

Imlay City, Feb. 8—Rev. Peter Ropp, 79, retired Mennonite minister and bishop and a resident of this community for the last 27 years, died Monday in his home, after a 10 days illness of a heart ailment.

Rev. Mr. Ropp was born Nov. 23, 1864, in Perth county, Ontario, and married Katherine Goshaw in 1885. He came to Michigan 55 years ago. He was ordained as a minister of the Mennonite church July 18, 1897, in Berne near Pigeon. He established the local church 27 years ago.

Besides his widow, he is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Matilda Kennel, Attica township; Mrs. Anna Ropp, Bad Axe; Mrs. Emma Thompson, Clarksville; Mrs. Elizabeth Schuler, Swartz Creek; Mrs. Lena Boomer, Imlay City, and Miss Lily Ropp, at home; a son, Moses Ropp, Imlay City; two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Zehr, Tavistock, Ont., and Mrs. Mary Weidman, Pigeon; two brothers, Joseph Ropp, Attica township, and Menno Ropp, Tavistock, Ont.; 32 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, in the Bethany Mennonite church, five miles southwest of here, with Rev. Paul Wittrig, pastor, and Rev. Sherman Maust, Pigeon, officiating. Burial in the church cemetery.