## **Gloucester Timeline**

 1600
 1700
 1800
 1825
 1840
 1849

In the World

1642-1651 – **English Civil War** leads to the execution of King Charles I and Oliver Cromwell claims power.

1776/07/04 - United States declares independence.

1783 – **Treaty of Paris** recognizes American independence.

1789 to 1794 – **French Revolution**.

1800 to 1815 - **Napoleonic Wars.** 

1815/06/18 - Napoleon defeated at the Battle of Waterloo.

1816 – The year without a summer following the 1815/04/05 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia.

1834/08/01 - Slavery Abolition Act comes into effect in most of the British Empire.

## In Canada

1608/07/03 – Samuel de Champlain founds **Quebec City** at the abandoned Iroquoian village of Stadacona.

1642/05/17 – **Montrea**l is founded as Ville-Marie.

1755 to 1764 – The **Acadian Expulsion** from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

1759/09/13 – The British win the **Battle of the Plains of Abraham** at Quebec City.

1763 – **Treaty of Paris** gives control of New France to the British.

1774/06/22 – **Quebec Act** enacted by the British giving Quebec residents rights to their language, religion and the French Civil Code.

1791/12/26 – **Upper and Lower Canada** established by the British Constitutional Act.

1793/08/27 – Town of York founded. It became the City of **Toronto** on 1834/03/06.

1798 - Carleton County established.

1812/02/18 to 1815/02/18 – **War of 1812** fought against the United States.

1813/10/04 – Shawnee chief **Tecumseh** is killed in battle at Chatham, Ontario. He was a major proponent of the **Indian Confederacy**.

1837/12/07 to 1838/12/04 - 1837 Rebellions led by William Lyon Mackenzie and Louis-Joseph Papineau.

1841 - Act of Union merges Upper and Lower Canada.

1845 – Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24) becomes a public holiday.

It becomes a permanent federal holiday named Victoria Day in 1901.

1848/03 – Responsible Government introduced in Canada.

## In Ottawa

1800/03 – **Philemon Wright** arrives as the first permanent settler establishing Wright's Town, now downtown Gatineau.

1826/09 – **Colonel By** arrives in Ottawa to begin construction of the Rideau Canal and is founder of Bytown.

1832 – **Rideau Canal** completed.

1845 – The General Hospital is founded by Elizabeth Bruyère and the Grey Nuns.

1848 - College of Bytown founded. It becomes the University of Ottawa in 1866.

## In Gloucester

1613 – Samuel de Champlain explores the Ottawa River. This is when 'Rideau' Falls is named, meaning 'curtain' in French. The indigenous river name was Kitchi Zibi and the French named it Rivière des Outaouais.

1792 – Gloucester named as Township B.

1793 – Gloucester Township is named for William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh.

1812 – **Braddish Billings** is the first permanent settler in Gloucester at Billings Bridge. 1813/10/18 – **Braddish Billings** marries **Lamira Dow** of Merrickville.

1829 – Park Hill, the Billings Estate National Historic Site and third home of Braddish Billings and Lamira Dow, is completed.

1830 – Billings Bridge, originally named Farmer's Bridge, is completed by subscription.

1832/01/02 – First Gloucester meeting at Cunningham's Inn, Bowesville Road, south of Leitrim Road.

1834 – First settlers arrive at **Blackburn**, named after Gloucester Reeve and Russell MP Robert Blackburn.

Originally named Daggsville for early settler Richard Dagg.

1837 – First **Cummings Bridge** completed via Cummings Island.

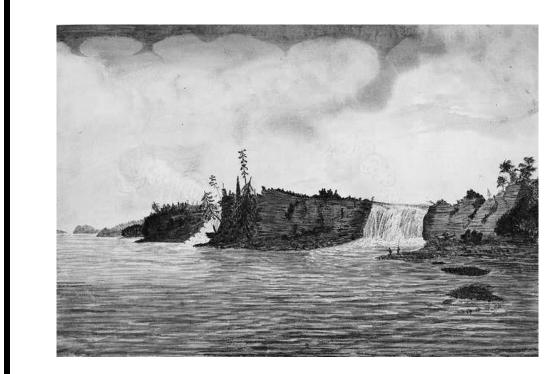
1838 – 'The Castle', later known as Government House or **Rideau Hall**, is built by **Thomas McKay**.

1838 – Gloucester included in **Carleton County**. Previously, it was part of Russell County.

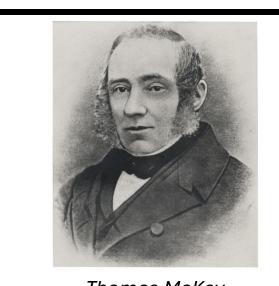
1845 – **Our Lady of the Visitation Church** opens as Gloucester's oldest active Roman Catholic Church, celebrating its 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.



Samuel de Champlain Monument Kiweki Point, Ottawa



Rideau Falls - 1826



Thomas McKay Builder of Rideau Hall



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