

## HELP WANTED

Applications for the position of Engineer's Assistant for the Town of Georgetown will be received by the undersigned.

Applicants must have experience in drafting as well as in survey field work. Applicants are to give full details as to age, experience, education and health. Also state when available.

Applications are to be in writing and enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Engineer's Assistant". Starting salary \$2800 per year.

Applications are to be in the hands of the Clerk not later than 4.00 p.m., August 29th, 1955.

**JOHN D. KELLY**

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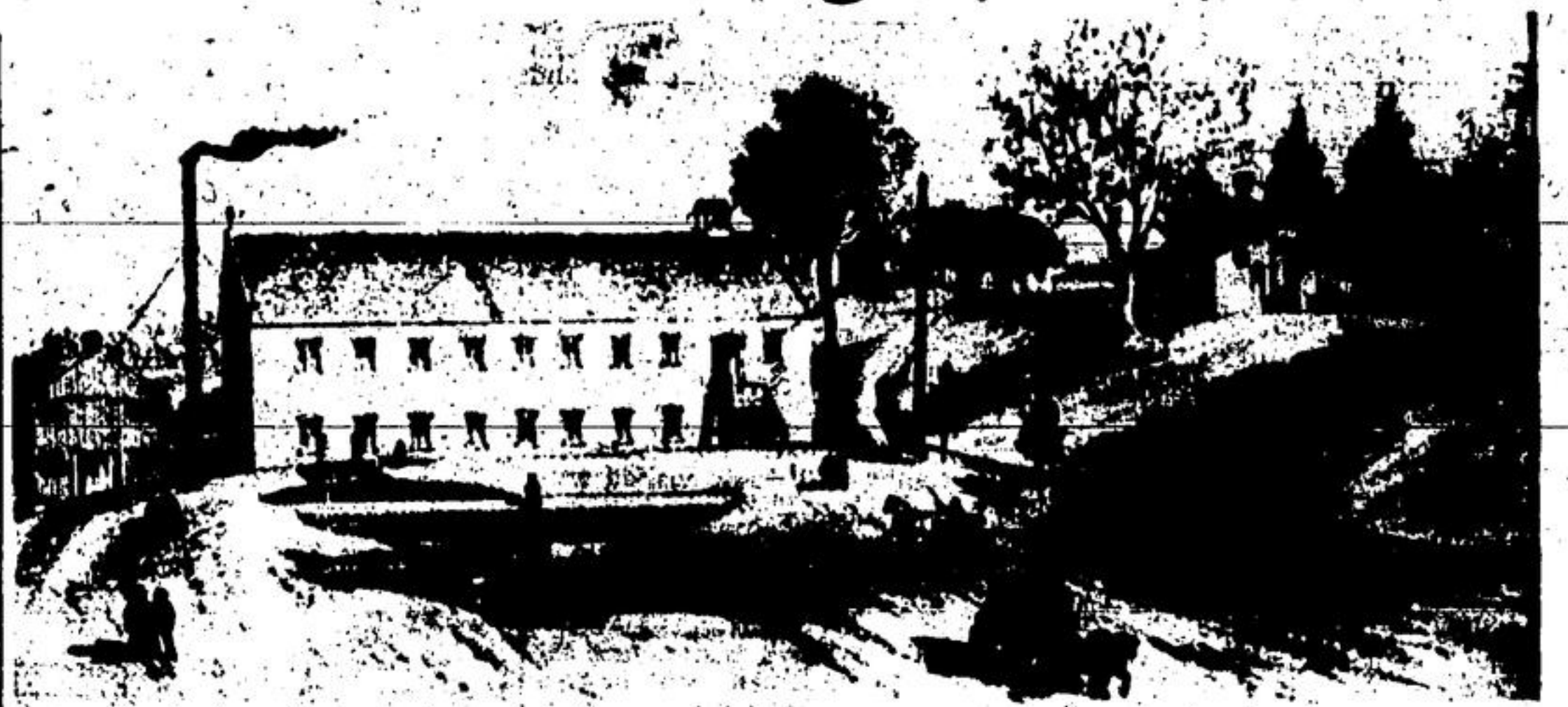
There is one called Starbridge about a wife whose continual sorrow was knowing her husband was deeply in love with a native girl from another planet. He learned she had died while he was back home. He used to hum the sad folk songs as he watched the star rise where she lived—the star called Earth. The folk song he hummed: St. Louis Blues. This story is simple and beautiful. Others are technical and terrible—all interesting.

