

Town of Greater Napanee Street Name Inventory – February 2025

Name	Preferred Location	Category	Description
Gibbard		Person	<p>Mr. Gibbard's factory supported a multitude of Napanee families. Generations of dedicated craftsmen produced Gibbard fine furniture, still known world wide. This factory was the pride of Napanee. Naming a street after "Gibbard" would not only be a tribute to the Gibbard family, but also to the generations of the craftsman who made it famous. Gibbard Furniture Company was founded in 1835 with the first Gibbard plant being run by waterpower, using the fall of water from the canal to the Napanee River. The company operated for 173 years and was the oldest furniture maker in Canada and one of the oldest continuously operating companies in North America at the time of its closing in 2010. Gibbard's furniture can be found in many Canadian embassies around the world.</p>
Blaine		Person	<p>Frank Blaine, born in Ireland in 1853, was an engineer on the Grand Trunk Railroad when his eastbound Montreal Express train collided with a westbound freight train at Napanee on September 21, 1906. Frank kept his hand on the brake lever, remaining onboard as he attempted to stop the train. That hand was severed and Frank's body crushed as the engine crushed the baggage car and telescoped into the first passenger car. No serious injuries resulted and no others died. Frank Blaine was hailed as a hero; he is buried in Brockville.</p>
Templeton		Person	<p>William Templeton. Born in Napanee in 1848, William was originally a journeyman for the Napanee Express newspaper. He went on to become co-owner of the Napanee Beaver, purchasing the printing plant in 1892. He was a prominent lifelong resident of Napanee and a member of many civic organizations, also serving on the Board of Education and as an elder in his church.</p>
Fraser		Person	<p>Frank William Fraser. Born in Napanee in 1907, Frank volunteered with the RCAF in 1940 serving as a Wireless Electrical Mechanic. He</p>

			became a Sargeant and flew in Lancaster bombers as a radio operator. Honorably discharged in 1945, Frank returned to Napanee where he opened "Fraser's Radio and TV". He died in 1961 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery
McMurrin		Person	James McMurrin was born in Ireland in 1844. He came to Adophustown with his parents and twin brother in 1854, and his father purchased his first acreage near Parma. James farmed near Gosport on acreage which is now part of Kaiser Farms. In 1905 he and his wife moved to Napanee where he served as a Justice of the Peace. He died at age 83 in their home on Thomas Street.
Spencer		Person	Major Hazelton Spencer was born in Rhode Island in 1757. A United Empire Loyalist who settled in Fredericksburgh in 1784, he raised his family of 9 children in a brick and stone 'mansion house' at 9369 Loyalist Parkway. He was the first MPP for Lennox County in the first Legislature of Upper Canada, serving from 1792 to 1796. He was made commandant of the garrison in Kingston from 1797 - 1803, and chosen as County Lieutenant in 1804. An Ontario Heritage Trust Provincial Plaque is located on Loyalist Parkway north of his burial plot.
Wilson		Person	Uriah Wilson was born in North Fredericksburgh in 1841. A prominent Napanee merchant, he was elected to Town Council in 1875. Between 1879 and 1886 he served as Deputy Reeve, Reeve, County Warden and Mayor. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1887 and again in 4 elections.
Herring		Person	John Herring was born in NY state in 1818. Trained as a carpenter, he moved to Kingston in 1841, then Napanee in 1843. An important businessman, he founded the Napanee Agricultural Works in 1842 and had interests in the lumber, paper, brick, potash and gas industries. In 1865 he built the West Ward Academy. John Herring is known for utilising new manufacturing processes as seen in his pioneering business, the Napanee Glass Factory, home of the first Lehr oven in Canada. He was elected to Town Council in 1860, and became Deputy Reeve in 1866.

