



# Rideau Branch

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## Getting started

The City of Ottawa Archives holds records relating to the former municipalities that amalgamated in 2001 to form the current City of Ottawa. While the bulk of archival records and reference materials are held at the Central Archives, many materials relating to the former Rideau Township and its antecedents, North Gower and Marlborough Townships, are stored at the Rideau Branch. This includes civic records of these townships.

Just as with the Central Archives, Rideau Branch manages its holdings of civic records in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation, and archival practices. Examples of such records available for consultation include historical property tax assessments, drainage and other department records, maps, plans, and photographs.

In addition, the Branch holds many records of local individuals in the Rideau area as well as their farms, businesses, fraternal and service groups, sports clubs, and other organizations. These include photographs, deeds, diaries, maps, letters, scrapbooks, and other personal records.

Rideau Branch provides access to all its holdings through the Branch's Reading Room. Records subject to access to information legislation may require an application through the City's Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) process.

Please note that the City of Ottawa Archives does not provide interpretation of records in our custody. Researchers are advised to contact Service Ottawa to speak with subject matter experts concerning civic records, including By-laws.

## Resources

Some of the commonly accessed materials at Rideau Branch are:

- Rideau Township LACAC files
- Family histories and genealogies

- Township drainage records, including plans
- Kemptville Advance (microfilm)
- Tweedsmuir History books of North Gower, Kars, and Manotick Women's Institutes

## **Additional services**

We do not provide research services, however our Branch staff, mainly volunteers from the community, are willing to assist you. Researchers may telephone, write by mail or email, or visit the Branch in person (and bring your lunch). Please note there may be a delay in accessing certain materials; it is recommended that you contact Reference Services well before the date of your intended visit.

## **Contact us**

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## **Website**

For information about the Branch's holdings, as well as access to all of the City of Ottawa Archives' research guides and other customer service materials, please access our website, [ottawa.ca/archives](http://ottawa.ca/archives).