



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

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.

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Two awards to Pioneer Citizens

Pioneer Days is a festival celebrating the old fashioned ways and hearty spirits of our early homesteaders.

Each year the merchants of downtown Georgetown have fostered this motif with the presentation of trophies or plaques to special honored guests.

These people symbolize man's unique ways of looking back over the past searching for the experience our forefathers have gained, while always striving forward with enthusiasm and hope.

Pioneer Days has two awards. One is for the youngest pioneer. It's an annual award given to the baby who is born closest to the opening date Pioneer Days is held.

The award is sponsored by Lynn Barnard of Pennlesworth on Main Street.

The other award goes to the senior citizen displaying a pioneer spirit either by their contribution to their community or through their connection to one of Georgetown's founding fathers.

The Halton Hills Herald on Guelph Street presents this award annually.

First to receive the award was Col. John R. Barber, a direct descendant of the Barbers who started a paper mill on the Credit River before the turn of the century.

In 1981 Barbara Tost was selected as the Pioneer citizen while her sister Francis Willson was chosen the following year. Both ladies are descendants of George Kennedy, one of the first pioneers in the area and the man whom the town Georgetown is named after.

In 1983 Emily Bessey was chosen as the fourth recipient of the award. A long-time member of the community, Mrs. Bessey has been very active with the Georgetown Fall Fair as well as other town activities.

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.

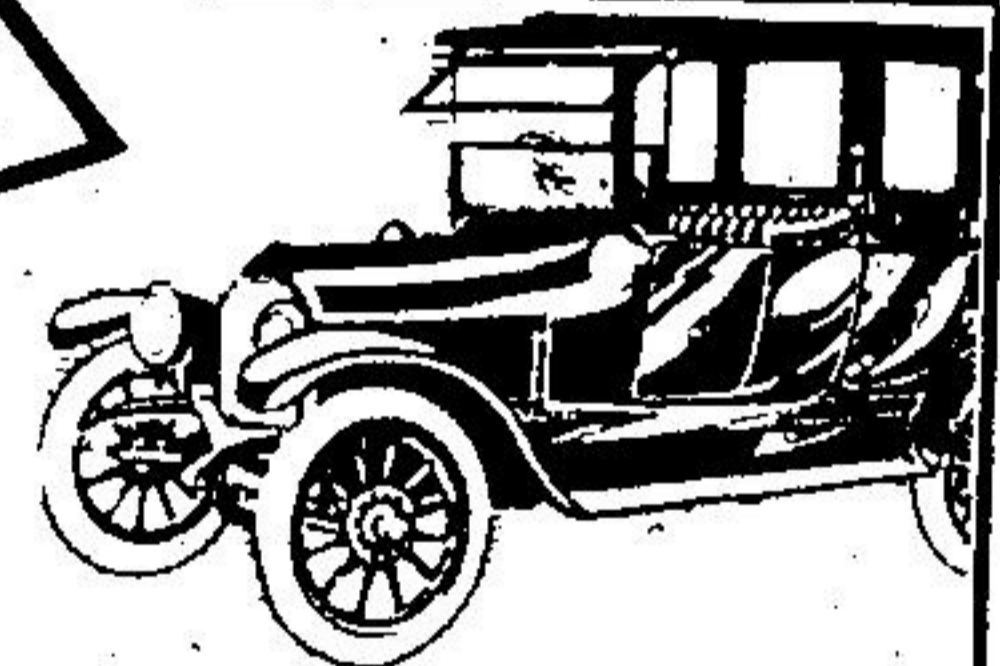
Mr. Haas, who was the 1984 recipient, has been living with his daughter in Georgetown since 1968.

Frank Black was the 1985 recipient. Mr. Black is a painter and instructor who has produced a number of oil paintings for people over the years and had his work displayed at a number of galleries around Ontario.

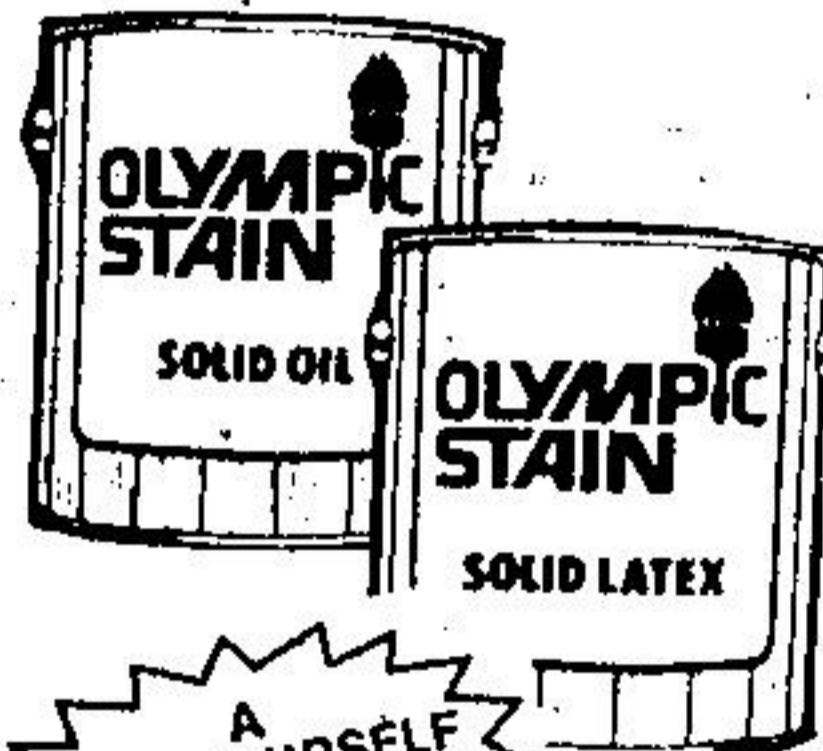
Harry Hale is the 1986 choice for the Pioneer Citizen. Mr. Hale is a First World War veteran and he is 93 years old.



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