Stevenson		Person	John Stevenson was born in York, ON in 1812. From 1850 until his death in 1884, this prominent Napanee resident operated many businesses including lumber milling and road construction. Instrumental in building the Grand Trunk railway bridge over the Napanee River, he was the Councillor for Richmond Township in 1857. In 1860 he played a leading role in separating Lennox and Addington Counties from Frontenac County, with Napanee as the county seat. He was the Reeve of Napanee from 1860 until 1865, including when the town was incorporated in 1864. He served as a Justice of the Peace and was elected as the first L & A County Warden from 1863-1865. During the first election for the Ontario Assembly, John Stevenson won a seat and was unanimously chosen to serve as the first Speaker.
Benson		Person	John Benson was born in York, ON in 1808. A prominent merchant, John Benson held numerous public appointments including Reeve of Napanee (1855-1857) during the planning and building of Napanee Town Hall. (His brother Samuel Manson Benson surveyed and drew up the plan for the village of Napanee in 1831.)
MacNaughton		Person	Alan Aylesworth MacNaughton was born in Napanee in 1903. His legacy included being Senator, MP (1949-66), Speaker of the House of Commons (1963-66), Member of the Order of Canada, and Founder of the Canadian branch of the World Wildlife Fund.
Aylesworth		Person	Jehiel Aylesworth, born in Napanee in 1837. Member of Local Council, elected Chief Magistrate 1891. (Some records say former mayor of Napanee.)
Jarvis		Person	Arthur Eyguem De Montaigne Jarvis was born in Napanee in 1894. WW1 Flying Ace. Lieutenant, wounded at Vimy Ridge. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and French Croix de Guerre. (Son Arthur Charles "Gord" Jarvis also born in Napanee, and served as Lieutenant in WW2.)
Egerton		Person	Helen Merrill Egerton was born in Napanee 1866 and was a local writer and poet. Also UEL descendant and historian.

Bristol		Person	Edmund James Bristol was born in Napanee in 1861. He was elected as MP (Toronto riding) in 1905, and re-elected five times. He was also a sportsman, who won the Royal Canadian Yacht Club "Prince of Wales Cup" in 1895.
Wood		Person	Stuart Zachary Taylor Wood was born in Napanee in 1889. Served in WW1 (mounted unit). Grandson of US President Zachary Taylor. Served 40 years in RCMP, was 9th Commissioner (1938-51). Served in the Yukon, and as Justice of the Peace, Coroner, Sheriff and Game Inspector. Received the CMG (Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michal and St George). Instituted many changes in the RCMP including the first Science Lab, the RCMP Mounted Band, and their horse breeding station. (His father also served in the Northwest Mounted Police, incl. as Acting Commissioner from 1885 -1915.)
Sexsmith		Person	William Raymond "Toby" Sexsmith was born in Napanee in 1885. Served as MP (Manitoba) 1933-43. President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association 1922-24. Began efforts to establish a standard set of ice hockey rules, among other progressive changes. (If SEXSMITH is not considered for the list, perhaps TOBY could be included, the nickname by which he was widely known.)
Morrison		Person	Jean and Earl Morrison were the owner / publishers of the Napanee Beaver since 1953. (One of Canada's oldest family-owned independent newspapers, founded 1870.) Made significant contributions to the community, including support for the new hospital. Both are deceased, newspaper ownership remained with the family until 2024.
Demorest		Person	Dr. Clara Demorest was born in Empey Hill in 1863. A teacher at Tyendinaga, she graduated medical school in 1890 and practiced in Napanee. Pioneer for women in medicine.
Windover	Former Richmond Townhsip	Person	The Windover family, John Windover and his wife Lois, were the second family to settle north of the Salmon River in Lennox and Addington County, Township of Richmond, now part of Greater Napanee. The Pringles were the first family to settle in this area and we have Pringle Side Rd. John's son Chauncey Windover was responsible for the

			creation of the village of Roblin. He gifted a parcel of land to Mcneil who built a mill on the Salmon River, and Chauncey then sold lots around the mill which eventually became the village of Roblin. There was an area near Forest Mills that was known as Windover District but that name has been lost in time. Would be nice to have a street in Napanee, even better in the former Richmond township ward to honour the second settler in that region.
Davy		Person	Benjamin C. Davy was the first mayor of Napanee (1865-67) and was born in Bath in 1829. He studied law in Kingston with Sir John A. MacDonald.
Cartwright		Person	The Cartwright family's connection to Napanee dates back to 1790 when Richard Cartwright secured a lucrative contract to handle all provisions for Upper Canadian forts. In 1792 he purchased the Napanee gristmill and then expanded his operation to a tavern, distillery, sawmill and fulling mill for the processing of wool. His influence grew with his appointment to a justice of the peace and magistrate, and he was also elected member of the legislature. He passed away in 1815. The family continued to flourish and in 1831, John Solomon Cartwright, son of Richard, had a town site surveyed on the family property and it was upon this simple plan that Napanee emerged; with the streets bearing the names of himself and his brothers Robert and Thomas. He was a member of Parliament and in 1820 he ensured that Napanee was awarded a post office. The Cartwright family donated land and buildings for public purposes.
Beard		Person	Constable Richard A. Beard – Constable Beard was the night watchman for the Town of Napanee (August 21, 1921). While on his usual patrol of the town he found someone attempting to break into the rear of a merchant's store on Dundas Street. He walked down the alley and came upon three suspects lurking in the shadows. A shot was heard and upon the inspection of the alley by members of the public they found Constable Beard dead from a gunshot. His weapon still in the holster. A few months later Kingston Police arrested three brothers for a string of

