

Milton's history is reflected in street names

History parades through the nearly 500 street names of Milton.

Reminders on street corners call up the names of the visionaries, businessmen, public officials, soldiers killed in wars and dedicated citizens who have contributed to a settlement that's been here since the 1820s.

Even as the town's street pattern expands, municipal planners and council have insured the past will be integrated with the present.

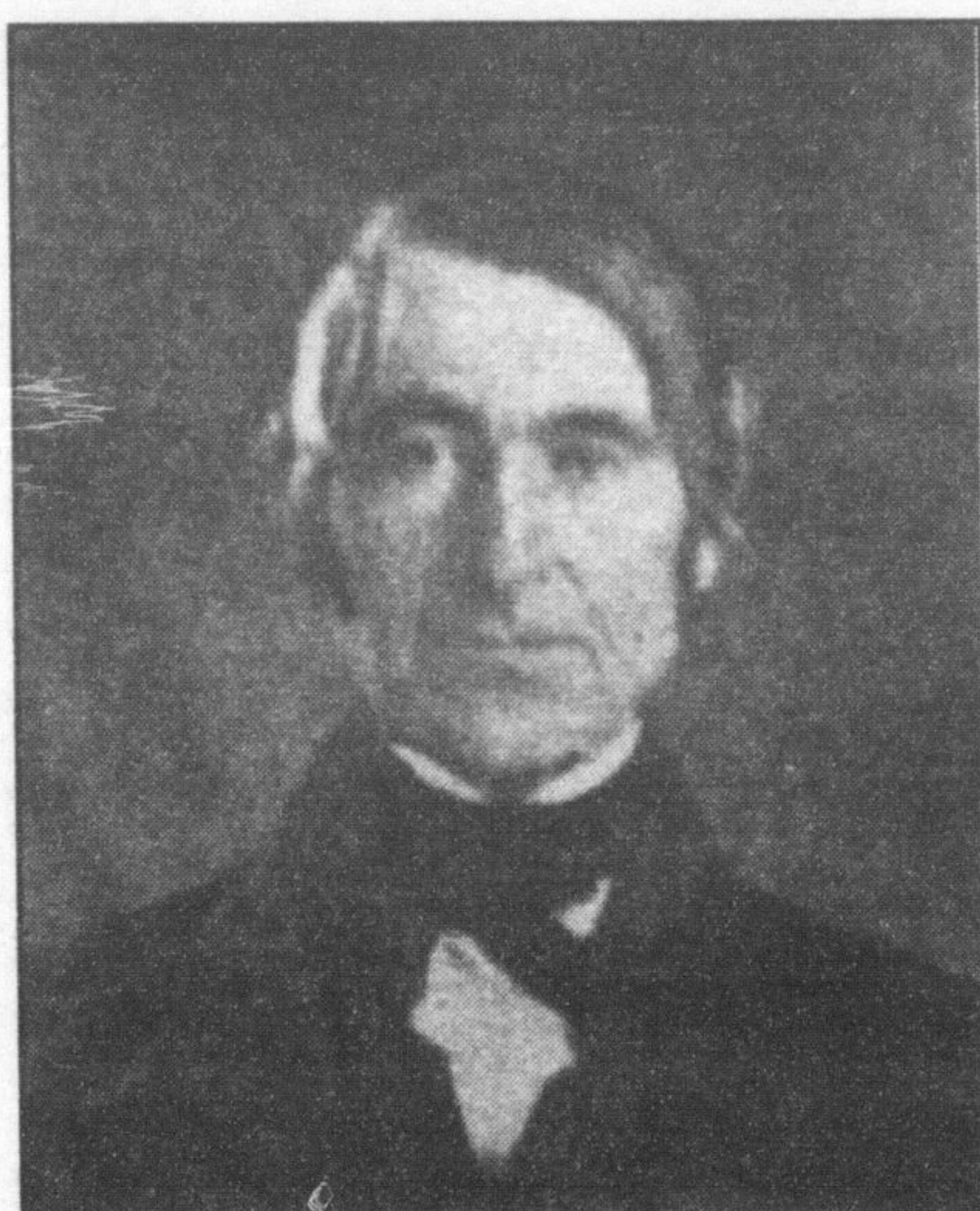
Working with Heritage Milton and the Milton Historical Society, the town generated a pool of names from which developers might draw in identifying the new streets. Local streets are named for local citizens and community builders, while collector and arterial roads are being named for former Prime Ministers, Governors General, Ontario Premiers and Ontario Lieutenant-Governors. In the 1970s the use of local names to identify streets developing at that time was encouraged. Developers in the 1850s had similarly used local names.

