

Billingsbridge

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A small village in the Township of Gloucester about half a mile from the limits of Ottawa City the Capital of the Dominion of Canada - It contains four churches - a Township Hall - a Public School - a Post office - a Blacksmith Shop - three stores a carriage shop and a number of private residences - It derives its name from Bradish Billings a prominent individual who purchased a large quantity of land and settled there in the year 1812 - Six years before another man settled in that Township - he was born in the State of Massachusetts in the year ~~1774~~ 1784 and died at his home in the Township of Gloucester in 1864 - was a descendant of Puritan ancestors who settled in the New England States as early as 1630 - he was instrumental in building the first bridge over the ^{River} Rideau where he resided and in the year 1831 which was called Billingsbridge - hence the name of the present village Billingsbridge

(The foregoing was furnished by Chas Ballou a descendant of Bradish Billings)

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