



# GEORGINA

## Early Population Return

The earliest Population Return for North Gwillimbury, that can be found, is dated 1805. It is entitled “Abstract of the Town Clerk’s Returns of the Inhabitants of the Home District, for the year 1805”. The total population is 24 men, women and children.

In January 1824 an Act was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper Canada that the assessors appointed within each area would also begin collecting an assessment of the population.

No names were collected, only numbers of male and female residents, and whether they be under or above 16 years.

In 1826, North Gwillimbury had 273 inhabitants, while Georgina and Thora townships (which were counted together) had a combined total of 88 people.

Not until the census was taken in 1852, would we have a list of the names of inhabitants within each household. In *that* year there were 181 houses in North Gwillimbury, while Georgina had 173 houses, for a combined total of 354 houses.

Compare that to the 18,687 total private dwellings in Georgina in 2016, in which reside our 45,418 residents!

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	NUMBER IN EACH FAMILY.				TOTAL.
	Males, under 16.	Females, under 16.	Males, above 16.	Females, above 16.	

Form for recording population statistics in 1824