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## Georgetown dates to early 1800s

Georgetown was established in the early 1800s, named after George Kennedy, who was one of a group of settlers who came from the Niagara Region to Esquesing Township.

After a war in which George lost partial sight in both eyes, himself and four brothers claimed land in the neighborhood of Georgetown.

A few years later, a brother-in-law named Nanajah Williams would settle the area now known as Glen Williams.

As time passed and the community grew, George expanded from farming to milling using power supplied by Silver Creek. George is credited with having one of the first grist mills in the region.

Georgetown eventually boomed and George had much of his land divided into town lots. He named the streets after his children. He died in

1870.

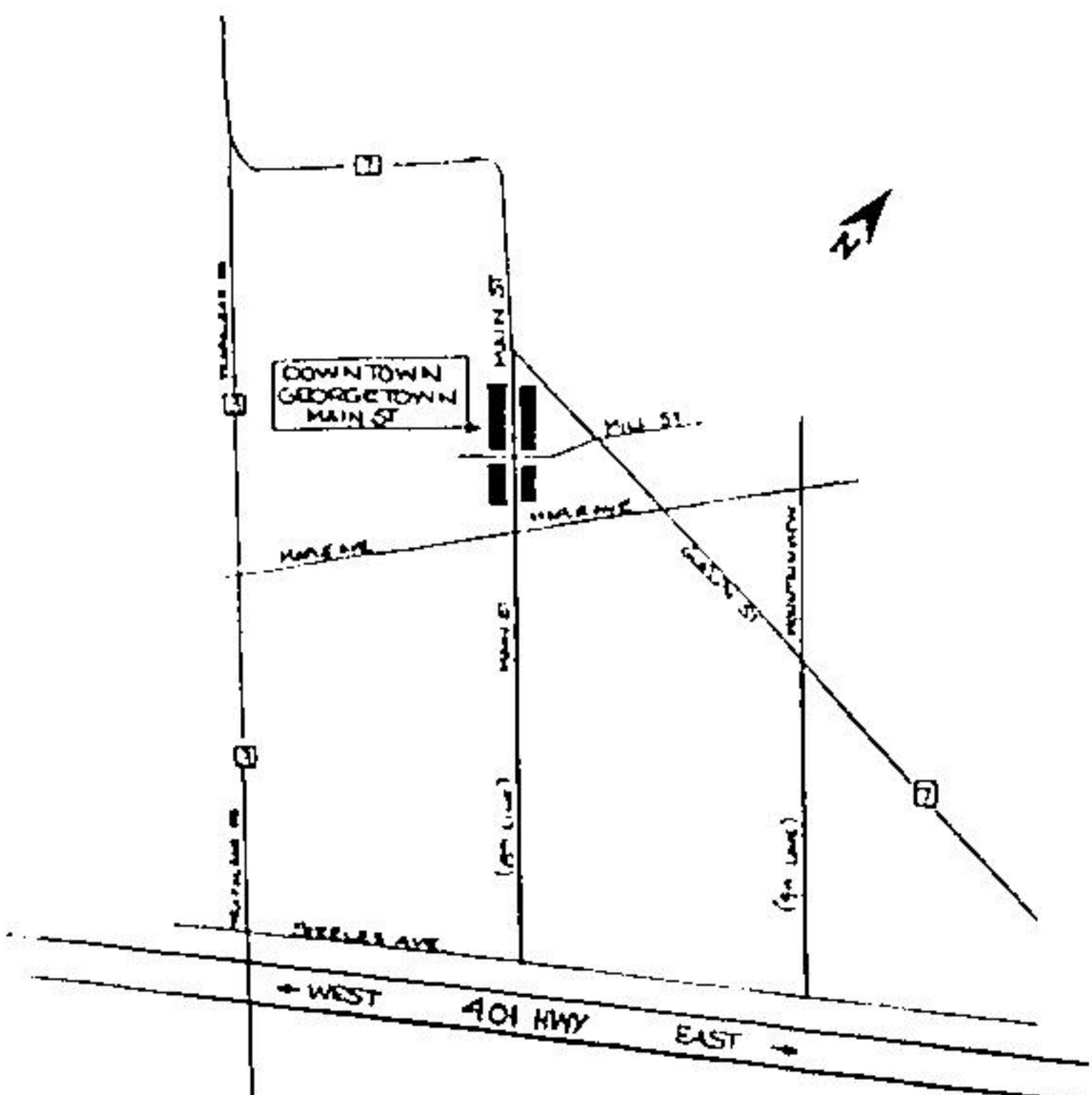
Although the Kennedy family had help in building Georgetown from clans such as the Barber brothers, Georgetown's population exploded with the introduction of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1856. Georgetown then became the railroad centre of the area.

By the end of World War II, almost 4,000 people called Georgetown home.

With increased business, a second population boom followed that has led to the size of Georgetown today.

Georgetown continues to expand with a steadily growing population as a result of increased business in the area.

During this growth however, Georgetown has managed to maintain that small-town feeling which 35,000 people presently call "home".



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