

175th Anniversary Gloucester Trivia Contest

Contest Rules

1. **Contest Deadline – September 1, 2025**
2. Contest entries are to be sent by e-mail to english@gloucesterhistory.com including your name, and the name of your town or city.
3. Answer all questions. Guess if necessary. There is a total of 17 questions. Number your answers. In the case of multiple-choice questions, letter answers are acceptable.
4. You must be a resident of the Ottawa area to win a prize. All prizes are gift certificates from local businesses.
5. Some answers may be found on our website www.gloucesterhistory.com or by Google searches.
6. Some questions may have more than one correct answer. **Extra points** will be given for providing multiple correct answers.
7. In the event of ties, there will be random draws from those of equal score.
8. The trivia answers will be published on www.gloucesterhistory.com after September 1, 2025.

Your Name _____

Questions

1. What important Ottawa tourist attraction opened on former Gloucester territory on July 3, 2025?

Your answer _____

2. Several Billings family members have tombstones at the Billings Estate, and those stones were formerly located in the Billings Cemetery. Name one member of the Billings family who has a tombstone on site.

Your answer _____

3. Budd Gardens in Blackburn Hamlet is a supporter of the 175th anniversary event. In what year was their business founded?

- a. 1980
- b. 1955
- c. 1924
- d. 1911

Your answer _____

4. There are several islands in the Rideau River. Which of the following islands were **never** part of Gloucester?

- a. Green Island
- b. Porter's Island
- c. Cummings Island
- d. Nicolls Island
- e. Long Island

Your answer _____

5. Prohibition in Ontario began in 1916 and nationally in 1917. When did Prohibition fully end in Gloucester?

- a. 1927
- b. 1945
- c. 1957
- d. 1967

Your answer _____

6. Which member of the Billings family pictured here was a World War I flyer who lost his life during the war?



Your answer _____

7. The Gloucester Township/City Hall has been in several locations. Which was **never** the location of the Hall?

- a. Billings Bridge
- b. Blair Place
- c. Blair Road
- d. Telesat Court
- e. Leitrim

Your answer _____

8. Which Orléans neighbourhood was **not** in Gloucester?

- a. Chapel Hill
- b. Fallingbrook
- c. Chateauneuf
- d. Convent Glen
- e. Orléans Woods

Your answer _____

9. What is the name of the bridge appearing in the following photo? It opened in 2015.



Your answer _____

10. Gloucester had three survey base lines. Provide the current name of **any or all** those roads.

Your answer _____

11. Provide the name of any **one** Gloucester Reeve or Mayor (one only)

Your answer _____

12. In what year did Gloucester High School open?

- a. 1948
- b. 1953
- c. 1963
- d. 1969

Your answer _____

13. The Blair family was a well-known farming family in Gloucester. Which location was **never** a location of a Blair farm?
- a. Blair Road and Innes Road, now partly the site of the Pineview Golf Course.
 - b. Blair Road and Montreal Road, now the site of the National Research Council campus.
 - c. Windmill Lane, formerly Innes Road where the Ritchie Feed and Seed retail store is today.
 - d. Honey Gables and part of Riverside South on River Road.

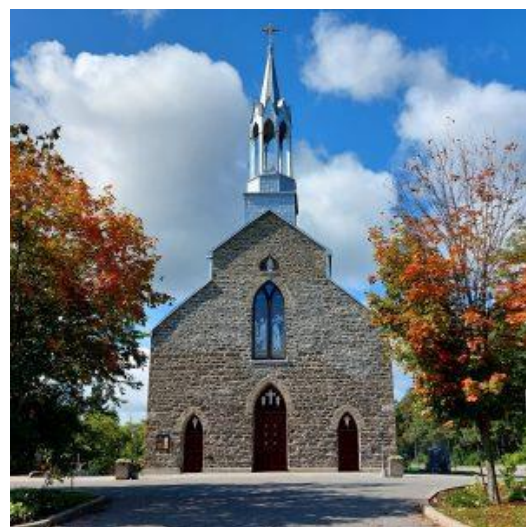
Your answer _____

14. Which Ottawa neighbourhood was once part of Gloucester?

- a. New Edinburgh
- b. Sandy Hill
- c. Old Ottawa South
- d. Old Ottawa East
- e. Vanier

Your answer _____

15. What is the name of the Gloucester church appearing in the following photo, celebrating its 180th anniversary in 2025?



Your answer _____

16. The Mer Bleue bog is a major geographical feature of Gloucester. There are two ridges within the bog that were once used for farming and market gardening. Which road **does not** serve either of those ridges.

- a. Anderson Road
- b. Ridge Road
- c. Mer Bleue Road
- d. Dolman Ridge Road

Your answer _____

17. W.O. Stinson & Son Ltd., is a well-known local gasoline and propane business, and a supporter of the 175th anniversary event. Where did their business begin?

- a. Vanier {Eastview}
- b. Leitrim
- c. Lebreton Flats
- d. Billings Bridge

Your answer _____

GOOD LUCK!



BONNE CHANCE!