

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gloucester Trivia Contest

## Questions

## ANSWERS

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *Hard Rock Hotel & Casino* \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Billings Cemetery is a short walk away and is open today. Please provide the name of the person whose name appears on the tombstone farthest from the entrance to the cemetery.

**(July 13, 2025 question only)**

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *George Vallillee* \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**(Revised Question for post July 13, 2025 contest)**

**Correct answers:** Amelia Traveller Billings, Braddish Billings, Braddish Billings II, Charles Billings, Lamira Dow Billings, Maria Murray Billings, Sabra Billings, Sally (Sarah) Billings and Samuel Billings

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

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *d 1911* \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Correct answers** \_\_\_\_\_ *a Green Island, d Nicolls Island*  
(Both were originally surveyed as part of Nepean Township)

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *d 1967* \_\_\_\_\_  
The Ontario Liquor Control Act was enacted in 1927 ending Prohibition in Ontario however, plebiscites were also required in each municipality to allow the public sale of liquor. This did not occur in Gloucester until June 28, 1967.

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *Hugh Braddish Billings II ( Jr.)* \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *c Blair Road* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *b Fallingbrook* \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ *Adawe Bridge* \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Correct answers** \_\_\_\_\_ *Ramsayville Road, St. Laurent Blvd., Walkley Road* \_\_\_\_\_

1 Ramsayville Road was Base Line Road before the 2001 amalgamation and is the division line between the Ottawa Front and Rideau Front survey areas

2 St. Laurent Blvd was mostly Base Line Road before the 1950 annexation and is the division line between the Ottawa Front and Junction Gore survey areas

3 Walkley Road is the division line between the Rideau Front and Junction Gore survey areas

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

**Correct answers can be found here:** <https://www.gloucesterhistory.com/reeves.html>

12. In what year did Gloucester High School open?

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ c 1963 \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ b Blair Road and Montreal Road \_\_\_\_\_

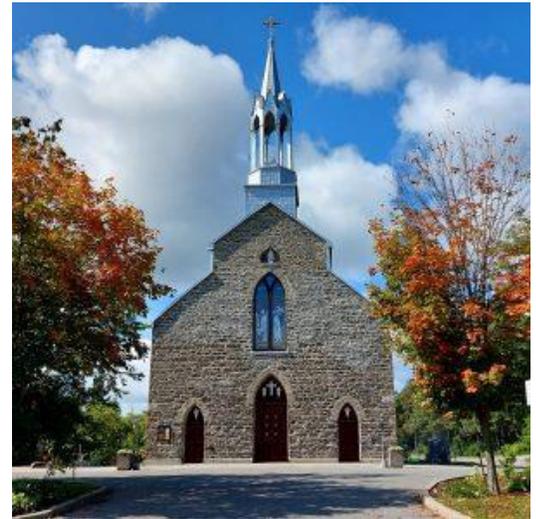
The Blair family first settled in Gloucester where Honey Gables is today on River Road, and the following generations moved to North Gloucester.

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

**Correct answers** \_\_\_\_\_ a New Edinburgh, e Vanier \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Correct answer** \_\_ Our Lady of the Visitation \_\_

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ c Mer Bleue Road \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Correct answer** \_\_\_\_\_ a Billings Bridge \_\_\_\_\_