



### THICK AS A BRICK

The Copper Kettle in Glen Williams  
is one solid building  
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### 86 MAIN ST. S.

Downtown pub location has  
131-year-old history  
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# LOOKING BACK

Special pullout section



**Left:** The Beaumont House in Glen Williams was once home to Sam Beaumont who owned the Beaumont Knitting Mill located further along Main Street in Glen Williams.

**Below:** The first bank in Acton was located at 46 Mill St. E.. The Merchants Bank of Canada was originally a private home, was moved back from the street and a storefront was added. The east side of the building was also once a fancy good store.

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## A peek at the past through local buildings

While the face of Halton Hills is constantly changing, there is no denying that our town is rich in history— particularly when it comes to local buildings.

From Stewarttown to Acton to Glen Williams to Georgetown, each village, town, or hamlet has a fascinating and rich history.

Stewarttown was the first community to be established because it was on a major road. Norval was another early settlement and Acton and Georgetown were settled in 1823. In 1825 the community later known as Glen Williams was settled.

Perhaps the most famous resident of the quaint village of Norval was Lucy Maud Montgomery, au-

thor of the Anne of Green Gables series of books. Montgomery lived in Norval with her husband from 1926-35. The historic architectural high points of the village include Norval Presbyterian Church, located at 499 Guelph St., which features gothic-style architecture and is surrounded by a heritage fence, circa 1878.

Montgomery and her husband, Reverend Ewan Macdonald, lived in the church's manse. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden, featuring heritage plants, is located on Mary St.

Norval Anglican Church, on Adamson St. (Winston Churchill Blvd. S.) was built in 1845 and Mont-

gomery participated in many concerts in the parish hall. Lilac Lawns, at 475 Guelph St. is the Empire-style home built in 1854 by Arthur Little. The lilac trees on the property were planted about 1867.

Glen Williams is also home to several historical buildings. The town was originally known as Williamsburgh but when the post office was established in 1852 the name was changed to Glen Williams because there was already a Williamsburgh in Canada.

In 1854 Timothy Eaton worked as the clerk/book-

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