

Timeline

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22,000 YBP	Laurentide Ice sheet (2 km thick)
12,500 YBP	Glacial Lake Iroquois - emptied out through present New York State to the Atlantic Ocean because of remnant ice damming
11,800 YBP	Ice dam melted, drainage as at present, but Atlantic Ocean fills depression to form the Champlain Sea (saline)
10,500 YBP	Indigenous peoples present in Rideau Lakes area – first artefacts dated to this time
8,800 YBP	Champlain Sea drains, land rebounds
8,000 YBP	Wyght archaeological site on Lower Rideau Lake – seasonal occupation, many artefacts (site probably used until about 1,000 YBP)
4,500 to 2,900 YBP	Archaic Period – small hunting and gathering bands along margins of water
2,000 YBP to 0 AD	Early Woodland Period - Pottery first introduced – nut-bearing trees important in diet
1,000 YBP/1,000 AD	Limited horticulture starts
700 AD	distinctive change – appearance of Princess Point Complex
1303 to 1860 AD	Little Ice Age (period of cooling after Medieval warm period from 950-1250 AD)
1610 AD	Etienne Brule (<i>truchement</i> of Champlain) wintered with Onontchataronon Algonquins (Ottawa Valley – precise location unknown)
1614 AD	Start of fur trade
1673 AD	Establishment of Fort Cataraqui (later known as Kingston)
1784 AD	First United Empire Loyalists to Ontario on heels of American Revolutionary War (Jessup and Rogers n=10,000)
1791 AD	Creation of Province of Upper Canada
1791-1807 AD	Surveying of the townships along the Rideau
1792 AD	First Survey of Leeds County (Sir John Graves Simcoe) including South Crosby Township
1792 AD	Frontenac County created as an electoral District
1807 AD	First Survey of Storrington Township
1816 AD	Solomon Orser granted Lot 18, Conc 14 Storrington - farm

1832 AD	<p>Cholera epidemic across Ontario</p> <p>William Guthrie (Scotland) purchases Lot 1, Conc 13 Storrington</p> <p>James Hunter moves to Lot 1, Conc 18 Bedford – Hunter Mill at outlet of Rock Lake Creek (Mill Pond)</p> <p>Completion of the Rideau Canal</p>
1846 AD	Canada Company – Lot 16, Conc 14 Storrington
1851 AD	<p>William Bond Lots 9,10, Conc 15 Storrington (house on Long Lake) (two foundations?)</p> <p>John Lindsay Lot 12, Conc 15 Storrington (house on Lindsay Lake) [painting]</p>
1857 AD	<p>Robert Bruce (Scotland) purchases 152 acres Lot 13, Conc 14 Storrington – house on Opinicon Road, cemetery, house S of Opinicon Road</p> <p>Charles Lyon Lot 15, 14 Conc Storrington</p>
1858 AD	Allan Bond Lot 13, Conc 15 Storrington
1860 – 1871 AD	Mathews Mine/Yankee Mine operates (Iron) Newboro/Bracken Tract
1860 – 1874 AD	Chaffey Mine operates (Iron) on Iron Island in Newboro Lake/Bracken Tract
1860 – 1920 AD	Lake Opinicon Village (sometimes Openicon or Openacon)
1860 AD	<p>Canada Company extracting phosphate from mine by Mill Pond</p> <p>Hunter Mill is site of construction of “The Hunter” – 82-foot-long scow – built by Chester Stewart</p>
1862 AD	<p>Edmund Stokes Lot 14, Conc 15 Storrington – homesite along Lindsay Lake Road</p> <p>Charles Fuller Guildersleeve builds dock Lot 1, Conc 16, Bedford</p>
1864 AD	John Teeple Lot 6, Conc 14 Storrington (timbered then sold to George Chaffey)
1865 AD	<p>Construction of “Mary Ann” – 76-foot-long scow – built by Richard Genge</p> <p>Samuel Poole Lots 15, 16, Conc 15 Storrington – schoolhouse and Orange Hall</p> <p>Samuel Lindsay Lot 12, Conc 15 Storrington</p> <p>John Young Lot 13, Conc 15 Storrington – 13N – two houses near Opinicon Rd</p> <p>Edward Stokes</p>