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### Halton's Pages of the Past

## Glen Williams, in Hollow of Green Hills, Has Old-World Charm with Cottages, Mill, Stores



**GLEN WILLIAMS MILL**, erected by Jacob Williams and rated at the time as a woollen mill "second to none in Canada", is shown in this photo reproduction from the Halton County Atlas. At the time this impression was drawn for the Atlas, the residence on the right was occupied by Benajah Williams. The mill has been gutted by fire three times since 1867 and rebuilt each time until the last blaze which was in 1954. The first mill in the Glen was a sawmill.

BY GWEN CLARKE  
Most people experience an odd fascination when hearing of a place that begins or ends with "Glen". It immediately calls to mind unspoiled rustic scenery; an old-world village, little cottages, big houses and a village store. To this the village of Glen Williams in Halton County is no exception.

Glen Williams is about one and a half miles from Georgetown. The River Credit flows through the village. On one street it is spanned by an old-fashioned steel-girder bridge—picturesque but too narrow for safety. The valley is banked by wooded green hills sheltering dwellings big and small; old houses and new houses; mellowed three-story homes almost cheek-by-jowl with modern ranch-type bungalows. Here and there are factories, mills, processing plants and the smoke-charged walls of a once proud mill. In its early days the Glen was a complete wilderness, covering 400 acres of ground, the initial landowner of this acreage being a Mr. Muirhead of Niagara Falls. In 1824 the property was sold to one Benajah Williams and his wife Elizabeth, who came from Lincoln county with their small family to make their home in this wild but lovely district.

Known as the Squire Charles Williams, of whom we

hear frequently, was the second son and was born in December, 1811. He later became known as "Squire Williams" and became a very influential man in the settlement—"Williamsburg"—which took its name from its founder and benefactor. It was not until a post office was established that Williamsburg was given the more attractive name of "Glen Williams".

We find ourselves somewhat bewildered by the repetition of family names in the Williams family. There was apparently a first and second Charles and Benajah in addition to Jacob, Joseph and John. The first mill in the Glen was a sawmill, a wooden structure built by Charles Williams with a capacity of 14,000 feet a day. This seems to have been operated later on by a second Charles, who also ran a lath factory, formerly the property of John Hunt and known as the Robin factory.

The first woollen mill was erected by Jacob Williams and owned successively by Benajah and Charles. It was not long before a prosperous manufacturing business became well established and was described at the time as being "second to none in Canada."

**Many Fires**  
This woollen mill was unfortunately destroyed by fire several times, the first occasion in 1867. It was then re-built—this time of stone—

and was much enlarged. Again, in 1875, the mill was gutted by fire. Again it was rebuilt—this time by Benajah Williams. The mill was principally engaged in manufacturing yarn and a great variety of knit goods; and all were of such good quality and workmanship that there was never a time when the goods failed to win awards and diplomas when and wherever they were exhibited.

In 1897 the Mill was taken over by the Sykes and Ainsley Manufacturing Company. Mr. Sykes built a beautiful home high on the bank overlooking the mill. This lovely three-story house has several remarkably fine stained glass windows. In 1907 the mill ownership became a limited company, most of the shareholders being in England. The late Mr. E. Y. Barraclough was appointed manager and secretary-treasurer of the company, a position which he held until his untimely death in 1936. His widow now lives in the house built by Mr. Sykes.

The Melrose Knitting Company was a subsidiary of the Woollen Mills and was under the same management. In 1954 the historic Glen Woollen Mills were again devastated by fire. Now the scarred and battered stone walls are all that remain of the once proud structure.

The Beaumont Knitting Mill was, and still is, a thriving Glen Williams industry. This mill was established in 1878 by Samuel Beaumont, formerly a woollen manufacturer in England.

In 1908 the Dominion Glove Works was taken over by the Beaumont company and run in conjunction with the knitting mill. The huge water-wheel that operated the mill machinery for years was driven mainly by the powerful mill-race from the Credit River although a 75 horsepower steam engine was kept in reserve and used in times of emergency. At the turn of the century the combined industries of mill and glove factory turned out about 200 dozen pairs of socks each day and 40 dozen pairs of mitts and gloves.