The first immigrant miller, 24-year-old Jasper Martin who, with his wife Sarah and two sons, arrived in 1821 to develop the mill, is naturally recognized in a street that crossed his farm to access his mill - Martin St.

North along Martin St. there is further recognition of the Martin family in the naming of Joseph, Margaret and Jasper.

Today's Hugh St. is a reminder of the early developer Hugh Foster. Born in 1794 in County Down, Ireland he gave the newly constituted County of Halton four acres for construction of the County Court House. Today Milton's Town Hall occupies the resulting 1855 Court House, which looks out on Victoria Park, all a reminder of Hugh Foster's imprint on the community.

Brown St. honours George Brown, Milton's first postmaster in 1836 and first Mayor in



Hugh Foster
Developer

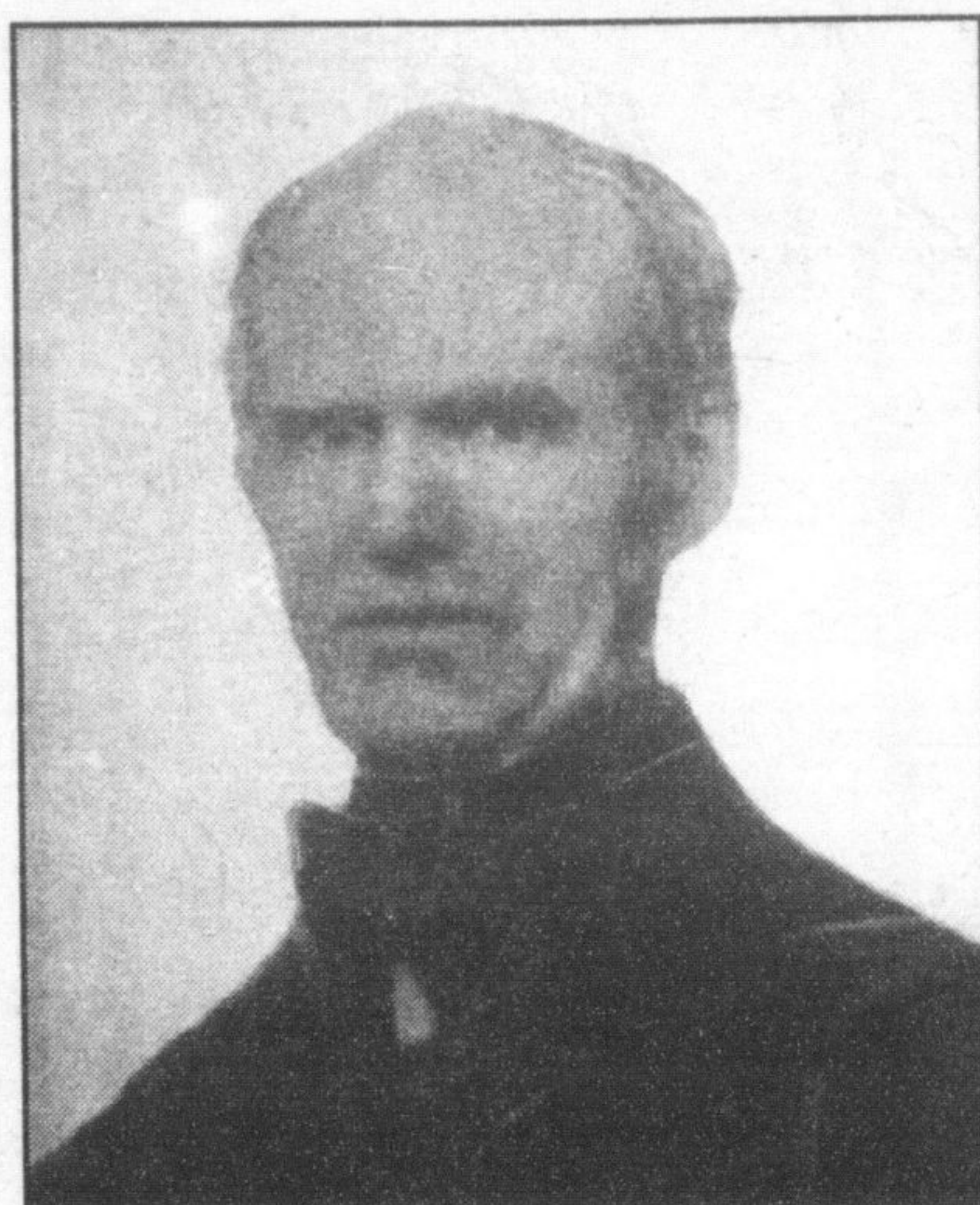
1857. He was a prominent merchant before being named County Treasurer in 1855.

