

Isaac S. Mast Obituaries

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Mast, -- Isaac Stoltzfus, son of the late Benuel and Sarah (**Stoltzfus**) **Mast**, was born near Morganstown, Pa.; on July 13, 1874, died Aug. 24, 1955, at his Chester Co., home near Embreeville, Pa., aged 81 y. 1 m. 11 d. He was a pioneer Mennonite minister to North Dakota shortly after the turn of the century. He was married to Fannie R. **Yoder** on Jan. 13, 1901. To this union 5 children were born (Timothy E., Embreeville; Charity-Mrs. Harry Jones, Vergas, Minn.; Mrs. Ruth Roth, Elverson, Pa.; Isaac, Jr., Mohnton, Pa.; and Eunice L., at home). Surviving are his wife, children, 23 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was the first to break the family circle. In 1902 a group from the vicinity of the Belleville, Pa., churches emigrated to North Dakota. Isaac S. Mast was chosen to be their pastor, and was ordained for that purpose, and moved with the group to near Minot, N. Dak., in March, 1903. Soon after his arrival there a few members who had located near Kenmare, N. Dak., spoke to Bro. Mast about their spiritual needs as they had no minister. It was arranged that Bro. Mast would preach for them once a month until they were organized into a congregation and had their own minister. In June, 1908, he was ordained bishop by Bishop Daniel Kauffman, as they were now members of the Missouri-Iowa Conference. The territory over which he was bishop is now the North Central Conference. Through his efforts congregations were organized at Minot, Kenmare, Wolford, and Casselton, in North Dakota; Coalridge, Bloomfield, and Clyde Park in Montana; Ulen and Detroit Lakes in Minnesota, and some places in Wisconsin. A few of these places were discontinued when members moved away because of economic conditions. In his early ministry he preached and served communion to a few members located in such places as Portal, Elkhorn Valley, Brinsmade, Davenport, Zion, and Valley City in North Dakota; near Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Calkins, Mont.; Exeland, Sheldon, and Glen For a, Wis., and Winnipeg, Canada. In 1942 he left the North Central District and was appointed superintendent of the Johnstown, Pa., city mission, and later to serve the rural group at Greenwood, Del. Leaving Johnstown in 1943, he moved to Embreeville, Pa., and served the congregation at Greenwood from there. During his life he had evangelistic meetings from coast to coast, often spending 2 and 3 months at a time before returning home. Because of ill health at the doctor's request, he retired to his Embreeville home in 1950 and there passed to his reward. The past three years he was unable to attend church because of a heart condition, but he always had great concern for the church and a lost and dying world. He expressed himself many times and prayed much for the same. He endured many hardships in his early ministry. His experiences were both sad and joyful. Funeral services were held on Aug. 28 from the Diebert Funeral Home, Elverson, Pa., by Christian Kurtz and at the Conestoga Mennonite Church by Abner Stoltzfus and Aaron Stoltzfus. He was laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery, near Elverson, Pa.

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Born in Morgantown, the son of the late Beneul and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Mast, he was the husband of Fannie (Yoder) Mast. He had been in ill health for several years.

In 1903, Bishop Mast was ordained a minister in the Mennonite church in Belleville, Pa. During the same year he moved as a missionary minister to North Dakota where he was ordained a bishop in the church in 1908 in Minot, N. D.

He was in charge of the North Central conference of the church from 1908 to 1942. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1942, he headed a Mennonite mission at Youngstown for a year and later a Mennonite Mission church at Greenwood, Del. He retired in 1946 because of ill health.

He was a member of Maple Grove Mennonite church at Atglen, Pa.

Surviving, besides his wife, are two sons, Timothy, Embreeville RD 2, and Isaac L. B. Mast, Mohnton RD 1; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Roth, Elverson; Charity, wife of Harry Jones, Vergas, Minn.; and Eunice, at home; one half-sister, Mary, wife of Charles Dice, Cochranville; 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Conestoga Mennonite church, Morgantown. Interment will be in Pine Grove cemetery, Elverson. The Deibert Funeral home in Elverson is in charge of arrangements.

Officiating will be Bishop Aaron Stoltzfus, Ira Kurtz and Christian Kurtz and the Rev. Abner Stoltzfus.

Aged Mennonite Bishop Succumbs

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Isaac S. Mast Funeral Service

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

IN MEMORY OF

BISHOP ISAAC STOLTZFUS MAST
HUSBAND OF FANNIE YODER MAST

DATE OF BIRTH

JULY 13, 1874

DATE OF DEATH

AUGUST 24, 1955

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1955
AT 2:00 P.M.

HELD AT

CONESTOGA MENNONITE CHURCH
MORGANTOWN, PA.

CLERGYMAN

BISHOP AARON STOLTZFUS BISHOP IRA KURTZ
BISHOP CHRISTIAN KURTZ REV. ABNER STOLTZFUS

PLACE OF INTERMENT

PINE GROVE CEMETERY
ELVERSON, PA.