAGEY, JOSEPH (1810-1876). Hagey or Breslau. B.  
Evidently Hagey became the successor to Bishop Eby, who died in June, 1853. Henry Shantz, who became bishop a few years earlier, presided in the west part of the settlement. A letter from Benj. Eby to Bishop Grove Feb. 14, 1851, says that a bishop is to be ordained immediately after conference probably refers to this ordination. The date given by Ezra Eby, May 31st, 1851, would then agree with Hagey's call to the bishopric rather than to the ministry.
- 1864 HAHN, JACOB (1839-1926). Clarence Centre, N.Y. D.  
He was born in Kaiser-Lauten, Bavaria, Germany, April 1st, 1839, and came to America with his parents at the age of 13. They located at Clarence, N.Y. He was baptized Jan. 7, 1863, and Feb. 7 of the next year he was called to the deacon office.
- 1866 HAHN, JACOB (1839-1926). Clarence Centre, N.Y. M.  
On the 19th of March, 1867, he was married to Anna Eyman of Elkhart, India. She died in 1888. The next year he married Anna Moyer of Jordan, Ont. He was twice ordained as a single man. Rather unusual. They moved to Caledonia, Mich., in 1889. About 30 years, the close of his life, were spent near Denbigh, Va. It was during his residence in Virginia that he began to use the English language. Sarah Lapp, missionary to India, is his daughter. Moved to Denbigh, Va., 1897.
- 1897 HALLMAN, ELI S. (1866- ). Berlin. M.  
He was chosen as a helper throughout the county without a particular charge. His wife is Melinda Clemens of Breslau.
- 1907 HALLMAN, ELI S. (1866- ). Ordained at Breslau. B.  
He had moved to Guernsey, Sask., some time before this ordination.
- 1895 HALLMAN, GEORGE (1856-1934). Detwiler. D.  
His wife is Veronica Heckendorn. Their daughter Vera is missionary to South America.

- 1882 HALLMAN, ISAAC (1840-1901). Wallace. M.  
The Conference at Berlin, Sept., 1882, gave authority to ordain a minister in Wallace. By this inference the date above is given. His wife is Nancy Bean, married in 1865.
- 1836 HALLMAN, JACOB (1803-1878). Latschar. M.  
He came from Montgomery County, Pa., to Waterloo in 1822. His wife was Eva Strohm. He is shown as a minister in 1837 Calendar.
- 1907 HALLMAN, MANASSEH (1874- ). Latschar. M.  
In 1903 he married Elisabeth Erb. They live on his father's farm on the Petersburg Rd.
- 1910 HALLMAN, MANASSEH (1874- ). Latschar. B.  
This was to fill the room vacated by the death of Bishop Cressman.
- 1912 HECKENDORN, MOSES (1863- ). Breslau. D.  
His wife is Amanda Otterbein.
- 1858 HEMBLING, WILLIAM (1818-1904). North Woolwich. D.  
He was born in Suffolk, Eng. Came to Canada in 1831. His wife was Mary Derstein. After her decease he married Elisabeth Martin. In about 1875 he joined the M.B.C. body. Later he moved to Elmwood and married widow Kraemer. The North Woolwich appointment was known as "Hembling" until about the time the church house was built. He died at Grand Rapids, Mich., and is buried at Elmira.
- 1831 HERSCHI, CHRISTIAN (1768-1845). Black Creek. M.  
or earlier The proof of this item is a letter written in 1831 by Bishop Moyer to Christian Herschi and George Zewitz, "fellow-minsters", Black Creek.
- 1844 HERSHEY, BENJAMIN (1826-1888). Welland County. M.  
His wife was Magdalena Dausman. They moved to Indiana in 1850 and later to Illinois. He became bishop at Sterling, Ill., in 1870.
- Before 1860 HERSHEY, JOHN (1816-1905). Welland County. M.  
He probably was ordained to fill the vacancy caused by his brother Benjamin moving away. His wife was Salome Zavitz, daughter of Pre. George Zavitz. He used the English Language in his preaching. He possessed a natural aptitude for the practice of medicine. He learned to treat cancer from Josephus Reesor of Markham and had good success. He was commonly known as Doctor Hershey. He was not active in the ministry as early as 1860. See letter from Bishop Moyer, Jan. 1, 1860.

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1908 HESS, ELMER D. (1884- ). Rainham. M.  
Born at Hesston, Kansas. Married Mazie Musser in 1905. Labored for a time at the Chicago Mission. Requested by the Rainham congregation to assist them. Moved to Rainham in Feb., 1908, and was ordained by S. F. Coffman, Mar. 8, 1908. About two years later they moved to Masontown, Pa.

1853 HIGH, ABRAHAM (1812-1888). Cayuga. M.  
or earlier There evidently is an error in the year of his death as shown above. He attended conference in Markham in May, 1889. It appears that his sympathies were with the Gayman group. His wife was Annie Hunsberger. His name appears in the Wayland List of 1853. Date of ordination is not known.

1831 HOCH, DANIEL (1806-1878). Jordan. M.  
He married Margaret Kratz in 1826. This ordination took place a few months after the death of Jacob Moyer, Jr., and to fill this vacancy. In 1849 he became separated from the main body of the church and united with the Oberholtzer section of the church of Eastern Pennsylvania.

1907 HONDERICH, SAMUEL (1878- ). Toronto Mission. M.  
He came to Toronto, March 1st, 1907, to take charge of the new mission. He was ordained in 1902 in his home church, the Clinton Brick, near Goshen, Ind. His wife is Olivia Good of Illinois. They had charge of the work in Toronto until 1910. They are now at Filer, Idaho.

HONSBERGER, ABRAM (1801-1838). Geiger. M.  
The village of Baden is situated on this man's farm. His wife was Mollie Clemmer. They were born in Montgomery, Pa., and came to Canada when he was a young man. He was son of the Abr. Honsberger (1782-1857), whose wife was Catherine Bergey. They moved from Montgomery County to Waterloo in 1824 and located on a farm in Wilmot. Note: It is said that one Abraham Honsberger was one of the first ministers in Geiger church. If it was the senior man why is he not listed in the conf. report of '42 and '44, or in the Wayland List of '53? Ulrich Geiger became minister in 1838. That would correspond with the year of the death of Honsberger, Jr. That seems probable that he was the minister in the Geiger church.

1825 HONSBERGER, CHRISTIAN (1781-1831). Jordan. D.  
See the Joseph Snyder List for the item. Date of ordination not known. His wife was Anna \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1875 HONSBERGER, DANIEL (1835-1914). Jordan. M.  
His wife was Magdalena Sievenpipher. He was not gifted as a public speaker. His faithful life and wise counsels were a constant help to his fellow ministers. He was ordained by Bishop Hagey. During the early part of the strife at the Twenty he stood with Abr. Rittenhouse and the Gayman group. He returned to the main body before the ordination of Joseph Wismer in 1885.
- 1866 HOOVER, CHRISTIAN L. (1835-1918). Wideman and Almira. D.  
He was ordained to succeed the deacon Daniel Hoover. His wife was Susannah Hoover, married Dec. 29, 1861.
- 1881 HOOVER, CHRISTOPHER (1844-1921). Cayuga. D.  
His wife was Magdalena Houser.
- HOOVER, DANIEL (1786-1868). Markham. D.  
He was born in Penn. His wife was Fanny Barkey. It is likely that this man followed Christian Wideman who died in 1848.
- 1913 HOOVER, ISAIAH (1866- ). Altona. D.  
He succeeded Samuel G. Reesor in the field east of the 10th line. After the work at Altona was discontinued he transferred to Wideman. In 1893 he married Ada Barkey.
- 1838 HOOVER, JACOB (1806-1872). Rainham. D.  
See obituary in Herald, May, 1872. Was deacon 34 years.
- 1892 HOOVER, JOHN G. (1840-1920). Altona. M.  
He married Jane Miller in 1865. After her decease he married Elisabeth Lehman in 1876. In June, 1914, he suffered a partial stroke. He was bedfast and helpless nearly six years, yet retained his mental faculties and was able to enjoy the many visitors who called at his bedside.
- HOOVER, LEONARD (1842-1890). Rainham. D.  
He was ordained between the spring of 1872 and the summer of 1877. See Herald items. His wife was Martha Yeager. While he died about the time of the Wisler division in Ontario, it is probable that he sympathised with the Gayman group in the issues involved.
- 1914 HOOVER, LEONARD W. (1884- ). Wideman. M.  
In 1906 he was united in marriage with Susanna Wideman.
- HOOVER, MARTIN (1760-1849). Markham. M.  
His father, Ludwig, came to Philadelphia in 1764, therefore Martin was born in Europe. He came from Lancaster, Pa., to Markham, with his two brothers, about 1804. He went to Ohio with his son John in 1837, and later to Indiana where he died. He was a minister while in Markham but date of ordination is not known. Mennonite Church History says, page 273, he was a bishop.