Charles St. reminds us of Dr. Charles Gardner, who redesigned a small area of the town, and renamed the original Foster St. as Charles St. He left the community for Toronto when he was named resident surgeon of Toronto General Hospital in 1857.

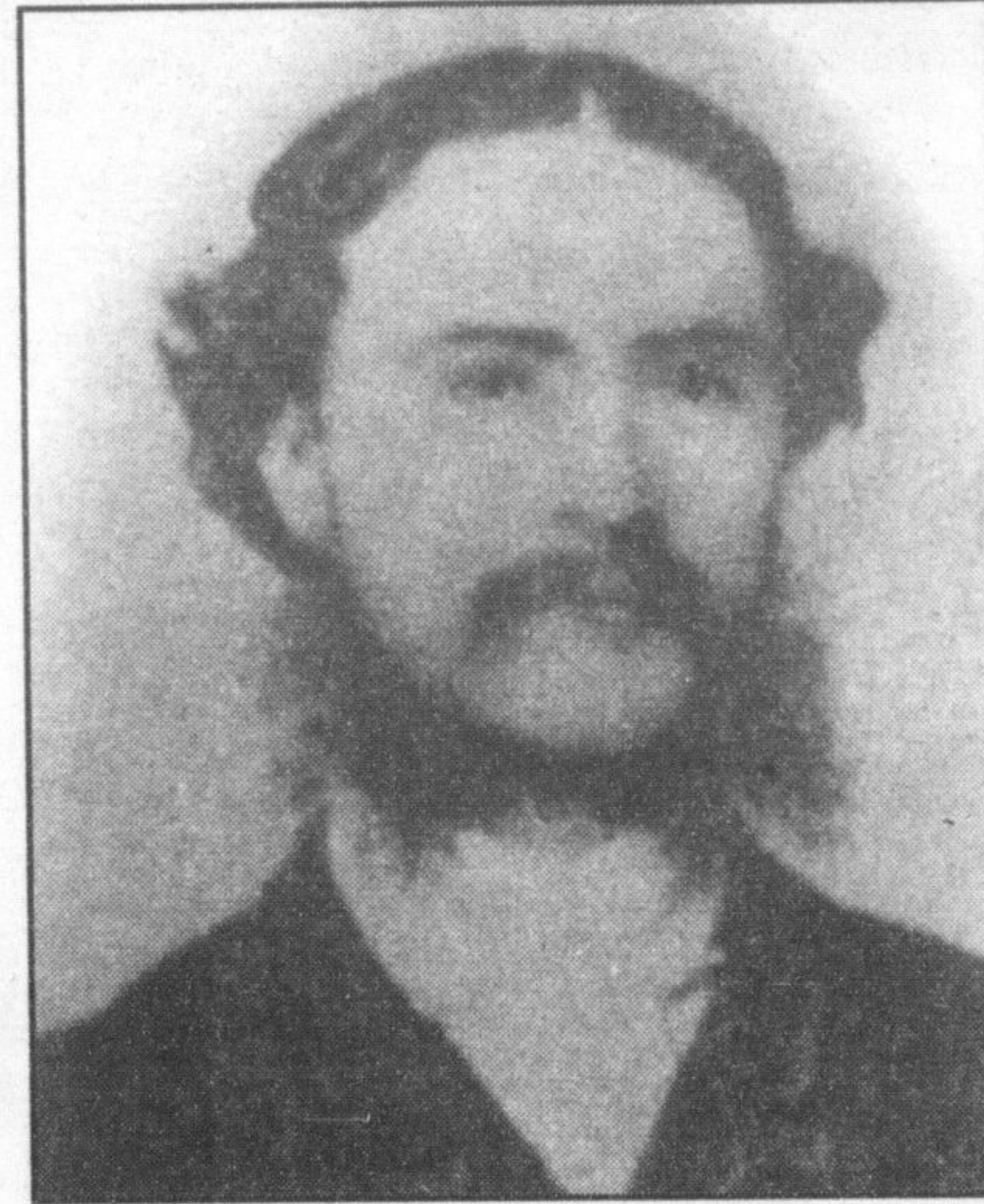
The early settlers who arrived in the 1820-1850 era wore proudly their British loyalty. And so among the names in the core area of the town you will also find Victoria St., King St., Queen St. and Prince St. Later additions were Kingsleigh Court, Kingsway Place and King's Court Cres.