			drug store robberies and the wounding of one of their officers. They were later tried and convicted of the murder of Constable Beard. (Ontario Police Memorial Foundation).
McGarvey		Person	<p>Charles Stevenson “Chuck” McGarvey was born in Napanee in 1930. Owner of the former “Chuck’s Lunch”, 109 Dundas Street East, Napanee, a popular and fondly remembered diner/restaurant. An enthusiastic community supporter, especially with amateur sports throughout Napanee. Creator of the “KT burger” as a fundraiser for the Kelly Tiremen hockey team trip to Sweden in the 1970’s. Chuck McGarvey’s son Andrew (Andy) McGarvey (1963-2014) inherited his father’s community spirit. Andy became a significant supporter of sports in Napanee, including coaching many teams. The sports equipment store he opened at the back of his father’s restaurant (AM Sports) moved to the old, then to the new arena, where it still operates after almost 40 years. Among his many accomplishments, Andy was the first coach of the Napanee Raiders in 1989. As GM he led them to their Schmalz Cup win in 1993. He returned to coach them to a league championship win in the 2005-2006 season. He also coached Juvenile and Novice hockey teams to championship wins. Memorial awards are given and tournaments played in his honour to this day. He has been described as a true Napanee icon and ambassador.</p>
Darrington		Person	<p>Robert (Bob) Ernest Darrington was born in 1930 and was a committed community supporter especially with respect to health care. His efforts resulted in the creation of the first hemodialysis facility in Napanee, a significant benefit to many local patients. In 2023, MPP Ric Bresee presented Bob’s family with a posthumous “Certificate of Recognition” on behalf of the Province of Ontario. He stated that Robert Darrington was instrumental in bringing dialysis to Napanee after over 25 years working with the LHIN. (Napanee Beaver, June 2023.) Died 2012, buried Mount Pleasant Cemetery.</p>

Thompson		Person	Marion Doreen Thompson (1934 – 2023) was a very active community member in the Napanee area. She worked for the Dept. of Lands and Forests and the Ministry of Natural Resources. A mother of four who volunteered extensively for many years. Was President of the Lenadco Auxiliary, long standing member of the Napanee Fair Board and the Maple Ridge Women’s Institute.
Hawke		Community Feature	“RCSCC Hawke” was the name of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps in Napanee from 1971 until 2005. At that time the name was changed to “RCSCC Napanee”. The corps has been in operation in Napanee for over 50 years.
Shuman		Person	Hulbert Shuman (1870-1930) was a resident of North Fredericksburgh. He was the grandson of confirmed United Empire Loyalist William Frederick Shuman (Shewman). His daughter Olive (1901-1979) married into the Parks family and her descendants still live in the area. According to the request, the Shuman family name ended with Olive and the family would like to see the name stay alive in the area for more generations.
Marshall		Person	Ernest J Marshall (1903-2003) was born in East Devon, England and was sent to Canada as a British Home Child at age 12. Eventually he became a successful businessman in Napanee and served in local politics on Town Council and the local school board. He was described in the submission as a good man who always raised up the Town.
Brooks		Person	Ruth Emma Brooks was born in 1927 in Lennox and Addington. A renowned Napanee area painter, notably of local scenes. Her biography is in the “Dictionary of Canadian Artists”, with files in the archives of the National Gallery of Canada and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Her family created an annual Visual Arts Award in her memory for a student at NDSS. Died 2009, buried at the Adolphustown Church Cemetery.
Hearns		Person	Reginald Hearns was born in 1927 and lived in Napanee. A WWII veteran who served in the Royal Canadian Navy; HMS Paisley

			<p>(destroyer), HMS Malava (battleship) and on the frigate HMCS St. Catherines.</p> <p>(From the book; "Remembering; Lennox and Addington Veterans of WWII and the Korean Conflict" by Stephen M. Fochuk, page 73.)</p> <p>Please note; Three other L&A citizens having the surname HEARNS are also listed in this book: Edna Annie Hearn (Napanee), Charles E. Hearn, Albert Leslie Hearn (Moscow)</p>
Waitson		Person	<p>William (Bill) Waitson was born in 1919. A WWII veteran, enlisted in 1940, served as a qualified electrician in the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve. Served on six ships, as well as 21 months on Corvettes in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean. (Confirmed in "Remembering;" page 181.)</p> <p>Please note; Two other L&A citizens having the surname WAITSON are also listed in this book:</p> <p>Maurice Waitson (Missing and presumed dead after the sinking of the Athabaskan, April 1944)</p> <p>Stephen Waitson (Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, served on five vessels.)</p>
White		Person	<p>James Howard White was born in 1925. WWII veteran. Able Seaman in Royal Canadian Navy (Confirmed in "Remembering", page 189.)</p> <p>Please note; Two other L&A citizens having the surname WHITE are also listed in this book:</p> <p>George Archibald White (Served 15 yrs in RCA and RCAF, a Sergeant when discharged).</p> <p>Robert S. White (Served for over 25 years including in Korea. A decorated Veteran.)</p>
Van Volkenburgh		Person	<p>Russell Clair Van Volkenburgh was born in 1923 and lived in Napanee where he was employed at the Gibbard Furniture Factory. A WWII veteran. Enlisted 1942, Royal Canadian Navy. Discharged due to illness the same year. Served on the Executive of Legion Branch 137. (Confirmed in "Remembering;" page 180.)</p>