**Blacksmith-Inventor**  
Of course the Glen had its village blacksmith. This was William Tost who also manufactured and patented "Tost's Iron-Beam Harrow"

which proved very popular among the farmers. D. A. Cooper ran a shingle mill and Robert Brown a pump and cistern plant. Joseph Williams had a sawmill—this building was later used by the local hydro-electric generating plant. After the local plant ceased to function the building was converted into a processing plant for apple products.

There are two churches in the village—The United Church, formerly Methodist, and St. Alban's Anglican church, the latter comparatively new, having been erected in 1902.

The Glen also had its own hotel. No doubt this had various owners throughout the years but the only one of which we find any mention is Timothy Cunningham who became its owner in 1912. The hotel had 17 bedrooms and stabling accommodation for 15 horses. It is now a gas station.

As far as we can gather there were originally three general stores. One owned by William Watkins who was also the dispenser of Marriage licenses. Another, built by Squire Williams, was sold to a Mr. McCrea, later appointed village postmaster. In 1933 this store and post office was bought by Andrew Wheeler and his son John.

Andrew Wheeler came from Limehouse where, until that date, he had managed a sawmill for Mr. Moore of that village. After moving to the Glen the position of postmaster was held successively by three generations of the Wheeler family—Andrew, John and the present postmaster Harold, son of John A. Wheeler. J. A. Wheeler took over the store from his father and did a good business, mostly on a cash basis. His son Harold eventually took over the business from his father.

But J. A. still wasn't ready to retire so he and his wife opened an ice-cream parlour in the village, which is very well patronized. This parlour was formerly a general store owned by one "Slick" Lyons.

**Eaton Got His Start**  
And here we find an interesting piece of local history. It was in Lyon's store where Timothy Eaton founder of the T. Eaton Company, was given his first job and served his apprenticeship as a junior book-keeping clerk. How little the village folk knew that the young man who gave them credit for their butter and eggs against what they had purchased at the store would eventually be the founder of one of Canada's largest department and mail order houses!

The lovely little village of Glen Williams is still a thriving community. Changed, as all communities inevitably change. And of the Williams family who gave the village its name, none remain Mr. J. A. Wheeler is now one of its oldest inhabitants and has done much, through his hobby of photography, to perpetuate in pictures, the history of the Glen for future generations. They will at least know what the village looked like 50 years ago from this date.

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**HELPFUL YOUNGSTER**  
CHATHAM (CP)—Larry Garrison, 13, one of a group of boys who operate a backyard zoo here, found a ground-speckled hawk to add to the refugees from the bush. He said the bird seems pleased with his company but must go when its wing is healed.

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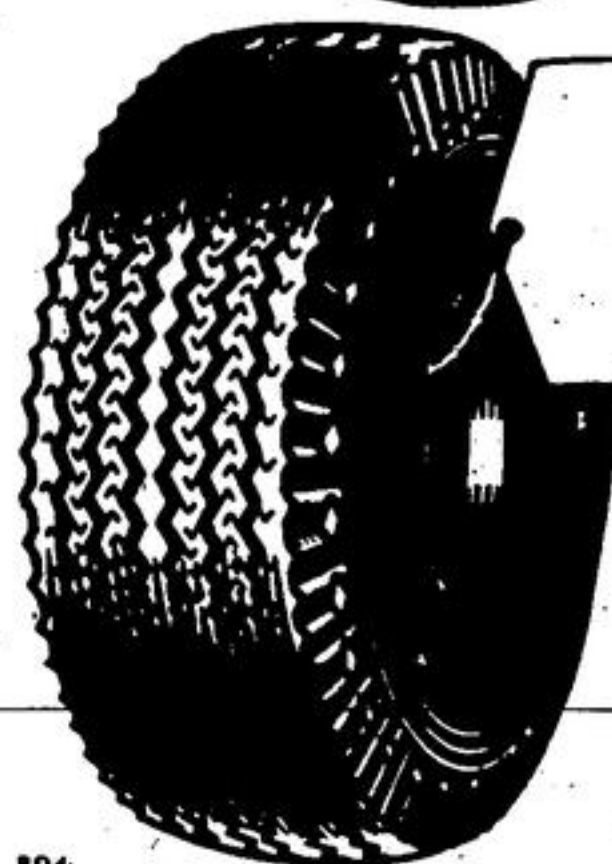
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