

ELIZABETH BAXTER:::: & ABRAHAM HERSHEY JR.

Abraham A. Hershey Jr. b. 1811. d. 1858: son of Abraham Sr. b. 1770. d. 1856.

Abraham Hershey Jr. married Elizabeth Baxter: b. July 12. 1811. d. Feb. 11. 1882.

Abraham Hershey Sr. left his son Abraham A. on Feb 27, 1838  
44 acres :the west 1/2 of lot 7, in the 1sr. con.N.R.  
(situated on the river rd. south of Miller's Creek)  
In 1858 Abraham Jr. willed this land to son Edwin Hershey.

Children of Abraham A. hershey Jr. & Elizabeth Baxter Hershey:::

Horace	b.	1853. d. Apr. 11, 1855: 2yrs.
Edwin	b.	1839. d. Sept. 29, 1822. bur. Mc. Afee.
Emily	b.	d. July 14, 1925. bur. Ridgeway Moss.
Catherine	b.	d. July 15, 1930. bur. St. Paul's.
Elizabeth		married Archibald Thompson, Jr. 1875. <sup>June</sup> 9 d. July 15. 1930. bur. St. Paul's.
Mary	b.	d. Sept. 5, 1935. bur. St. Paul's.
Ruthema Margaret	b.	d. Feb. 17, 1910. bur. St. Paul's.

ARCHIBALD THOMPSON, JR., license inspector for Welland County, was born in Stamford Township on the 27th day of March, 1842. He is a son of Archibald Thompson, Sr., whose biography precedes this. He was reared on the farm and received his education at the Drummondville grammar school. He continued farming and lumbering until 1880, when he received his present appointment, since which time he has resided in Welland. He has been a justice of the peace since 1876. On the 9th of June, 1875, he married Eliza, a daughter of the late Abraham Hershey of Bertie, of whom mention is made elsewhere in our biographical department.

THE HOMESTEAD HOME OF Archibald Hershey & Elizabeth (Baxter) Hershey:::  
Niagara River Road north of Thompson:::

The Hershey homestead stood on the river road, downriver from the Stockdale farm. The front of the large home was constructed of brick, with a large front veranda. Attached to the rear of this was a large frame addition. To the back of the home Archibald had his tannery shop. He also had a thriving lumber business, which employed a large number of the blacks who escaped by the underground railway and had settled near his property. He also farmed the lands and raised turkeys for sale. The Hersheys owned over five hundred acres, and were great money lenders.

Mr. Hershey died while just a young man in his 40's. He went out to work in the tannery when a large log rolled over him. His son Ed continued to run the lumber business. One day in 1882 when returning from a business trip to Black Rock, he met his death by accident when the Dummy on which he was travelling, went through the open swing of the International Bridge. Eliza married Archibald Jr.. while the family was still at the old homestead:, June 9. 1975. The remainder of the girls continued to live on the farm for six years when they were persuaded to move into the village. A great deal of theifing was going on at the time and the girls felt insecure after the tragic loss of their brother. At that time the old home was sold to Henry O'Brien from Buffalo. It was later to become "The Colonial Club". Still later in a very sad condition it was occupied by the Speakman family, and in the late twenties destroyed by an explosion.