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- 1893 HOOVER, MOSES (1853- ). Rainham. M.  
His wife is Annie Moyer of Mosa.
- 1873 HOOVER, SAMUEL (1818-1893). Altona. M.  
He was a grandson of the pioneer Martin Hoover who came to Markham in 1804. He went to Ohio with his parents in 1837 and returned in '43. It was soon after this that he married Esther Reesor. He was among the first to use the English language regularly. He was a forceful speaker.
- 1888 HOOVER, SAMUEL R. (1843-1916). Wideman. M.  
Bishop Reesor ordained him just before the Division. He was rather timid before an audience. He spoke both languages freely. He was married to Mary Barkey in 1867.
- 1889 HOUSSER, FRANKLIN (1859-1933). Cayuga. D.  
He was ordained by Bishop Gayman in March before the two conferences were held in May. Deacon Chris. Hoover was still active. This seems to be the first official step, on the part of Gayman, toward separation from Conference. His first wife was Katie Moyer. After her death he married Sarah Rittenhouse. Later he married widow Bearinger of near Elmira. While living at Floradale he was affiliated with the David Martin group.
- 1815 HUER, BENJAMIN ( ). Rainham (Stoney Creek). D.  
Date of ordination is not definitely known. Snyder lists him in 1825. Cassel says a Deacon Benjamin Huber came from Canada to Indiana. He died in 1866 and was 88 years old (1778-1866).
- HUBER, JACOB (1817-1890). Blenheim. D.  
He came with his parents from Lancaster in 1822. He married Catherine Schwartz in 1841. Resided two miles east from Washington until 1882 when they moved to Berlin where he died. He attended conferences in 1858 and the Wayland List includes him as deacon in 1853. One J. Huber from Waterloo was a delegate to the Gen. Conf. Men. Conf. at Wadsworth, Ohio, in 1872. He held three Canada votes. If this be the same man then he must have gone with the Hoch party. The main body of the church does not report anything about him in his later life.
- 1892 HUNSBERGER, ABRAM (1834-1912). David Eby. D.  
In 1862 he married Elisabeth Sherk.
- 1858 HUNSBERGER, ABRAHAM K. (1827-1889). Moyer. M.  
His wife was Mary Albright. Married Feb. 7, 1852. During the stormy periods of church strife at the Twenty he was frequently subjected to censure but was submissive. He used both languages.

- 1850 HUNSBERGER, HENRY (1811-1890). Cayuga. D.  
He was born in Bucks County, Pa., and came to Canada in 1834 and united with the church the same year. His wife was Barbara Gayman, sister to Bishop Chris. Gayman. They lived six miles west from Dunnville on the south side of the Grand River. He evidently sympathized with Gayman in the strife which culminated in the Division of 1889.
- 1900 HUNSBERGER, NOAH S. (1877- ). Waterloo. M.  
He labored at Sherkston a few years following 1920, and returned again to Waterloo. In 1905 he was married to Mary Ann Shantz. After her decease he married Minnie Witmer in 1926.
- 1844 HUNSICKER, MICHAEL Z. (1796-1871). Died in Berlin. M.  
He was buried in Kitchener, East End, and the Herald gives his obituary; and Joseph Hagey and Ab. Weber conducted the service. Pre. Samuel Weber has a list of deaths and includes this name. H. S. Bender lists him as a Mennonite author. See page 33 of "Two Centuries of Mennonite Literature in America". Born in Montgomery. His wife was Hannah Clemens.
- 1919 KANAGY, S. M. (1869- ). Toronto Mission and Wanner. M.  
In 1916 he married M. Elisabeth Brown of Markham. They had charge of the Toronto Mission until 1920, when he began to teach in Hesston Bible School. Later he was appointed Supt. of the Home Mission in Chicago. It was during his ministry in Chicago that he was ordained bishop. He is pastor at Wanner Church and resides at Blair.
- 1896 KAUFFMAN, D. D. (1864-1934). Western, N.Y. M.  
He was born and died in Iowa. His wife was Mary Steckley. He moved to Western New York in spring of 1927, and to Iowa in 1931.
- 1888 KAUFFMAN, ELI (1859- ). Western, N.Y. D.  
His wife is Amanda Taylor. In 1922 they moved from Alberta to N.Y. and he was recognized as deacon when the Western, N.Y., congregation was organized. He was ordained in Cass County, Mo., in 1888.
- 1874 KING (KOENIG), PETER (1837-1913). Mosa. D.  
He was born in Germany of non-Mennonite parents. In 1867 he was married to Barbara Hunsberger of the Twenty.
- 1845 KOCH, LUDWIG (1801-1889). Martin, Conestogo & Elmira. M.  
He was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, and came to America in 1819. He came from Penn. to Waterloo, 1823, and the next year married Barbara Reist. He was of Non-Mennonite parentage.

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- Before KOLB, JACOB (1781-1869). Breslau. D.  
1826 He was raised in Bucks County, Pa. In 1803 he married Catherine Clemens and they moved to Canada in 1819 or soon after. Located below Preston. In 1826 they settled on the Kolb farm just west of the Grand River at Breslau. He conducted a good business as gunsmith, in Pennsylvania.
- 1874 KOLB, JACOB Z. (1832-1919). Breslau and Berlin. D.  
In 1857 he married Maria Bowman. He was an ardent Sunday School worker and a lover of song.
- 1801 KRATZ, VALENTINE (1760-1824). Moyer. M.  
His wife was ——— Lederach. He was the first Mennonite minister in Canada. He was chosen by authority of a letter written by ministers in Bedminster, Pa., in the fall of 1801. (See letter).
- KREHBEIL, FREDRICH (1806-1863). Clarence. D.  
He is son of the Jacob below and was born in Europe. Cassel says he was called to the deacon office at the time of the ordination of Abr. Leib. (See Cassel 169). His widow, Magdalena, died April, 1878.
- 1831 KREHBEIL, JACOB SR. (1781-1860). Clarence. M.  
He was a minister in Wierhoff, Rheinpfalz, Germany. He with his family had come to America and were on their way to Ohio when Pre. John Lapp chanced to meet them in Buffalo and invited them to Clarence. Date of ordination not known but he came to Clarence in 1831.
- 1839 KREBEIL, JACOB SR. (1781-1860). Clarence. B.  
That he was bishop is shown from a Conference Record of 1842 where he is listed "bishop". David Habecker, John Lapp, and J. Krehbeil were candidates for the bishop office before 1841 (See letter Jac Albrecht to Bishop Grove). Strife between Lapp and Krehbeil followed, both fell under censure, Lapp went independent, Krehbeil made restitution and was restored and active, all before the summer of 1841.
- 1872 KREHBEIL, JACOB (1835-1917). Clarence Centre. M.  
He was grandson of Jacob above and son of Fredrick. In Sept., 1866, he was married to Leah Strickler of Clarence. About 1880 he withdrew from the conference and became affiliated with the General Conference of Mennonites of North America. In this change he had the support of a goodly number of the members in the local church. He ministered to large congregations in the village of Clarence Centre as well as in Stevensville and Black Creek, Ont., and to a smaller group near Niagara Falls, N.Y.

