

Fill-in-the-Blanks: History of South Frontenac Edition



1. Townships of Bedford, Portland, Loughborough and Storrington amalgamated in 1998 to make up the Township of South Frontenac.
2. The Kingston-Pembroke Railroad was nicknamed the Kick & Push.
3. The Hartington School House was built in 1903.
4. In Harrowsmith, Mr. Aurthur Ward bought his first radio in 1938. Mrs. Hazel Deyo had the first television in 1954.
5. In 1908, 1 pound of butter cost \$.24.
6. A gristmill is a mill where farmers brought their wheat to be ground into flour.
7. Verona was once known as Buzztown because of all the saw and grist mills.
8. Originally named Rockland, and then Van Luven's Mills, Battersea was founded in 1840 by Henry Van Luven. His family home still stands today, and is in operation as the Holiday Country Manor.
9. The above mentioned family home of Henry Van Luven often played host to this famous Canadian Politician Sir John A. Macdonald.
10. Verona, Ontario is named after Verona, Italy.
11. The Bellrock Mill was one of the only mills in Eastern Ontario that operated a saw, plane, veneer, and flour and grist mill all under one roof!
12. John Babcock was born in South Frontenac on July 23, 1900 and was the oldest living Canadian veteran from the First World War until his passing on February 18th, 2010 at the age of 109.
13. The Holleford Crater struck earth an estimated 550 million years ago and measured 90 metres across. Exploding into the ground at an estimated 55, 000 kilometres an hour, it has left a crater 2.35 kilometers in diameter and 30 metres deep. You can visit the plaque of the impact sight in Hartington.
14. The name of the post office was changed in 1860, making Inverary an official hamlet.
15. The first school master in Sydenham was George Rutledge in 1819.
16. When clearing the land for fields, settlers had the opportunity to make Potash, a valuable commodity for selling or trading. It was made by collecting the ashes from burned hardwood trees and boiling them down until there was a residue of brownish ash. It could be used to dye wool, make soap, or as a fertilizer.
17. While it was settled many years before as a mining community, Frontenac Provincial Park was established in 1974 and is considered a 'hidden gem' for nature enthusiasts. The park is 52.14 km² and boasts approximately 160km of trails and 22 lakes.
18. Formally called Sloat's Landing or Loughboro, this village was named after Lord Sydenham, the first Governor of united Canada.