	Thomas Grady
	Hugh Rolston
1866 AD	<p>Bryce Davidson Lot 16, 17, 18S Conc 15 Storrington – house on lake, Phosphate mine S of Lower Rock Lake</p> <p>Jas Gray Lot 18N, Conc 15 Storrington – house(?), phosphate mine N of Lower Rock Lake</p> <p>Charles Guildersleeve Lots 15, 16 Conc 15 Storrington</p> <p>Charles Fuller Guildersleeve erects a steam-powered sawmill Lot 1, Conc 16, Bedford</p>
1868 AD	<p>Construction of “Perseverance” – 89-foot-long scow built by Robert Doudlaw</p> <p>William Singleton Lot 14, Conc 14 Storrington</p> <p>John Poole Lot 17, Conc 15 Storrington</p>
1871 AD 23)	<p>Many fires in locality (Storrington) – Whig-Standard (Kingston News May 23)</p> <p>Samuel Poole sawmill operating (25 hp steam-powered) at head of the lake</p> <p>John Poole sawmill operating (22 hp steam-powered)</p> <p>William Guthrie sawmill operating at outlet of Stonehouse Lake</p>
1872 AD	<p>Construction of “Norman” – 98-foot-long steam barge built by Frazer & George</p> <p>Union Public Directory lists population of 210 at Lake Opinicon Village</p>
1873 AD	<p>Samuel Poole Lot 16, Conc 15 Storrington</p> <p>New schoolhouse constructed at Lake Opinicon (village)</p> <p>Plan for village (and Savington Village) filed with Township</p>
1874 AD	<p>Bryce Davidson from Canada Co. Lot 16, Conc 14 Storrington - Post Office</p> <p>Orange Hall (across the street from the school) at Lake Opinicon Village by Ogal R. Gowan</p> <p>Holtan’s General Store just west of schoolhouse at Lake Opinicon (village)</p> <p>Robert Bruce donates property Lot 12, Conc 14 Storrington for a Presbyterian Church and Graveyard</p>

1878 AD	County Atlas shows Post Office run by Bryce Davidson – on lake opposite village First village lot purchased by John Hughson
1880 - 1886 AD	Diphtheria epidemic
1883 AD	4 new houses in village: James Fobister (S1); William Rutledge (S18); Silas Innis (S14); Bryce Davidson – rented to William Randall
1884 AD	Bridge built across lock at Chaffey's Cawker's Grist and Flour Mill operated by G.L. Dickinson (or Thomas Cook?) at Lake Opinicon village Cheese Factory (cooperative) at Lake Opinicon Village operated by L.M. Warren
1887 AD	J. Smith mines Lot 16, Conc 15, Storrington – 15,734 lbs mica – drawn to J.P. Lacy's Mica Shop in Sydenham by Cornelius Hughson (Lot 13, Conc 15 Storrington – house NW of Lindsay Lake?)
1888	Poor crops and near famine in Lake Opinicon Village
1889	Construction of "Dora" – 62 foot long steamer built by Alexander Miller
1890s	Economic depression in North America
1891? AD	Hunter mill site of construction of the "Meteor" a 105 foot long, double-decker steamboat by Alexander Miller
1892 AD	Adam Barr opens cheese factory Five(!) phosphate mines between Hart Lake and Opinicon and a sixth on the south shore of Lower Rock Lake (actually a gross underestimate)
1893-94 AD	Phosphate bubble bursts with finds in Florida and South America – local mines abandoned
1908 AD	Melvin Hughson moves to Lot 14, Conc 14 Storrington
1911-1912 AD	Construction of Canadian Northern railway line between Napanee and Smiths Falls April 1912 – installation of RR bridge at Chaffey's Locks across Rideau Canal June 1912 – explosion kills 8 during construction of RR (near Perth Road)
1913 AD	Dec. 3, 1913 – railway line completed and open to traffic
1914 AD	Jan 5, 1914 – freight and mixed trains run on CN line between Napanee and Smiths Falls
1918 AD	Influenza epidemic

Richardson Mine (feldspar) on Upper Rock Lake – material barged (steam tug – William Randall) from Upper Rock Lake through a canal into Stonehouse Lake thence to the railway siding across the lake

1940s Lake Opinicon Village Church moved to Perth Road. Cheese factory building moved to Chaffey's Locks

1984 AD RR line from Napanee to Smiths Falls abandoned