- Before KREIDER, DANIEL (1782-1860). Altona. M.  
1825 Date of ordination not known. Was active in 1825. See Snyder's List. He moved to the Mrkham settlement about 1825 or earlier. Came from Penn. In 1804 he married Elisabeth Myer or Moyer. This family moved to Medina, Ohio, where he died. He wrote several poems which were published by his executors after his death.
- LAPP, ABRAHAM (1794-1882). Clarence. M.  
His wife was Anna Lafever. She died Feb., 1885. (Cassel says, page 169, he was ordained with Peter Lehman). Obituary in Herald, July 15, 1882.
- 1828 LAPP, JACOB ( ). Clarence. M.  
Hartzler and Kauffman says this man came from Lancaster in 1828 and was the first minister in the colony. (Not verified).
- 1828 LAPP, JOHN (1798-1878). Clarence. M.  
He came to Clarence in 1828 and was ordained minister soon after. He was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Barbara Kurtz of Ephrata. He was born in Chester County, June 22, 1798, of Amish parents. He organized the Freeport, Ill., congregation.
- 1839? LAPP, JOHN (1798-1878). Clarence. B.  
The date of this ordination is based upon the statement of his biographer (See obituary, Herald, Sept. 1878). It is true that he was candidate for bishop office when Krehbeil was chosen. He separated from the conference about that time and did regular bishop work during the period of his separation from the church. Evidently he was recognized as bishop by the main body of the church only after the death of Bishop Krehbeil in 1860.
- LAPP, SAMUEL.  
Moved from either Welland County, Ont., or Erie County, N.Y., to Freeport, Ill., where he became deacon. His wife was Esther Hershey, sister to the Hershey preachers. Martin Lapp, brother to Samuel, was ordained minister, also in Freeport, Ill. That he was deacon under the conference in Ontario is not at all probable.
- 1851 LEHMAN, DANIEL (1805-1867). Altona. D.  
He probably was chosen after the Minister's Conference of Jan., 1851, when the 10th line was made a boundary. He evidently followed in the vacancy made by the mysterious disappearance of his brother John, mentioned below.
- LEHMAN, DANIEL ( ). Hay. D.
- 1861 LEHMAN, DANIEL ( ). Hay. M.  
The Bishop Shantz book gives date of this ordination Sept. 22, 1861. He moved to Tuscola County, Mich.



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- 1866 LEHMAN, DAVID Y. (1842-1928). D.  
He was born near North Lima, Ohio, and united with the Mennonite Church in youth. In 1865 he united with Anna Kilmer of Wakarusa, Ind. He came to Ontario in 1882. He was called to the office of deacon in Indiana in 1866 or '67. In 1884 he united with the Stauffer branch of the Church and accordingly he was with the Canada church only about two years. He married Catherine, widow of Joseph Krupp, in 1884. They resided near Floradale, Ont. In 1890 he united with the Reformed Mennonites and moved to Iowa the next year. He died at Shelby, Mich., in 1928. J. K. Lehman of Alberta is a son.
- LEHMAN, JOHN ( ). Risser. D.  
Before 1850 he had absconded on a Sunday evening. Whereabouts not known.
- 1906 LEHMAN, JOHN K. (1874-1933). Mayton, Alta. M.  
Was adopted into the home of Jos. S. Martin, St. Jacobs, in 1880. In 1894 he was received into the Mennonite Church by baptism. In 1897 he went to Iowa and soon after married Susanna Wideman. In 1901 they moved to Mayton and were pioneers in the locality. In 1906 he was called to the ministry. From his obituary in Herald Nov. 30, 1933, it appears that the brethren Shantz and Stauffer presided at this ordination in October 21. Bishop Amos Bauman was expelled earlier in the year. He resided in Oregon 1915-1917. and then at Toefeld until his death.
- LEHMAN, PETER (1786-1863). Clarence. M.  
He was ordained with Abram Lapp, see Cassel, page 169. He married Magdalena Shearer in Lancaster, Pa., 1808. He was present at Berlin conference May 28, 1842.
- LIEB, ABRAHAM (1787-1865). Clarence. D.  
Cassel says, page 169, he was chosen with Fredrick Krehbeil. Born in York County, Pa. Came to Clarence, 1827. Wife was Elisabeth Schue.
- 1874 MCKAY, HENRY (1834-1908). Mosa. M.  
He was born in Scotland of Non-Mennonite parents. In 1855 he married Martha Shoemaker of Waterloo. In 1902, after having finished his discourse in the Cashmere school house, Mosa, and while on his knees in prayer, he became paralysed. He retained his mental faculties but was partially helpless during the remaining years of his life.
- 1861 MARTIN, ABRAHAM (1834-1902). Martin, Elmira, etc. M.  
He was ordained by Bishop Hagey at the Martin Meeting House Sept. 1st. In 1857 he married Elisabeth Bauman.

- 1867 MARTIN, ABRAHAM (1834-1902). Martin, Elmira, etc. B.  
Bishop Hagey ordained him at Berlin Sept. 17, 1867.
- 1857 MARTIN, DAVID Z. (1815-1894). Martin. D.  
In 1838 he married Rebecca Shantz. She died in 1876. Later  
he married Mary Johnson, widow of Henry Rittenhouse of Cayuga.  
He succeeded David Good who moved to Indiana about this time.
- 1925 MARTIN, JESSE B. (1897- ). Strasburg, Waterloo. M.  
In 1926 he married Naomia Collier of Carver, Mo. In 1929 the  
conference transferred him to the Waterloo congregation.
- 1903 MARTIN, JESSE (1864-1933). Snyder. M.  
His wife is Barbara Wahl.
- 1828 or MARTIN JOHN ( - ). Clarence. D.  
soon after Was chosen at time of John Lapp's ordination. See Cassel, p. 169.
- 1869 MARTIN, LEVI P. (1844-1919). Wallace. D.  
His first wife was Elisabeth Shaefer. After her decease he married  
Barbara Gingerich. He was ordained in the Wallace church. He  
moved to the vicinity of St. Jacobs about 1884. He allied with the  
Martin or Wisler group. He served at Conestogo after moving to  
St. Jacobs. In 1908 he married Lydia Bauman.
- 1867 MARTIN, MOSES W. (1832-1887). West Woolwich. D.  
His wife was Maria, daughter of Deacon John Brubacher of Berlin,  
married 1855. His second wife was Maria Cressman. He was the  
first deacon at the Elmira church, known as West Woolwich. Was  
ordained Deacon in 1867 according to Henry Shantz records.
- 1888 MARTIN, PAUL (1849-1914). Martin. M.  
In 1871 he married Susannah Lichty. His second wife was Elisabeth  
Bauman, widow of Peter Brubacher. His last wife, who was a  
widow Stover of Markham, survived him. At the time of the  
Woolwich division he went with the Woolwich section of the  
church. He became bishop in 1902.
- 1855 MARTIN, PETER (1820-1902). Elmira. M.  
He was the first minister at the West Woolwich church. The date  
of ordination is approximate. He married Maria Schneider in 1843.  
He adhered to the Woolwich section of the Church.
- 1925 MARTIN, SIMON B. (1897- ). Sherkston and Strasburg. M.  
His wife is Lydia Bauman. In 1930 he moved to Strasburg because  
the work at Sherkston was discontinued.
- 1866 METZ, ABRAHAM (1812-1895). Clarence. D.  
His wife was Mary (Polly) Halter. He evidently succeeded Jacob  
Hahn who became minister in 1866. He seems to have held with  
the Gayman group.

