

HERSHEY HOME 451 Niagara Blvd. old number 84.

After death of Edwin Hershey his sisters continued to live on the old homestead farm for another six years. Eliza had already married Archibald Thompson Jr. and had moved from the home.

In 1888 while their new home was being built, the Hershey sisters rented a place on Princess St. in the village of Fort Erie. They took with them their dog, and their horse and carriage from the old place. A lot was acquired on the river road not far from Wintente St. in the area known as Bridgeburg. From April to Oct. the builders worked on the large frame house. The huge cellar was dug by hand, and the lumber brought over from Dunkirk N.Y. Also built was a large barn and a carriage house on the north side of the home.

When the house was completed the girls asked their third cousin John (Jack by the villagers) Mann, to move in with them and handle their affairs. They had a Mr. Backsnall and a Miss Margaret Mezey working for them. After the death of her husband Eliza returned from Welland to live with her sisters till she reached eighty four years.

After the death of the remaining Hershey girls, the estate went to John Mann. He had two sisters living in Aylmer, however he continued to live in Fort Erie for twelve years, spending the winters in Aylmer and the summers here. He was well into his nineties at his death, and what remained of his estate went to his sister Nellie she in turn leaving a large donation to St. Paul's church Fort Erie where all the girls are buried except Emily who lies in the Ridgeway Mausoleum.

May 15. 1954. John Mann sold to Charles Dunn.: after all personal effects and furniture were auctioned off.

Aug. 28. 1962. Charles Dunn sold to Gerald R. & Ellen Mae Sherk.

1963 Veterans Land Act...::: 1974 Vet. Affairs to G. Sherk.

Jan. 14. 1974. property sold to John P. Phillips and Mary (Passero) Vamplew.

1974. home covered with siding.

home & property to Randy Beiner (To-Morrows Antiques)

1995. home sold to William & Valerie Mc. Cormack of Toronto.