

Gloucester Timeline

1850	1855	1860	1865	1870	1874
In the World					



1853-1856 – **Crimean War**.

1861/04/12 to 1865/05/26 – **American Civil War**.

1870-71 – **Franco Prussian War** led to German unification.

In Canada

1851 – **Commons Schools Act** led to local schooling throughout Ontario.

- 1863 – **Scott Act** extends Roman Catholic schooling in rural Ontario.
- 1864/09/01 to 1864/09/09 – **Charlottetown Conference** when Canadian Confederation was being discussed.
- 1865/10/10 to 1865/10/24 – **Quebec Conference** to discuss Confederation.
- 1866-71 – **Fenian Raids** from the United States.
- 1866/12 to 1867/03 – **London Conference** finalizes the details of the **British North America Act** in London England.
- 1867/07/01 – **Canadian Confederation**. Canada West becomes Ontario, Canada East becomes Quebec.
- 1869-1870 – **Red River Resistance** led to the founding of Manitoba on 1870/07/15.
- 1870/07/15 – **Rupert’s Land** joins Confederation.
- 1871/07/20 – **British Columbia** joins Confederation.
- 1873/05/23 – **North-West Mounted Police** founded.
- 1873/07/01 – **Prince Edward Island** joins Confederation.

In Ottawa

- 1850/01/01 – **Bytown** is incorporated.
- 1855/01/01 – Bytown is renamed **Ottawa**.
- 1857 – Ottawa is named **Capital of Canada** by Queen Victoria.
- 1860, September 1 – **Cornerstone of the Parliament Buildings** laid by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.
- 1874 – **Bank of Ottawa** established.

In Gloucester

- 1850/01/01 – **Gloucester Township is established** as a separate municipality. James Sieveright is elected first Reeve.
- 1850 – **Delorme** Post Office opens. It is renamed **Lourdes** on 1875/08/01 and **Cyrville** on 1892/04/01.
- 1854/12/25 – First train runs on **Bytown and Prescott Railway**.
- 1858/04/05 – **William Upton**, a participant of the **Crimean War**, purchases land that later becomes the **Ottawa Hunt Club**.
- 1858/09/09 – **St. Joseph** becomes Gloucester’s first subdivision, now **Orléans**.
- 1860 - **Green Shoal Light** built on Ottawa River, later becomes the beacon referred to by **Beacon Hill**.
- 1863/10/06 – First **Gloucester Agricultural Fair** at Billings Bridge.
- 1864/04/05 – **Braddish Billings** dies.
- 1864/10/25 – Village of **Cathartic(k)** registered, now known as **Carlsbad Springs**.
- 1865 – **Rideau Hall** leased as the Governor General’s residence. It was purchased on 1868/07/28.
- 1866 – Village of **New Edinburgh** incorporated.
- 1866/12/12 – Michael & Joseph Cyr subdivide ‘**Cyrville**’ for market gardeners.
- 1868 – **24 Sussex Drive** is built by Joseph Merrill Currier.
- 1870/08/17 – **Great Fire of Carleton County** is known as the **10 Mile Fire** in Gloucester.
- 1871 – **Notre Dame Cemetery** opens on Montreal Road.
- 1873/10/25 – **Beechwood Cemetery** consecrated.
- 1874 – **New Township Hall** built at Billings Bridge.
- First township meeting is held on 1875/06/07.



Gloucester Township Hall, Billings Bridge (1874-1962)



Cornerstone in Gloucester Museum Collection