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- 1825 METZLER, DAVID (        ). Markham. D.  
See Snyder List of 1825. Nothing further is known of him.
- 1875 MICHAEL, NELSON (1843-1923). Sherkston. M.  
His wife was Sarah Sherk. His parents were Lutheran.
- MILLER, HENRY (1800-1870). Rainham. M.  
His wife was Lydia Null, sister to Mrs. Jacob Schwartz. After it was found that he was unable to preach he was charged with the Deacon work. He later moved to Indiana.
- MILLER, JACOB (1772-1841). Niagara River. M.  
This man is reputed as Mennonite by his descendants. M. G. Sherk in his "Reminiscences", page 10, intimates that he was United Brethren while he lived in Penn. He lived along the River and formed a little communal society which he called 'Mennonite'. His wife was Barbara Hershey. They located near Chippewa in Willoughby Township in 1801. The Miller church house was probably named after him.
- MILLER, JACOB JR. (1805-1865). Niagara River. M.  
He married Susanna Fares. He never was active in the ministry. He was son of the above.
- 1842 MOYER, ABRAHAM (1799-1871). Twenty. M.  
He was a large person and was known as "big Abe". He was born in Bucks County. He married Barbara Hunsberger in 1822. He became demented in later years.
- 1842 MOYER, DILMAN (1807-1873). Twenty. M.  
He was brother to Abraham above and they both were sons of Bishop Jacob. His wife was Maria Hoch. They married in 1834.
- 1850 MOYER, DILMAN (1807-1873). Twenty. B.  
He was involved in the Hoch controversy of 1849. He stood loyally with the church and the conference. The date of this ordination is from the script of his obituary.
- 1802 MOYER, JACOB (1767-1833). Twenty. M.  
His wife was Magdalena Bechtel. Married 1791. She died 1816. His second wife was widow of Daniel High, who also was Bechtel. He was the "Home Doctor" and was recognized as the peacemaker in the community. In the summer of 1833 he visited friends in Penn. where he became sick and died. He is buried at Blooming Glen. It is said that he built, in 1833, the stone wall around the original Vineland Cemetery. That he built this wall seems doubtful since he died June 5, 1833.

- 1807 MOYER, JACOB (1767-1833). Twenty. B.
- 1824 MOYER, JACOB JR. (1792-1831). Twenty. M.  
His wife was Anna Albright. He succeeded Valentine Kratz who died in 1824. It is only probable that he was called in 1824.
- 1825 MUSSELMAN, PETER ( ). Vaughan. M.  
See Snyder List. His wife was Fanny Mumaw. They came from Penn. about 1803. Date of ordination is not known.
- 1894 MUSSER, HENRY (1851-1928). Conestogo. D.  
In 1877 he married Barbara Witzel.
- 1872 NAHRGANG, JOHN (1839-1912). Geiger. D.  
Oct. 14 In 1864 he married Mary Shantz. After her decease he married Mary Cressman, widow of Deacon Moses Martin. Of his nine children, six were deaf and mute, but bright in every other way. They were taught in the Belleville institution. Several of them were received into the Mennonite Church. Conference directed in Sept., 1892, that the ministers in turn, write an English sermon and send it to this family. He was ordained with David Cressman and served conjointly with him at Beans and Geigers. About 1899 he moved to Woolwich and allied himself with the Abraham Martin group. He served at South Peel until the time of his death.
- 1878 NAHRGANG, JOSEPH (1834-1903). Blenheim. M.  
In 1857 he married Mary Ann Shantz. They resided near New Hamburg. He was among the earliest to use English in Waterloo County.
- 1841 NASH, JOSEPH (1810-1898). Cayuga. M.  
He was born in Bucks County, Penn., where he grew to manhood. Came to Canada in 1829 and in 1833 he married Mary Shelly and located near Campden. They moved to Cayuga in 1836, returning to Campden about 1862, where he died. He was ordained a minister at Cayuga about 1841. In 1849 he claimed a new experience and soon joined the Evangelical Association where he was recognized as a local preacher. Evidently he was in the group with Jacob Gross who joined the Evangelical Association about 1850.
- 1867 NEUSCHWANDER, HENRY (1818-1895). Hay. M.  
Jan. 13 He was born and married in Germany. At least his mother was Mennonite in Europe, and perhaps Henry also. His wife Frances died in Kansas in 1888. Bishop Shantz ordained him minister in Hay. Later he moved to Osborne County, Kansas, where he became Bishop.
- 1889 OBERHOLTZER, ABRAHAM (1806-1907). Hagey. D.  
His wife was Sarah Erb. They resided on a farm near Doon. He was a leading promoter of the Sunday School at the Hagey church.

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- 1840 OBERHOLTZER, JACOB M. (1800-1879). Berlin. M.  
His ministerial responsibility probably included the Waterloo area.  
His public speaking was with difficulty. He was born in Montgomery, Pa., and came to Canada in 1826. In 1831 he married Hannah Erb.
- 1863 REESOR, CHRISTIAN (1833-1915). Risser. M.  
He was son of John Eby Reesor and succeeded him in the ministry.  
In 1856 he married Esther Hoover. She died in 1869. In 1885 he married Rebecca Miller of Lancaster, Pa.
- 1867 REESOR, CHRISTIAN (1833-1915). Markham. B.  
He allied himself with Bishops Gayman and Martin in the schism of 1889.
- 1863 RESSOR, JACOB G. (1824-1897). Risser. D.  
His wife was Elisabeth, daughter of the pioneer Neighswander of Altona. He evidently followed Daniel Lehman who died soon after this ordination.
- 1836 REESOR, JOHN EBY (1806-1864). Risser. M.  
His mother was Esther Eby, a cousin to Benj. Eby. His wife was Maria Burkholder. He was probably ordained the same day as Jacob Grove. It was the same year.
- 1867 REESOR, SAMUEL G. (1830-1913). Hay and Cedar Grove. D.  
June 13 His wife was Elisabeth Honsberger of Jordan. He was a native of Markham but moved to Hay in 1863. He returned to Markham in 1870. During his residence in Hay he came under church censure. His second wife was Esther Bostick, widow of Mr. Mains. She was of a Quaker family. He was restored to the church about 1894. He died while leading in the opening prayer on a Sunday morning at Cedar Grove.
- 1873 REIST, PETER (1832-1915). Wanner. D.  
His wife was Mary Shantz. They married in 1852. He was a successful veterinarian for many years. He was probably ordained following action of conference April 4, 1873. Jos. Snyder's Supplement says he died 1916. A son's wife, where he died, says he died in 1915.
- 1927 RESSLER, CHRIS. L. ( ). Western, N.Y. M.  
He moved into the N.Y. colony as a minister and was received into the Ontario conference in 1927. Later he moved to Indiana.
- 1871 RITTENHOUSE, ABRAHAM (1840-1919). Moyer. M.  
His wife was Christina Keinzle. He supported the Gayman group. In their declining years they came to Markham where several of their children had married.

- 1883 RITTENHOUSE, ISAAC (1837-1920). Cayuga. M.  
He supported the Gayman section of the church. His first wife was  
Annie Moyer. Later he married Sarah Moyer. His last wife was  
widow of Abram Wismer.
- 1885 RITTENHOUSE, JOHN F. (1836-1903). Moyer. D.  
In 1858 he married Elisabeth Honsberger.
- 1889 RITTENHOUSE, JOHN F. (1836-1903). Moyer. M.  
This ordination evidently took place after the Wisler division.
- 1897 ROPP, PETER (1864- ). Berne, Mich. M.  
His wife is Katie Gascho of Zurich, Ont. The family moved to  
Imlay City in 1917. In 1926 he was ordained bishop in the  
Ind.-Mich. Conference.
- 1897 ROSENBERGER, ISAAH (1867- ). Blenheim. M.  
He moved to Guernsey, Sask., in 1907. His wife is Presidia Shantz.
- 1931 ROTH, MOSES H. (1898- ). Geiger. M.  
He was chosen to assist Ozias Cressman. In Feb., 1923, he was  
married to Barbara Martin.
- 1877 SCHIEDEL, JOHN (1832-1916). Cressman. D.  
His wife was Hannah Miller. They resided near Kossuth. He held  
with Bishop Martin. Second wife was widow Eva Diehl. Later in  
life he resided at St. Jacobs.
- 1852 SCHLICHTER, SAMUEL (1821-1873). Near Blenheim. M.  
About the year 1854 or '55 he severed from the church and went  
with the Hoch faction. He died before the M.B.C. movement had  
taken definite shape. His first wife was Catherine Detwiler. After  
her decease he was married to Mary Break.
- 1830 SCHMITT, DANIEL (1803-1888). Vaughan. D.  
He was the youngest son of deacon Jacob Schmitt who died in  
1830. Date of this ordination is not known but he succeeded his  
father in this office. In 1827 he married Catherine Hestand.
- 1840 SCHMITT, GEORGE R. (1809-1882). Shantz. M.  
He was born of non-Mennonite parents in Mulhausen, Alsace. In  
the spring of 1828 he came with his parents to America. They lived  
for a few years in Welland County, near Buffalo. In August, 1831,  
he was married to Salome Becker. They settled on a farm near  
Baden. He was a forceful preacher. Death came to him in a  
railway accident near Baden Sept. 12. The A. Cressman bishop  
book says he was ordained in Feb., 1847. The year 1840 as date  
of ordination was given by Deacon Hershey of Penn. His obituary  
is silent on this point as is also J. B. Smith, a grandson, in his bio-  
graphical sketch. Cassel got his dates from Amos Cressman. Is it  
1840. or 1847?

