

Reverend Benjamin Shantz and Myra (Snyder) Shantz

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Birth Certificate

This is to Certify THAT THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE ON RECORD IN THE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF ONTARIO.

NAME OF CHILD	BENJAMIN SHANTZ	SEX	M
DATE OF BIRTH	JUNE-23-1880	COUNTY (or District)	WATERLOO
PLACE OF BIRTH	WATERLOO TWP.	OCCUPATION	FARMER
NAME OF FATHER	JACOB E. SHANTZ		
ADDRESS OF FATHER	WATERLOO TWP.		
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	LYDIA BOWMAN		

DATE OF REGISTRATION
JULY-8-1880

Given UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL AT THE PARLIAMENT
BUILDINGS, CITY OF TORONTO, THIS 30 NOVEMBER-1944.


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Biographical Sketch: Benjamin Bowman Shantz (23 June 1880-17 Dec. 1964) was the son of Jacob E. and Lydia Bowman Shantz. He was married to Myra Snyder (11 July 1885-26 July 1980) on 7 March 1908. They had four sons and four daughters.

On 15 November 1908 Shantz was ordained as a minister by Jonas Snider, and as a bishop on 26 March 1939. For a time he preached regularly at the Baden Mission. Shantz was a farmer by vocation in the Freeport, Ontario area. He took some courses at Toronto Bible College as a young man. He retired in 1961.

Source: Mennonite Archives of Ontario. Additional material in the archive:

1. Benjamin B. Shantz sermon notes, 1940-ca. 1960
2. Birth certificates for Benjamin B. Shantz and Myra Snyder
3. Ordination letter signed by Bishop Jonas Snider, Nov. 15, 1908
4. Marriage Act registration, 1 October 1921
5. Newsclipping on ordination as bishop, 1939.
6. Letter signed by congregational leaders on occasion of 40th anniversary of Shantz's ordination

<https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/personal-collections/benjamin-b-shantz-1880-1964>



REV. BENJAMIN SHANTZ
... funeral Saturday

Mennonite Bishop Dies At Age 84

By Record Staff Writer

PRESTON — Rev. Benjamin B. Shantz, 84, of RR 1, Preston, died today at Bethesda Home, RR 1, Vineland.

Rev. Mr. Shantz was born on the farm where he spent all his life. He was a member of Preston Mennonite Church and in former years had been pastor at Hagey Mennonite Church. He was ordained in 1908 and in 1939 became a bishop of the Mennonite church. He served as pastor and bishop of Hagey Church until 1948. He served as bishop in Waterloo County until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, the former Myra Snyder; four sons Clayton of Preston, Gordon of St. Catharines, Ralph of Blair and Roy of Kitchener; four daughters, Mrs. Cranson (Violet) Good of RR 2, Petersburg, Mrs. Wesley (Grace) Metzger of Elmira, Mrs. Rae (Edna) Hilborn of RR 1, Ayr, and Marjory Shantz of Puerto Rico and 14 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one sister, Esther, and one brother, Irvin.

The body will be at the Barthel-Stager Funeral Home until 1 p.m. Saturday when removal will be made to Preston Mennonite Church for the funeral service at 3 p.m. Interment will be in Hagey Cemetery, Preston. Rufus Jutzi, of Preston Mennonite Church will officiate.

Donations to the Ontario Mennonite Mission Board will be accepted as expressions of sympathy.

Shantz, Benjamin B., son of Jacob E. and Lydia (Bowman) Shantz, was born at Preston, Ont., June 23, 1880; died at the Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont., Dec. 17, 1964; aged 84 y. 5 m. 24 d. On March 7, 1906, he was married to Myra Snyder, who survives. In 1909 he was ordained as pastor and in 1939 as bishop of the Hagey Church. He served as bishop in Waterloo County until his retirement. Surviving are 4 sons (Clayton, Gordon, Ralph, and Roy), 4 daughters (Violet - Mrs. Cranson Good, Grace - Mrs. Wesley Metzger, Edna - Mrs. Rae Hilborn, and Marjory, of Puerto Rico), and 14 grandchildren. One sister and one brother predeceased him. He was a member of the Preston Church, where funeral services were held Dec. 19, in charge of Rufus Jutzi, assisted by J. B. Martin and Howard Good.

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<http://mcusa-archives.org/mennobits/65/mar1965.html>

Shantz, Myra, daughter of Levi and Sara (Reist) **Snyder**, was born in Hespeler, Ont., July 11, 1885; died at Fairview Mennonite Home, Cambridge, Ont., July 26, 1980; aged 95 y. On Mar. 7, 1906, she was married to Benjamin Shantz. He died in 1964. Surviving are 4 sons (Clayton, Gordon, Ralph, and Roy), 4 daughters (Violet-Mrs. Cranson Good, Grace-Mrs. Wesley Metzger, Marjorie-Mrs. Phares Martin, and Edna-Mrs. Rae Hilforn), 15 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, and one brother. She was a member of Preston Mennonite Church, where funeral services were held on July 29, in charge of Willis L. Breckbill; interment in the Hagey Cemetery.

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<http://mcusa-archives.org/mennobits/80/sep1980.html>



<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/19756522/benjamin-shantz>

Hagey Cemetery, 692-750 Fountain St N, Cambridge, ON N3H 4R7

Links to photographs

[Benjamin B. Shantz ordained minister, 1909; - Mennonite Archival Image Database \(mhsc.ca\)](#)

[Pulpit Bible in memory of Bishop Ben Shantz at Preston Mennonite Church - Mennonite Archival Image Database \(mhsc.ca\)](#)

[Head and shoulders photograph of Bishop Ben - Mennonite Archival Image Database \(mhsc.ca\)](#)

[Preston Mennonite Church cornerstone laying, 1953 - Mennonite Archival Image Database \(mhsc.ca\)](#)

Ben on left.

[Preston Mennonite Church cornerstone laying - Mennonite Archival Image Database \(mhsc.ca\)](#). Ben on left.