Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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Cover Image



Title: Chocolate by Hershey

Author: Betty Burford Grade Level(s): 3rd-5th grade

Topic/Theme: This book is a biography about Milton Hershey's life. The story details his upbringing and focuses on his business pursuits including many failures before experiencing success as a confectioner, which includes the development of the Hershey Chocolate Company. Milton's other passion; the Milton Hershey School is another focus of this book.

Setting and Time Period: 1857-1945 primarily in Pennsylvania. Hershey's business development and constructing a town during the Great Depression is significant.

Subjects/Important Concepts: Culture and diversity,

economics, character and values

Key Vocabulary: Confectioner, Mennonite, apprentice, philanthropist, orphan, industry, Great Depression,

monument

Primary Source Thumbnail



Bibliographic Information and Book Notes

Title: Original home and the birth place of Milton Hershey

Collection: Miscellaneous Items in High Demand

Date Created/Published: 1923

URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2007675001

Book Notes: The birth place of Milton Hershey was where the Hershey Industrial School began. It was Kitty and Milton's dream to help orphan children since they could not have children of their own.



Title: Hershey Chocolate Company

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determine the copyright owner **Date Created/Published:** 1911

URL:

http://media.hersheyarchives.org/archon/?p=digitallibrary/digitalcontent&id=339

Book Notes: Ground was broken for the Hershey Chocolate Company in 1903 in Derry Church, PA. Milton Hershey wanted to situate his factory near dairy farms so he would have access to milk for his chocolate.



Title: Lancaster Caramel Company

Contributor: Amos, for B. Frank Saylor (Lancaster,

Pennsylvania)

Date Created/Published: 1896-1900

URL:

http://media.hersheyarchives.org/archon/?p=digitallibrary/digit

alcontent&id=5

Book Notes: The Lancaster Caramel Company was a very successful business. Milton Hershey opened the business after many failed attempts in Pennsylvania and other states.



Title: Hershev's

Contributor: Marshall, Julia N., 1897-1994, photographer

Date Created/Published: 1922 or 1927

URL:

http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2002706488/

Book Notes: Milton Hershey's dream was to make chocolate affordable for all people. The Hershey's chocolate bar was first introduced in 1900.





Title: William H. Lebkicher

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Book Notes: William Lebkicher (Lebbie) was Milton Hershey's friend and business partner at the Lancaster Caramel Company.

Title: Hershey Park

Contributor: Aero Service Corporation (Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania)

Date Created/Published: 1917

URL:

http://media.hershevarchives.org/archon/?p=digitallibrary/digit

alcontent&id=209

Book Notes: It was important to Milton Hershev for his employees to have a nice town to live in. Hershey built entertainment into the town in the form of Hershey Park, Hershey Theatre, and a zoo among other places.



Title: Hot Chocolate Rag

Composers: Franklin, Malvin & Lang, Arthur

Date Published: 1909

http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/loc.natlib.ihas.100010798/def

ault.html

Book Notes: This music was published during the time that Milton Hershey was building the town of Hershey, PA. Milton Hershey loved to be entertained and enjoyed listening to music and going to the theater.





Title: San Isidro sugar mill, Sagua la Grande, Cuba

Collections: Groups of Images (LOTs)

Date Created/Published: 1920

URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2005690524/

Book Notes: Milton Hershey went to Cuba in 1916 and purchased a sugar mill to supply sugar for his company in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Milton built an entire town for his workers in Cuba and called the town Central Hershey. Milton also built a school for orphan children in Central Hershey. The sugar mill in this picture was active around the same time as Hershey's sugar mill in Cuba.

SUGAR SUPPLY FOR HERSHEY

Title: Sugar Supply for Hershey

Collections: Hershey Community Archives Date Created/Published: June 8, 1916

URL:

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pe=text/html&Locale=english-skin-

custom&Path=HPS/1916/06/08&ChunkNum=-

1&ID=Ar00100&PageLabel=1

Book Notes: The book details Hershey's purchase of a sugar mill in Cuba. This newspaper article is from a local Hershey, PA publication and provides additional details not given in the book.