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- 1825 SCHMITT, JACOB (1751-1830). Vaughan. D.  
Date of ordination not known. See Snyder List for this item. His wife was Fannie Weaver of Lancaster, Pa. They came to York County, Ont., soon after the War of 1812.
- 1934 SCHMITT, LORNE W. (1906- ). Latschar. M.  
His ordination was authorized by conference because several men in the conference have died. He also is helper in his home church.
- 1874 SCHNEIDER, ELIAS (1815-1890). David Eby. M.  
His wife was Hannah Bingeman. They were married in 1834. While the division of 1889 was still in the shaping at the time of his death he evidently supported Bishop Martin.
- 1850 SCHNEIDER, JACOB J. (1794-1862). Snyder. D.  
A letter from Ben. Eby to John Risser says a Jacob J. was ordained in 1850. This seems to be the only man who would be reasonable so far as age and location are concerned. Probably he did not serve.
- 1850 SCHNEIDER, JOSEPH E. (1810-1880). Berlin. D.  
In 1834 he married Sarah Shantz. He was a highly respected member of conference. In the schism of 1874 he joined the M.B.C. party.
- 1864 SCHNEIDER, MOSES C. (1829-1871). Snyder. D.  
or before In 1851 he married Hanah Shantz. He attended a Waterloo conference in 1864. Date of ordination is not known.
- 1909 SCHRAGG, CHRISTIAN (1876- ). Zurich. D.  
His wife is Mary Gingerich. He transferred from the Amish in 1908.
- 1911 SCHRAGG, CHRISTIAN (1876- ). Zurich. M.
- 1825 SCHUH, HENRY (1785-1837). Berlin. M.  
He was born in York, Pa. In 1807 he married Mary Kauffman. They came to Waterloo in the spring of 1824. Their home was a mile or two east of Berlin. He had a stroke while on a preaching trip to Hay in January, 1837, and died instantly. He is buried in Berlin. Snyder's List includes this name.
- 1816 SHANK, MICHAEL ( - ). Rainham. M.  
For this item see Haldimand County, Atlas; also Hartzler and Kauffman.
- 1909 SHANTZ, BENJAMIN B. (1880- ). Hagey. M.  
His wife is Myra Snyder of Hespeler.
- 1907 SHANTZ, DANIEL (1868- ). Hagey. D.  
He married Susanna Groh in 1892. She died in 1924.

- 1911 SHANTZ, EZRA (1869- ). Shantz. D.  
He was married during his residence in Indiana. His wife is Loucks (?). This is the third generation deacon at this church.
- 1838 SHANTZ, HENRY (1804-1877). Detwiler. M.  
In 1828 he married Lydia Martin. He was born in Montgomery, Pa., and came to Canada in 1810.
- 1842 SHANTZ, HENRY (1804-1877). Detwiler. B.  
Benjamin Eby was the only bishop in Waterloo until this ordination took place. While he is shown as a minister at the conference of May, 1842, at Berlin, his own record book shows that he baptized in 1842. He probably was ordained bishop after May. His obituary says he died Oct. 4, 1877. He served as minister four years, when he was ordained bishop, which office he filled thirty-five years.
- 1901 SHANTZ, ISRAEL R. (1863-1910). Carstairs, Alberta. M.  
He was ordained by S. F. Coffman by the authority of conference in Ontario. This was at the time when the congregation was organized. He went west from the David Eby church where he was a strong Sunday School worker. His wife was Elisabeth Schmitt.
- 1909 SHANTZ, ISRAEL R. (1863-1910). Carstairs, Alberta. B.  
He served as bishop only about a year.
- 1874 SHANTZ, MENNO S. (1836-1917). David Eby, Martin. D.  
His wife was Elisabeth Schneider, daughter of Elias Schneider. Second wife Leah Musselman, widow of Absalom Martin. After the division he held with Bishop Martin. He was called same time as Elias Schneider; above and for same field. After the division he served at Martins.
- 1907 SHANTZ, MOSES H. (1884- ). Blenheim. M.  
His wife is Katie Martin. He was Moderator of Conference for ten consecutive years; retired in 1931 and re-appointed in 1934.
- 1850 SHANTZ, JOHN C. (1807-1875). Shantz. D.  
He was born near Berlin. In 1833 he married Anna Detwiler.
- 1879 SHANTZ, JOHN D. (1839-1923). Shantz. D.  
In 1866 he married Elisabeth Steiner. He succeeded his father John C. in the deacon office at Shantz church.
- 1872 SHERK, ANDREW (1827-1905). Rainham. D.  
He was born in Bertie Township. In 1854 he married Catherine Sider. He succeeded Jacob Hoover, deacon, who died in the spring of 1872. Date of this ordination is not known. He held with the Gayman group in the Division of 1889.



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- SHERK, BENJAMIN (1836-1868). Sherkston. D.
- 1837 SHERK, DAVID (1801-1882). Hagey. D.  
July 2 He married Elisabeth Betzner in 1827.
- 1838 SHERK, DAVID (1801-1882). Strasburg, Hagey & Wanner. M.  
Dec. 2 He was a leading minister in his day. He wrote freely. His grave marker says he was ordained minister in 1837. Probably error.
- SHERK, PETER (1791-1853). Sherkston. D.  
He is the man named in the deed for church property. He, with George Zavitz, is named Trustee. His second wife, Sophia, died in 1895.
- SHERK, PETER (1814-1889). Sherkston. M.  
He is son of the deacon, Peter, above. It is reported that he tried once to preach but did not continue. His first wife Rebecca Bears; second wife Fannie Sherk; third wife, Magdalena (Miller) Emerich.
- 1890 SHOEMAKER, BENJAMIN (1838-1918). Berlin. D.  
In 1864 he married Polly Shantz. She died in 1890. Some time later he married Catherine Weichel, widow of George Clemens of Breslau.
- 1905 SNIDER, EPHRAIM (1874- ). Strasburg. D.  
His wife is Lucinda Hallman. He has been Treasurer of conference since 1909 and also holds other positions of trust.
- 1892 SNIDER, JONAS B. (1858- ). David Eby. M.  
In 1879 he married Lucy Ann Snyder. His second wife was Susanna Horst to whom he was married in 1887.
- 1895 SNIDER, JONAS B. (1858- ). David Eby. B.  
This assistance was given at the request of Bishop Elias Weber.
- 1909 SNIDER, OLIVER D. (1878- ). Floradale & Elmira. M.  
His wife is Louisa Weber of Floradale. When the membership in Elmira was organized into a congregation he was given this additional charge.
- 1892 SNYDER, ABSALOM B. (1861- ). Wanner. M.  
He was married to Mary Groff a month before his ordination.
- 928 SNYDER, ELVIN V. (1900- ). Breslau. M.  
He was appointed missionary to the Argentine. The Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities requested his ordination. In the summer of 1928 he was married to Mary Fretz of Markham. They sailed for the mission field the same year. He received the Bachelor Degree from Goshen College in 1928.

