

Picturesque Glen Williams settled 1824

The Village of Glen Williams is located in the picturesque area of North Halton, one of Ontario's most naturally beautiful areas.

The Village was first settled in 1824 by Benajah Williams and his family, and was known as Williamsburg. A few years later a post office was established. Because there was already a post office in the township by the name of Williamsburg, the post office was designated Glen Williams.

Over the years the Glen as it is now known has seen many changes. The first settlers established saw, flour and woollen mills. A flax mill was tried but proved unsuccessful. Brickyards were prosperous during 1878, the bricks being made from the red clay found locally. At one point in history a principle industry in the area was quarrying. Stone from the local quarry was used in the building of many well known landmarks, including Casa Loma and the Parliament Building in Toronto. Limestone was also a product of the area. The remains of one of the lime kilns can still be seen today. A reminder of Glen Williams' interesting past.

Today visitors to the village will enjoy browsing through the interesting shops, with perhaps a rest by the Credit River for a picnic lunch. Near the river is the Glen Williams ball park, a place for everyone to enjoy the scenery

while taking in the thrills and fun of a baseball game.

For those who enjoy quiet walks or cross country skiing there is the beautiful Bruce Trail. Also located close to the village, the Terra Cotta Conservation Area offers swimming, hiking, camping, picnicking and nature trails. For your lunching or dining pleasure there are many facilities to suit your taste.

Special events are held in Glen Williams throughout the year. The Crazy Boat Race is held in early spring and provides fun and excitement for both spectators and participants, as entrants race their homemade crafts down the Credit River.

Canada Day Celebrations, always held on July 1st attract many visitors to the village for the parade, musical entertainment, clowns, pony rides, children's games, street dance and more.

The Alregis Acres Classic Horse Show is becoming a well known event on the Civic Holiday weekend, featuring ponies on Sunday and horses with "Classic" on Monday. (Alregis Acres is the home of the Hobby Horse).

An Open House at Charis Pottery the last weekend of November gives visitors an opportunity to watch a pot being formed on the wheel, with a special invitation to children to create their own pot.



Georgetown's railway station has a proud history dating back to when the steam engine was king.

Pioneer citizens reap awards

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George Haas has lived an interesting life while in Canada. He was born in Austria in 1886 but he came to this country seeking work as a young man.

At one point in his lengthy career he worked for the CNR in Melville, Saskatchewan doing various chores.

Mr. Haas, who was the 1984 recipient, has been living with his daughter in Georgetown since 1968.

The Herald has chosen Frank Black as the 1985 recipient. You'll be hearing more about him next week after the presentation is made Saturday.

Home grown talent

Homespun and homegrown are two watchwords for downtown Georgetown's Pioneer Days festival.

The annual event, held this year June 20, 21 and 22 features a variety of sidewalk sales, craft displays, entertainment and contests.

In helping to coordinate Pioneer Days, Margaret Vint says she's tried to incorporate as much local talent as possible.

"The first thing I asked was, do we have it in our area?" she said.

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