

HISTORICAL MAP OF THE HAMLET OF GLEN WILLIAMS

- 1. PRESTON'S STORE** – A gas station on this corner expanded to serve ice cream and then other items were added. In 1941 George and Violet Preston bought the gas station and small store, steadily increasing its size until they offered a full range of groceries. Although different owners have operated the landmark since 1994, they maintain the Preston's name.
- 2. GLEN WILLIAMS CENOTAPH** - Designed and built by Glen resident and stonemason Gerry Inglis, this memorial to Glen Williams' war dead was unveiled in 1971. The Georgetown Legion hosts annual Remembrance Day ceremonies here annually.
- 3. SHELAGH LAW PARKETTE** -Shelagh Law was an active member of the Glen Williams Town Hall who worked to have a gazebo at the Glen Park and then worked through every stage to open the parkette in 1991. She was Citizen of the Year in 1992 and the parkette was renamed in her honour in 2003.
- 4. GLEN WILLIAMS PARK** -Through the leadership of Glen residents Neil Best, Fred Engleby, Earl Cuthbert and Ike Inglis, a ball park was established here in 1964 and maintained by the villagers for decades. It is now managed by the Town of Halton Hills.
- 5. WILLIAMS MILL** -This is where the village began in 1825 with the opening of the Williams saw mill here. Hydro-electric power was first generated here in 1891 and provided power to Georgetown. Apple Products processed fruit here from 1926 until 1985. The mill was restored by Doug and Mary Lou Brock and eventually became a creative arts studio.
- 6. FORMER APPLE PRODUCTS** – This collection of buildings started with the Georgetown Power and Light company building the power plant on the site of the original flour mill. Apple Products processed fruits here from 1926 to 1985, adding spaces to the power plant and constructing a warehouse.
- 7. TOWN HALL** – Built in 1871 to provide meeting space for the Temperance Society, this community hall served many purposes. It was where L.M. Montgomery directed dramatic plays when she lived at Norval. It served as a schoolroom for many years. After its restoration, the Town Hall Board began Canada Day in 1976.

8. FORMER TOST BLACKSMITH - This brick smithy was built about 1871 by William Tost who ran a very successful business until 1910. It served as a garage and in the thirties as a bottling plant for Credit Valley Bottling Works. William Schenk bottled Orange Crush here as well as other soft drinks. In 1952, the Glen Knitting Mills started here, moving to Georgetown in 1965. It was converted into apartments in 1996.

9. FORMER WILLIAMS-BEAUMONT HOUSE - This brick house was built about 1856 for Charles Williams who owned the woollen mill. After his death in 1889, his daughter Lydia Board lived here until 1910 when she sold it to Joseph Beaumont, the second woollen mill owner. His son Arthur and his wife Marie Graham took over the house and opened an antique business in 1962. It was sold in 1999 and has had several owners since.

10. ORIGINAL SCHOOLHOUSE - This 1837 building is a rare example of plank-on-plank construction of a schoolhouse before plans became standardized. Students paid a fee to attend school. It served the village and surrounding area until a frame school was constructed in 1852.

11. THIRD SCHOOLHOUSE - A prospering woollen industry necessitated a two-room brick schoolhouse in 1873. The second frame schoolhouse is no longer extant. As the population boomed once again, an attempt to add a third classroom in 1949 caused the façade to collapse. An entire new school was built on Main Street and this building was converted into a residence.

12. GLEN WILLIAMS CEMETERY - This became a Williams family burying ground in 1833 and later expanded to serve the village. It is managed by a village cemetery board.

13. FORMER GLEN METHODIST CHURCH - The Williams family were Episcopal Methodists and joined the circuit in 1836. In 1840, Benajah Williams gave the land for this church and a frame building was put up immediately. A stone foundation was added in 1868 and in 1903 the original frame church was bricked over. The Methodists became the United Church in 1925. It was associated with St. John's United Church in Georgetown from 1971 until it was closed in 2021.

14. FORMER BOARD GLOVE WORKS - A tannery has been located here from the earliest days of the village. Thomas Board ran the Dominion Glove Works here and in 1891 he built this imposing building. Gloves for the Klondike gold rush were manufactured here. Since the glove works closed it has served as apartments.

15. FORMER GLEN WOOLLEN MILLS - Jacob Williams started a woollen mill here in 1839 and the Williams Woollen Mills operated until 1887, becoming Sykes & Ainley Woollens. The Barraclough Woollen mill followed and finally the Glen Woollen Mill until it closed in 1949 and burnt down in 1954. The Random Car Club occupies the property today.

16. ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR CHURCH -

This Anglican church was built in 1902-03 after the Credit Valley Masons laid the corner stone. It was a mission of St. George's, Georgetown until 1958 when it became a separate parish. It is still a vibrant church community.

17. FORMER SAMUEL BEAUMONT

HOUSE - This house was probably built by Joseph Tweedle in 1854. He built a saw mill next door. It later served as the home of Samuel Beaumont when he started the woollen mill and later his son Lindley. The grounds have seen many garden parties over the years. It continues as a private residence today.

18. FORMER BEAUMONT MILL -

Joseph Tweedle built a saw mill here in 1854. In 1872 it was converted into a woollen mill. Samuel Beaumont came here from Norval in 1878. He rebuilt the mill you see now in 1882. After it was closed in 1982, restoration work was begun by Malcolm Black and eventually it became the Antiques and Collectibles market you see today.

19. FORMER GLEN WILLIAMS HOTEL -

William Alexander built this hotel in 1848 to serve those waiting for the flour mill. It closed as a hotel in 1919, due to prohibition, and became a boarding house and later a duplex.

20. FORMER WILLIAMS-WHEELER

GENERAL STORE - Charles Williams built this general store and post office in 1856. He leased it to tenants until Wheeler's store ran here from 1883 until 1971. After the store closed it was an antique shop, tea room and now a pub. It was completely renovated in 2015 by current owner Jasper Martin.

21. FORMER FRAZIER SHOP -

This general store was built in 1847 and served until 1899. A clerk in 1854 was Timothy Eaton who had his first Canadian job here, later founding the T. Eaton Company. Since then, it has served as an ice cream parlour, beauty parlour, television and appliance store, a potter's studio, Canadiana gift store, an antiquarian book shop and now serves as a real estate office.