- 1825 SNYDER, JACOB ("YOCH") (1764-1853). Waterloo Twp. D.  
See Snyder List for this item. Date of ordination not known. He possibly was deacon as early as 1815. See Hagey Deacon Book and No. 6103, Eby History.
- 1876 STAUFFER, NOAH (1842-1928). Strasburg. M.  
In 1867 he married Barbara Betzner. Some time after they left their farm near Strasburg they lived in the town of Waterloo where they died. He was among the first men in Waterloo to use the English regularly. Bishops Hagey, Martin and Cressman officiated at ordination.
- 1901 STAUFFER, NORMAN B. (1870-1927). Aldersyde, Alberta. M.  
A Waterloo man who had just moved into the colony in Southern Alberta. He also was ordained by S. F. Coffman when these new congregations in the West were organized. In 1894 he was married to Lizzie Otterbein. He married Melinda Snyder of Waterloo, who survives him.
- 1911 STAUFFER, NORMAN B. (1870-1927). Aldersyde, Alberta. B.  
He came into the bishopric after the decease of Bishop Shantz.
- 1831 STEINER, ULRICH (1800-1857). Geiger. D.  
His wife was Elisabeth Boesiger, daughter of Christian Boesiger.
- 1917 STEVANUS, HOWARD W. (1888- ). Sherkston & Snyder. M.  
After a few years hard work in Bertie he moved to the Snyder church near Bloomingdale. Since the death of brother Martin he has the Snyder Church in his care. His wife is Elisabeth Cressman.
- 1882 STOECKLE, DANIEL (1837-1900). Hay. D.  
His wife was Lovina Detwiler. He held with the Wisler section after the division of 1889.
- 1840 STOECKLE, JOHN (1802-1879). Strasburg. M.  
He came from Germany to Lancaster in 1829 and to Waterloo in 1831. He was a weaver by trade. In 1833 he married Esther Bliehm.
- STORMS, GEORGE (1804-1879). Bertie. D.  
Married Eve Beam.
- STRICKLER, JOHN (1803-1897). Erie County, N.Y. M.  
He carried on work independently on Main St., East of Buffalo. After this was discontinued he frequently attended meetings at the Stone Church as well as with the River Brethren and the Krehbeil people. He preached regularly at Selkirk, Stone Bridge, also at Black Creek where J. Krehbeil later preached. He probably was a lay exhorter and spoke where there was opportunity. He was born in Penn. and his wife was Magdalena Martin. He was father-in-law to Jacob Krehbeil.

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- 1838 SWARTZ, JACOB (1812-1866). Rainham. M.  
His wife was Polly Null. He had no German education and later spoke English. Herald Obituary: "Spoke both languages freely".
- 1825 SWARTZ, SAMUEL (1778-1862). Rainham. M.  
He must have been minister before since Snyder's List shows him in 1825. His wife was Hannah Overholt. He was of non-Mennonite parents. He came from Penn. at the age of 18 and lived with Bishop Jacob Moyer at the Twenty. See also M.Q.R., Vol. 3, page 50. Anna Weaver of Goshen says he was bishop. He was her grandfather.
- 1830 TREICHLER, JOHN (1814-1897). Falls, Sanborn, N.Y. D.  
This item is gathered from Cassel, page 170. It seems that this deacon was chosen when Habecker became minister. Habecker's ordination, however, was Aug. 6, 1834.
- 1836 TROYER, CHRISTIAN (1798-1883). Vaughan. M.  
His wife was Magdalena Cober. The date of this ordination is not known but he was in attendance at a conference in the fall of '36, in Berlin. He separated from the main body of the church in the early 50's and worked with Daniel Hoch of Jordan. He preached in both languages in his later years.
- 1861 VINCENT, ABRAHAM (1821-1883). Hay. D.  
His wife Barbara died in Dec., 1877. It appears that he did not continue in his office to the end of his life. Other men were ordained as deacons in Hay during his lifetime.
- 1890 WAMBOLD, ISAAC A. (1862- ). Breslau. M.  
His first wife was Emma Hershey of Lancaster, Pa.; in 1897 he was married to Elisabeth Fretz of Markham. Because of the failure of his voice he was relieved of his responsibility at Breslau in 1912, and they moved to Markham.
- 1901 WAMBOLD, ABRAM H. (1857-1934). High River, Alta. D.  
He married Angeline Erb. After her death he married Elisabeth Schmitt, widow of I. R. Shantz. He was ordained by S. F. Coffman.
- 1825 WEAVER, JOHN ( ). Wilmot. D.  
The Snyder List of 1825 is all that is known of this deacon. (See John Weber in this list.).
- 1870 WEAVER, MARTIN (1814-1887). Riverside, Niagara. M.  
He married Susannah Miller, in 1846. He was ordained late in life but did not preach. Ordination took place at Sherkston. Ben Weaver says the Riverside Church was a Union Church rather than strictly Mennonite.

- 1934 WEAVER, SIMEON (1881- ). Floradale. D.  
In 1907 he united in marriage with Rachel Martin. Bishop Brubacher officiated at this ordination.
- 1850 WEBER, ABRAHAM C. (1817-1874). Berlin. *22 Dec 1850* M.  
His wife was Judith Martin. In later years their residence was near Freeport.
- 1901 WEBER, AMOS ( ). Carstairs, Alt. D.  
His wife is Rosilla Wambold. Married about 1891. Later he separated from the church.
- 1864 WEBER, ELIAS E. (1834-1909). Breslau. D.  
In 1855 he married Mary Shoemaker. They lived a mile west of Breslau.
- 1874 WEBER, ELIAS E. (1834-1909). Breslau. M.
- 1879 WEBER, ELIAS E. (1834-1909). Breslau. B.
- 1913 WEBER, EPHRAIM (1852- ). Floradale. D.  
In 1883 he was married to Leah Snyder.
- 1869 WEBER, ISAAC (1829-1892). Wallace. M.  
In 1851 he married Magdalena, daughter of Pre. Henry Shuh. They moved to Howick Twp. about 1868.
- 1911 WEBER, GEORGE A. (1879- ). Berlin. D.  
His wife is Malinda Woolner. They were married in 1902. He is the Secretary of the Mission Board in Ontario.
- 1824 WEBER, HENRY (1793-1862). Snyder. M.  
This data of ordination is from Abschrift of his son Samuel. He was born in Lancaster, Pa. He came to Waterloo in 1816 and next year married Salome Bauman, daughter of preacher Joseph Bauman. His name appears in the Wayland List of 1853 and in 1837, Calendar.
- 1833 WEBER, JOHN (1786-1854). Martin. *20 Mar / 21 Jan* *m 18 Mar 1854* *son of Benj. & Catharine* M.  
This man was a deacon in Penn. and came to Canada in 1825 locating one mile south of Conestogo. Bishop Eby ordained him minister in July, 1833, at the Martin Church. His wife was Catherine Gehman. This probably was the man that Snyder in his List of 1825 says was a deacon in Wilmot and same as John Weaver above.
- 1868 WEBER, JOSEPH (1822-1876). Snyder. D.  
In 1845 he married Anna Weber. They had no children but adopted four young girls who needed a home.

