

Gloucester Timeline

1600	1700	1800	1825	1840	1849
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In the World



In Canada

- 1608/07/03 – Samuel de Champlain founds **Quebec City** at the abandoned Iroquoian village of Stadacona.
- 1642/05/17 – **Montreal** 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.



Samuel de Champlain Monument
Kiweki Point, Ottawa



Rideau Falls - 1826



Thomas McKay
Builder of Rideau Hall



Gloucester Historical Society