

Mills at Manotick
Circa 1870

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The Archives Welcomes...

- *People looking for historical information on families, properties, or personal interests.*
- *Donors with family or business records and/or property records, or pictures for long term preservation*
- *High school or university researchers looking for historical information for their studies*
- *Volunteers to help staff the office or lead/assist with Archives projects*

The City of Ottawa Archives

The City of Ottawa Archives has extensive corporate & community records for the City, the former municipalities, and community organizations.

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Rideau Steamer Aletha, Bay of Quinte, c 1913



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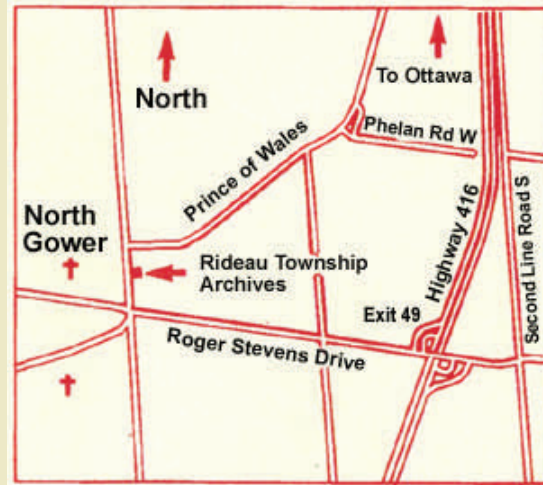
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Hours of Operation

- Tuesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Arrangements can be made for use of the Archives at other times if necessary.

Map



Map by Richard De St Croix

Rideau Township Branch

Ottawa Archives

...providing archival services for rural south Ottawa



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Historical records span two hundred years. The originals have been catalogued and stored in a climate-controlled environment. It is truly a treasure trove of archival material from an area rich in history.



History & Facilities

The Rideau Archives is a branch of the City of Ottawa Archives. It is located in the Town Hall of the former Township of North Gower. Built in 1876, it has served as home for the Archives since 1990. The building itself is worth a visit.

The Rideau Township Branch acquires records documenting the history of the City. Special emphasis is placed on records for the rural communities.

The Archives is staffed and managed by a team of volunteers with the assistance of the Community Archivist.

Collections

Records include textual documents, photos, cartographic material, newspapers, and documentary art. Material is available in its original form, on microfilm, and on computer media.

- **Municipal records** dating back to 1791 (which cover more than Rideau)
- **Military Records** from 1850 to the present with emphasis on contributions of local people.
- **Local business and commercial records** for local enterprises.
- **Genealogies and family papers** donated by residents; cemetery listings; and birth, marriage, & death records.
- **The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC)** files on more than 350 buildings.
- **Community records** for organizations such as schools, churches, lodges, RAs, boat clubs, garden clubs...

- **The Tweedsmuir Histories** for Kars, Manotick, and North Gower as compiled by local Women's Institutes.

Reference Library

The Reference Library at Rideau Archives Branch consists of published works on local history and Canadiana, with particular strengths in family histories, community histories, Canadian military history and heritage and local cookbooks.



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Some 3,000 volumes are currently in the collection, which is growing rapidly.

Exhibits

The Archives features exhibits related to local history, commemorating local events (e.g. 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal, Kars 150th) or on an Archives project such as the "barns" project.

Artifacts and materials are often loaned to the Archives to enhance these exhibits.

Services

The Archives offers a variety of services to assist users in finding and acquiring information or pictures related to their interests, be it local history in general, or information on their families or properties. Copies can be made from most of the materials.



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Basics include using microfilm readers and printers, scanning, and photocopying. Places to work can be provided on a daily basis with staff assistance available for researching family history, finding material in our Archives, finding other sources, or tracing genealogy.

The Archives receives & processes documents, pictures and some artifacts that residents of the area want to see preserved for future generations.

Special Projects

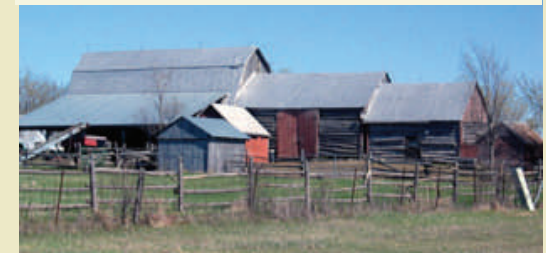


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The Barns Appreciation Project.

The Archives has a project to capture a photo and information record of the fast disappearing older barns in the former Township of Rideau. Two or three such projects may be underway at any time.