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- 1918 WEBER, LEWIS S. (1894- ). Almira, Toronto & S.A. M.  
This ordination took place in the Waterloo church at the request of the Conference Executive for the work at Almira. He labored there until 1921. In 1922 he was married to Edna K. Bowman. In July of the same year they were given charge of the Toronto Mission. He took three years work at McMaster. Received Bachelor Degree at Goshen, 1927. Attended Toronto Bible College. In 1931 they were appointed missionaries to South America. They sailed in the fall of '31.
- 1921 WEBER, NEWTON S. (1897- ). Waterloo. M.  
In 1923 he married Nellie Burkholder of Virginia. In the fall of the same year they went to Washington, D.C. In 1927 they took charge of the work in Mosa, Ont. The next year they returned to Waterloo county where he gave assistance to the various churches. He now serves at the Fort Wayne Indiana Mission.
- 1908 WEBER, NOAH S. (1868- ). Waterloo. D.  
In 1891 he married Catherine Brubacher. Two years after her death he married Ellen Stauffer, widow of — Clemmer. In 1929 he again married. Adah Burkholder of Markham is his wife.
- 1864 WEBER, SAMUEL (1821-1885). Conestogo, Martins & Snyder. M.  
He was the only son of the Henry above. In 1844 he married Anna Martin. He was an able speaker and a man of influence. While he was in conversation with a friend on the street in Waterloo, a workman's tool slipped from the roof of a building and struck him on the head. He became unconscious and died on the third day following.
- 1907 WEBER, URIAS K. (1879- ). Kitchener. M.  
Magdalena Shoemaker is his wife. He became separated from Conference in 1924 and is the regular minister in the Sterling Ave. Church.
- WELICK, JOSEPH (1818-1872). Niagara River, Chippewa. D.  
His wife was Esther Boyer. He was born in Germany along the French border. He came to America with his two brothers. They were Catholic. Joseph, and possibly Nicholas, from a personal conviction, forsook Rome and became Mennonite. He lived on the Sodom Rd. He with David Habecker worshipped in a school house nearby. Buried on Wellick Farm.
- 1825 WENGER, JOHN ( ). Black Creek. D.  
See Mennonite Quarterly Review for this item, Vol. 3, page 50. "Poor" money was sent to Wenger at Sugar Loaf (Bertie) for a needy man, Zimmerman, in 1818. Evidently this man was deacon in that year.

- 1864 WERNER, BERNHARDT (1812-1889). Rainham. M.  
He was born in Huntschbach, Canton Sullz, Elsas, France. See Fretz History, page 502. In 1836 he married Elizabeth Sherk of Welland County. He was minister 25 years. His parents were Jacob and Juliana.
- 1836 WIDEMAN, ADAM (1797-1861). Almira. M.  
His wife was Elisabeth Sherk. While he died about the time the Almira church house was built, yet his residence was near the church site. In his day there was regular preaching at Gormley and in a school house about three miles east. He probably was ordained same day as was Jacob Grove.
- 1825 WIDEMAN, CHRISTIAN (1782-1848). Markham. D.  
He was son of the pioneer Henry Wideman. He lived on lot 21, rear in the 7th con. His wife was Mary Coffman. They came from Bucks County in 1805. The Snyder List includes this man but date of ordination is not known.
- 1803 WIDEMAN, HENRY (1757-1810). Markham. M.  
Date of ordination is not known. He came from Montgomery Co., Pa., to Markham as a minister in 1803. He located on lot 24, con. 8. The Wideman church, opposite his home was named after him. He was killed by a falling tree while cutting out the road two miles north of the village of Markham. His wife was Lydia VanHuyen.
- 1861 WIDEMAN, JACOB (1829-1899). Almira. M.  
He married Mary Burkholder, Oct. 2, 1849. The larger part of his time, after 1870, was spent living near the Wideman church, yet he always retained his responsibility at Almira.
- 1933 WIDEMAN, JACOB H. (1892- ). Wideman and Almira. D.  
This ordination was called by the Wideman congregation to share the responsibilities of M. R. Fretz, because of his advancing years. He is a member of the Almira congregation. Daniel Hoover, Sr., Chris. L. Hoover, and M. R. Fretz all served the Almira and Wideman places of worship conjointly. He is the fifth generation of Widemans in the York County church and also the fifth member to be ordained in continuous succession, viz., Henry, Adam, Jacob, Samuel and Jacob H. Bishops Coffman and Kanagy presided at this ordination. Chosen by lot and ordained Oct. 15. His wife is Rena Hoover, married 1922.
- 1897 WIDEMAN, MENNO (1868-1923). Berne, Mich. D.  
He married Lydia Gascho in 1892.

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- 1892 WIDEMAN, SAMUEL (1861- ). Altona, later Almira. M.  
In 1890 he married Elsie Ann Hoover.
- 1895 WIDEMAN, SAMUEL (1861- ). Almira. B.  
In 1912 he was relieved of his ministerial duties. See Conference Resolutions for 1912.
- 1902 WISMER, DAVID (1861- ). Hagey. M.  
In 1889 he married Esther Shantz. They resided on a farm near Blair. They moved to Kitchener in 1908. In the 1924 schism he went with the Sterling Ave. group.
- 1860 WISMER, DANIEL (1820-1909). Berlin. M.  
In 1844 he married Sallie Erb. For a short time he associated himself with the Solomon Eby group. Joseph Hagey ordained him to the ministry. In about 1877 he moved to Marion County, Kansas, and returned to Berlin in 1887. In 1889 he married Lydia Musselman, widow of Samuel Brubacher.
- 1887 WISMÉR, DANIEL (1820-1909). Kansas. B.  
Daniel Brundage ordained him in Kansas. In Ontario he was recognized a bishop with no particular field of responsibility.
- WISMER, HENRY (1833-1885). Waterloo County. M.  
He was brother to Daniel above. His wife was Hettie Bleam. He allied himself with the M.B.C. Church. Lived for a time in Kent County, Mich. and later moved to Texas where he died.
- 1907 WISMER, ISAIAH (1870-1933). Strasburg. M.  
He is brother to David Wismer. His wife is Ida Wambold. Since 1925, owing to his ill health, the congregation has been served by other ministers.
- 1898 WISMER, ORPHEN (1869- ). Shantz. M.  
His wife is Sarah Bechtel. He is a miller by trade.
- 1885 WISMER, JOSEPH (1842-1927). Jordan. M.  
His wife was Mary Fretz. He was ordained Nov. 1, 1885. See Fretz History, page 50. He was ordained by Bishop Gayman during one of those periods when the church at the Twenty was torn asunder by strife. Formal peace was again restored before the official break in 1889. He sympathized strongly with the Gayman party. He was son of Deacon Philip.
- 1851 WISMER, PHILIP (1810-1897). Jordan. D.  
In 1836 he was married to Margaret High of Bayham Twp.

- 1923 WITMER, ISAAH B. (1874- ). Latschar. D.  
His wife is Jemima Swartz. He is brother to J. W. Witmer.
- 1916 WITMER, J. WESLEY (1879- ). Latschar. D.  
Maranda Hallman was his first wife. Some time after her decease, he married Selina Knechtel. She died Nov. 10, 1933. He was chosen to assist Henry Bear.
- 1922 WITMER, J. WESLEY (1879- ). Latschar. M.  
This ordination was called for because of the advancing years of M. C. Bowman and also the additional bishop duties of M. Hallman.
- 1892 WITMER, LEVI (1844-1916). Wanner. D.  
He married Mary Cober in 1878.
- 1867 WOOLNER, JACOB SR. (1826-1917). Breslau. M.  
He was born in Suffolk, England, and came to Canada with his parents in 1832. His mother died of cholera immediately after arrival at Bridgeport, Ont. He was raised by Deacon Samuel Eby. In 1849 he married Hannah Sheidel. Residence near Kossuth. His second wife was Nancy Reist, widow of Daniel Kramp.
- 1897 WOOLNER, JACOB S. (1859- ). Ordained at Breslau. M.  
His wife is Lovina, daughter of Bishop Elias Weber. When the church in Kitchener was divided in 1924, he became a member in the Sterling Ave. Congregation.
- 1917 YODER, IRA L. (1886- ). Western, N.Y. D.  
He was ordained in the Fairview congregation near Surrey, North Dakota. His wife was Minnie Brubaker, married in 1916. They moved to Western, New York, in March, 1926.
- Before 1825 ZAVITZ, GEORGE (1781-1858). Sherkston. M.  
He is listed in the Govt. Report of 1828. See M.Q.R. He is buried in the Sherkston cemetery. See also Jacob Moyer's letter of 1831.
- ZAVITZ, JOHN (1798-1872). Black Creek. M.  
He was brother George, above. In 1820 he married Nancy Harris, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage. She could not speak German. It is said that he preached only in English. Gilbert Bearss says he was also bishop. This has not been confirmed.
- 1880 ZAVITZ, JONAS (1846-1920). Sherkston. D.  
His wife was Mary Knisley. He was received into the church in 1877 and evidently was ordained soon after. He is listed in the 1880 Calendar. He allied himself with the Gayman group while practically all the other families in Bertie remained with the conference.