In names like Hugh, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jasper, Joseph, James, or surnames like Bastedo, Bell, Brown, Harrison, Mackenzie, Martin, or White we march on through individuals who gave the first form to the community.

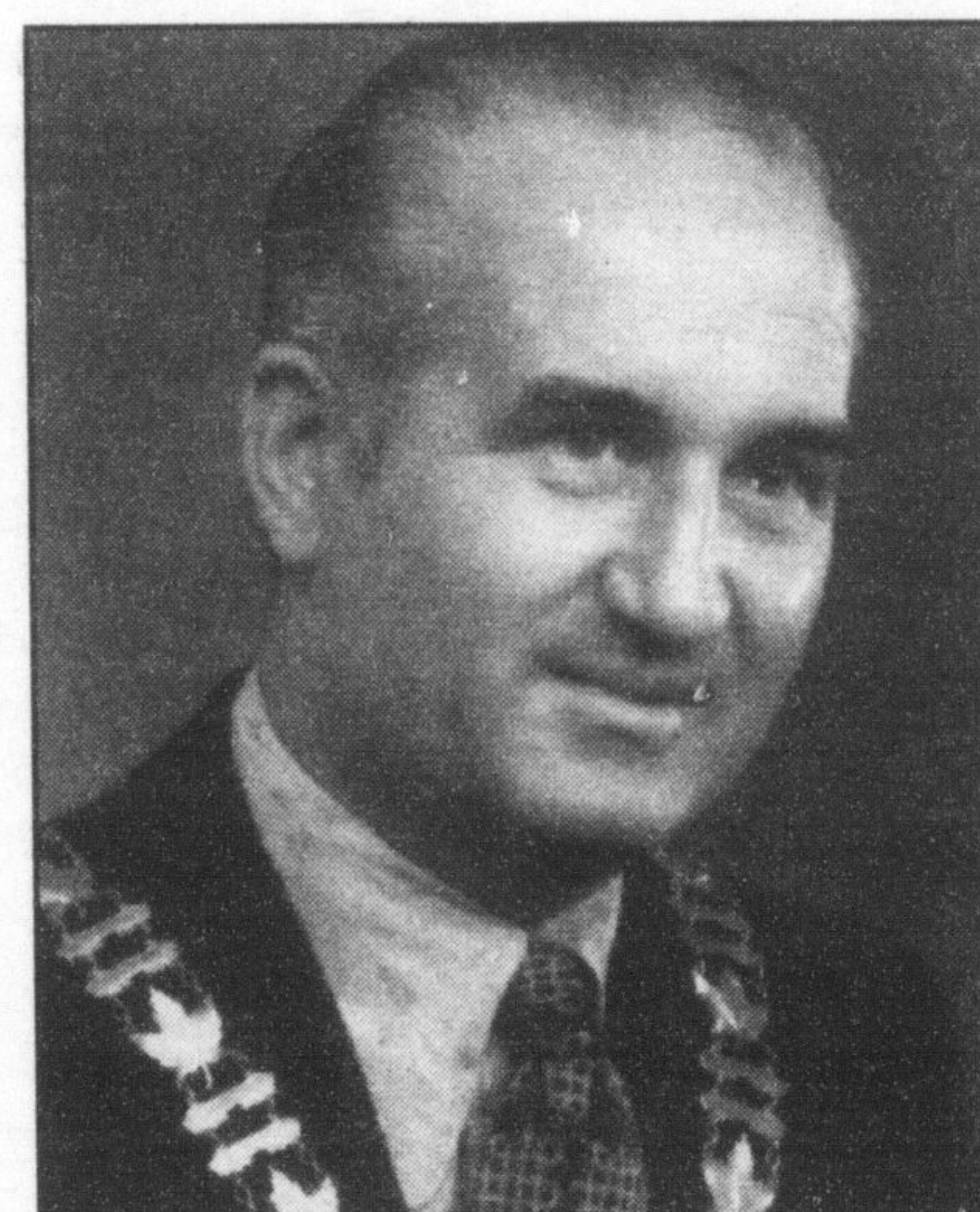
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George Brown
First postmaster, first mayor



Gilbert Tice Bastedo
First Crown attorney



Brian Best
Mayor, 1968-1974



Dr. C.K. Stevenson
Operated private hospital, 1943-1959

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