

39 ares.

The property on which the Cruikshank home is situated was part of the HERSHEY holdings. The House was built by "Jes." Berger, one of the first settlers in the area. The home, and grounds later went to the wife of Alexander Cruikshank, Margaret. Mr. Cruikshank Sr. died in 1868.

A small frame cottage stood on the property next to the barn, and this was sold to E.W. Finch who moved it to the e.s. of Archange St., near Queen which also was part of Cruikshank's holdings.

When the Cruikshank's left, the farm and house went to a Mr. Huffman. It went to the Alexanders in 1919.

They sold the farm to, the present occupants Mr. & Mrs. Moore.

Alexander Cruikshank::: Will registered 1868.

Fredrick

Peter E. Miller son in Law & Andrew Miller Executors & Margaret his wife Execretrix.

Cottage moved from the Garrison Rd.
to east side of Archange by E. Finch.

ERNEST ALEXANDER CRUIKSHANK::: 1853-1939 Bertie Township.

E.A. Cruikshank was born in Bertie Township, the County of Welland, on June 29th., 1853. He died in Ottawa on June 23rd., 1939. he was Historian, soldier, magistrate, Warden, of Welland County, in 1866; first Chairman of the Historical Sites and Monument Board, of Canada; and Military Historian of the Archives at Ottawa during the first World War.

His childhood was spent in Bertie Township, where he attended public schools; but his formal education he received at the University of Alberta. After Graduation he worked in the U.S.A. on several news papers, later returning to the place of his birth, where he took up farming. *4 years*

He married Miss Julia E. kenny of Buffalo, and in 1879 they moved into the home of his parents, just at the edge of the village of Fort Erie, on the north side of the Garrison Rd. The land consisted of *39 acres* and the original wood home with it's connecting *wood shed* ~~was~~, was added to in the 1880's, with a brick structure at the front comprising of a library, dining room, and two parlors.

Later E.A. Cruikshank was Reeve of the town of Fort Erie, for a period of 15 years, and a member of the County Council for eight, and in 1866, appointed Warden of Welland County.

In 1904 he gave his wife a gift; the deed to a parcel of land over looking the Whirlpool Rapids in Niagara Falls; and they put their old home on the Garrison up for sale, and began to build anew at the new place. His farm was sold in *(1905)*, and with it other property he owned on the North side of Queen St. in Fort Erie. *Military Archivist Ottawa 1908* During the first world war E.A. Cruikshank was in the position of training the Western Troops; and was C.C. of Military District no. 13. In 1917 he resigned this post, to leave for Ottawa and his new job as Historian for the Military Archives.

His wife Julia died at Niagara Falls, June 5th., 1921. he then married for a second time to Matilda J. Murdie of Seaforth who lived with him during his later years in Ottawa.

E.A. Cruikshank retired in 1921. He was elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 1935, and he was awarded the Tyrrel medal, for distinguished service to Canadian History. He was responsible for many fine books and articles on the History of Canada; and particularly on the Niagara Frontier, where he lived for so many years.

The father and mother of E. A. Cruikshank were;
Alexander Fredrick born in Peterhead::: March 13., 1813 died June 1868
Margaret May 15. 1819 died apr. 1890

E.A. Cruikshank had two sisters Eliza; married to Andrew Miller
ALEX. F. CRUIKSHANK BROTHER Rachel; married to Peter Miller.

DIED 1851 8 YEARS
The senior Cruikshanks imigrated to Canada, and Bertie township—1836.

Julia Cruikshank wrote of Ernest in her book Whirlpool Heights:::

Ernest is one of those fortunate, if disagreeable individuals; who take pleasure in work. The wife has to look after herself; no balls, no amusements, furnished by the rigid disciplinarian. Fortunately the wife can take care of herself, a book is always near; We may go without luxuries; but Ernest always provides a book. "