**ORDAINED MEN—Sons of Non-Mennonite Parents**

- BEARSS, GILBERT. Reformed Mennonite and Quaker.  
BURKHOLDER, OSCAR. Baptist. Earlier generations were Mennonite.  
GEIGER, ULRICH. Born in Germany. Parentage doubtful.  
HEMBLING, WILLIAM. Came from Suffolk, England. Anglican.  
KING (KOENIG), PETER. He was born in Germany, probably Lutheran.  
KOCH, LUDWIG.  
MCKAY, HENRY. Scottish birth.  
MICHAEL, NELSON. Lutheran.  
NAHRGANG, JOSEPH AND JOHN. Their parents were probably Mennonite but earlier generations were not. (H. S. Bender).  
SCHMIDT, GEORGE R. Lutheran See J. B. Smith in 50 Men. Leaders.  
STOECKLE, JOHN. Uncertain.  
SWARTZ, SAMUEL. Had his home with Bishop Jacob Moyer, Jordan.  
VINCENT, ABRAM.  
WELICK, JOSEPH. Catholic.  
WERNER, BARNHARDT. He came from France. Parentage uncertain.  
WOOLNER, JACOB SR. Came from Suffolk, England. Anglican.

**Several Men Who Were Ordained But Seemed to Have Lacked the Ability to Deliver a Public Discourse**

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| ISAAC EBY         | JACOB MILLER, JR.                         |
| DANIEL HUNSBERGER | JACOB OBERHOLTZER, spoke with difficulty. |
| NELSON MICHAEL    | PETER SHERK                               |
| HENRY MILLER      | MARTIN WEAVER                             |

**THE SNYDER LIST of 1825, Courtesy of Mennonite Quarterly Review, January, 1929**

On November 28, 1825, Joseph Snyder of Berlin, Ontario, addressed a letter to his brother Henry Snyder of East Donegal, Lancaster County, Pa., in which among other things he listed the bishops, preachers and deacons of the Mennonite Church in Ontario. The list follows:

**MARKHAM**

ABRAHAM GROFF, Bishop  
DANIEL KREIDER, Preacher  
CHRISTIAN WEIDMAN, Deacon  
DAVID METZLER, Deacon  
PETER MUSSELMAN, Preacher  
JACOB SMITH, Deacon

**STONEY CREEK**

SAMUEL SWARTZ, Preacher  
BENJAMIN, HUBER, Deacon

**CLINTON (Vineland)**

JACOB MOYER, Bishop  
JACOB MOYER, Preacher  
JOHN FRETZ, Deacon  
JACOB FREY, Deacon  
CHRIS. HUNSBERGER, Deacon

**BLACK CREEK (Falls)**

GEO. ZEWEITZ, Preacher  
JOHN WENGER, Deacon

**WILMOT TOWNSHIP**

JOHN GINGRICH, Deacon  
JOHN WEAVER, Deacon

**WATERLOO**

BENJAMIN EBY, Bishop  
JOSEPH BAUMAN, Preacher  
JOSEPH BECHTEL, Preacher  
MARTIN BAER, Preacher  
HENRY SHUE, Preacher  
HENRY WEBER, Preacher  
CHRIS. BOESINGER, Deacon  
JACOB BECHTEL, Deacon  
ABRAHAM CLEMENS, Deacon  
SAMUEL EBY, Deacon  
PETER BURKHART, Deacon  
JACOB SNYDER, Deacon

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Showing names of persons who were present at the annual Conference held at the Benjamin Eby Meeting House, Berlin, May 28, 1842.

**LIST OF 1842**

**Vollige Diener (Bishops)**

BENJAMIN EBY  
JACKOB GROFF  
JACKOB KREHBIEL

**Gemeine Diener (Ministers)**

JOSEPH BAUMAN  
JACOB DETTWEILER  
JOHANNES BAER  
HEINRICH WEBER  
HENRY SCHANTZ

GEO. BECHTEL  
JACOB M. OBERHOLTZER  
JACOB BRETZ  
JACOB HALLMAN  
ISAAC EBY  
JOSEPH HAGEY  
JACOB KOLB  
JOHN REESER  
PETER LEHMAN  
ULRICH GEIGER

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Aeltesten (Deacons)	CHRISTIAN WEIDMAN
DAVID GUTH (Good)	HEINRICH CLEMENS
JACOB KOLB	ABRAHAM C. CLEMENS
JACOB DETTWEILER	AMOS KRESSMAN
JOHANN BRUBACHER	ULRICH STEINER
ABRAHAM S. CLEMENS	JACOB BURKHOLDER
JACOB HAGEY	JACOB SCHNEIDER

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THE WAYLAND LIST of 1853

NOTE: This list was discovered by Professor John W. Wayland of Harrisonburg, Va., in a *Martyrs' Mirror*. This book was printed in Lancaster, Pa., in 1814. The name of Jacob Burkholder was written on the fly-leaf over the date 1822.

The date of the issue of this List is determined from the fact that Benjamin Eby is shown as bishop. Eby died on June 28, 1853. Moses Bauman is shown as deacon. He was called to that office May 1st, 1853. If these dates are correctly reported then the List could not have been prepared except during the period between these two dates—May 1st-June 28th, 1853.

The list, generally, looks reliable and correct. The name Daniel Brundage appears as minister in Waterloo Township. This is the only hint that he at any time lived in Waterloo. He was a native of York County and was ordained there in 1845. It is reported that he lived for short periods in Rainham and also in Hay before moving to Indiana in 1858. The list also has value in that several names of ministers as Geiger, Gross and Hoch, etc., are not included. This shows that they already were affiliated with the Hoch party.

On the other hand it seems faulty since the names of Samuel and Jacob Swartz of Haldimand County are omitted. These men died in 1862 and 1866 respectively and were ministers before 1840. The names of George and John Zavitz also are not shown. They were ministers in the year 1853.

The original sheet may be examined in the Mennonite Box which is deposited in the Archives, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

THE WAYLAND LIST of 1853

List of Names of Ministers and Deacons of the Mennonite Church in Canada

TOWNSHIP OF WATERLOO

Bishops

BENJAMIN EBY  
JOSEPH HAGEY

JOHN STECKLE<sup>E</sup>  
DANIEL BRUNDAGE

Deacons

Ministers

HENRY WEBER  
ABRAHAM C. WEBER  
ISAAC EBY  
JACOB OBERHOLTZER  
JACOB BRETZ  
JOHN BAER  
DAVID SCHERK

JOHN BRUBACHER  
JACOB KOLB  
JOSEPH E. SCHNEIDER  
ABRAHAM S. CLEMENS  
JACOB HEGY  
ABRAHAM C. CLEMENS  
AARON BIEHN

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

Ministers

JOHN WEBER  
LUDWIG KOCH

Deacons

DAVID GUTH  
JOHN W. BRUBACHER

TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Ministers

GEORGE R. SCHMIDT  
JACOB HALLMAN

Deacons

JACOB BOCK  
ULRICH STEINER  
MOSES BAUMAN  
JOHN C. SCHANTZ

TOWNSHIP OF DUMFRIES

Bishop

HENRY SCHANTZ

Minister

JACOB DETTWEILER

Deacon

JACOB DETTWEILER

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TOWNSHIP OF BLENHEIM

Minister	Deacon
SAMUEL SCHLICHTER	JACOB HUBER

TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

Bishop

TYLMAN MEYER

Minister	Deacons
ABRAHAM MEYER	ABRAHAM KRATZ
	PHILIP WISMER

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM

Bishop

JACOB GROFF

Ministers	Deacons
ADAM WEIDMAN	DANIEL HUBER
JOHN RISSER	DANIEL LEHMAN
HENRY BERKY	DANIEL SCHMITT

TOWNSHIP OF CAYUGA

Ministers	Deacon
JACOB KOLB	HENRY HUNSPERGER
ABRAHAM HOCH	