

What was Milton Hershey's childhood like and how did he affect people?

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!" (p.6, Simon). Milton Hershey is known all over the world for his fantastic candy. At a young age he knew he had a sweet tooth for candy. A tough childhood came his way, as he and his family were penny-less. Later this Chocolate King made success in the candy business after many attempts. As Milton became richer and richer his heart got bigger and bigger. He affected many people around the world especially the poor. Before the candy business and helping the poor, this man knew candy was in his blood right from the start.

Milton Hershey was born in a Homestead farmhouse his great grandfather built. Born on September 13, 1857 Milton had a rough childhood. He was born penniless and his parents had to work hard to get money. The Hershey family moved around a lot, which made it hard for Milton to get a good education. By the time he was 13 he had already been to six different schools. This young boy only went to school until 4th grade, which made him a poor student. To make his life worse Milton lived in the time of World War II. Bombings could be heard not too far away from his home in Derry Church, Pennsylvania. Like most children Milton loved candy and would save pennies he got from doing errands to buy it. Since he had liked candy so much he dreamed of making candy everyone would be fascinated by.

When Milton started working at a little candy shop he knew making candy wouldn't be as easy as it looked. As Milton experienced more with caramels and yummy chocolates he faced a domino affect of failures. After failing in Pennsylvania he moved to Denver Colorado to try and make success and once again couldn't keep it going. In 1886

Milton moved back to Lancaster and made a sticky success in a caramel company. 14 years later Mr. Hershey sold the caramel company for \$1 million. After that he decided to build a company and name it after him. Hershey Factory made many products such as Hershey candy-bars, chocolate syrup, cocoa, and other sweets that made peoples mouth water. Along the way Milton discovered that fresh milk is the secret to delicious candy. Not only did Milton Hershey make chocolate but also he affected many people in other ways.

Mr. Hershey was a millionaire but he didn't spend his money greedily. Instead he affected many people with it. Milton donated lots of money to the poor and especially children since him and his wife Kitty didn't have children. One of his most famous things he built was a school for disadvantaged children. Kitty came up with the idea that they should create a school for orphanage boys. At this school Milton wanted to teach the boys how to make a good living. Another way he affected people was by placing his fortune, \$60 million in trust to the school. The town of Hershey Pennsylvania has been greatly affected because Milton Hershey built houses, churches, pools, a community center, an amusement park, a sports stadium, and some hotels for the community. Many of the Hershey candy prices were also lowered so that more people could afford tiny wrapped-up treats. Being such a philanthropist everyone loved Milton Hershey who greatly affected many people around the whole world.

Where the streets of Cocoa and E. Chocolate intersect, anyone can taste the hot melted milk chocolate success flowing through the streets of Hershey Pennsylvania. The Chocolate King grew up on a farm in Derry Church Pennsylvania where he was born penniless. As Mr. Hershey grew up he received many failures in the chocolate candy

business. When he put his mind to the job he got filthy rich in milk chocolate. Not only did he make chocolate but he also affected many people by creating a school for orphanage boys and disadvantaged children. Hershey Pennsylvania is all part of a town he built for the community he cared about. Without this candy maker and philanthropist sweet smelling success wouldn't be the same.

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