			<p>Died 2019 Napanee, burial unknown. Please note: One other L&A citizen having the surname VAN VOLKENBURGH is also listed in this book; Roland L. Van Volkenburgh (Sapper with the Royal Canadian Engineers.)</p>
Stinson		Person	<p>David Holmer Stinson was born in 1908 and was employed at the Gibbard Furniture Factory. WWII Veteran. Enlisted with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment in 1939; was with the regiment during landing at Brest, France in 1940. Also saw action in the Mediterranean. Discharged in 1944. Died 1972, burial unknown. (Confirmed in "Remembering:" page 166.) Please note, Two other L&A citizens having the surname STINSON are also in this book: William (George) Stinson (Sergeant Major with the RCA, killed in action in Italy.) George Kenneth Stinson (From Tamworth, served with the 23rd Field Ambulance and the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.)</p>
Dickson	Springside Meadows Subdivision	Person	<p>Richard George Dickson (1943 – 2005) A local business owner and amateur Napanee athlete and supporter of local sports. Part of the fundraising committee for the new arena, which first opened in 2002. A ball diamond at the Napanee Fairgrounds is named for him, as is a scholarship/bursary for secondary school graduates - the "Richard Dickson and Terry Gray Memorial Fund." The property where the Springside Meadows subdivision is located was once owned by Richard Dickson and his wife, who built a beautiful home on the property.</p>
Paul		Person	<p>Dr. Edward Benjamin Paul was born in 1921. WWII Veteran. Enlisted in 1942, while in 4th year of medical school. Served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. While training in N.S. he suffered an injury in an army truck accident. Following recovery, he continued to serve the army in Canada, prior to being discharged in 1948 as a Captain. (Confirmed in "Remembering, pages 128/129.)</p>

			Dr. Paul served the Napanee community for many years as a Family Physician, then in Public Health and at Queen's University. Died 1985, buried Riverside Cemetery.
Doyle		Person	<p>Harry L. Doyle was born in 1922. WWII Veteran. Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve 1942. Served on KO3 and HMCS Dunver. Discharged 1945, rank; stoker. (Confirmed in "Remembering; page 50.)</p> <p>Died 2004.</p> <p>Please note, Two other L&A citizens having the surname DOYLE are listed in this book;</p> <p>Gerard James Doyle (North Fredericksburgh)</p> <p>Martin P. Doyle (Napanee)</p>
Millin		Person	<p>Martin Millin was born in 1937 in Brownstown, Jamaica. He emigrated to Canada in 1965 and settled in Napanee, where he was employed as a millwright and welder at Napanee Iron Works and Celanese.</p> <p>An avid gardener and active community volunteer for many years; he supported several hurricane relief and refugee programs and was known to assist many people experiencing challenges.</p> <p>In 2013 he was presented with an award by the mayor of Napanee and the president of the Napanee Area Multicultural Association declaring Martin Millin a "Cultural Icon". Died 2024</p>
Hogarth		Person	<p>Edgar Creighton Hogarth was a prominent local businessman and community leader, who operated Hogarth's Book and China shop in downtown Napanee until his passing in 1962. His sons and executors, Murray (1930-2014) and Don (1928-2014) Hogarth, continued his legacy as local entrepreneurs and philanthropists, and established the Napanee District Charitable Foundation (now the Community Foundation for Lennox & Addington) through a \$100,000 donation from the estate of Edgar Hogarth.</p> <p>Hogarth's shop operated in downtown Napanee for over 80 years.</p>
Powell		Person	Thomas Powell Sr. was born in 1903. WWII Veteran.

			Enlisted in 1940 as a Gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Stationed in England until the end of the war. (Confirmed in "Remembering; page 133) Died 1973
Lennox		Place	To recognize that we are in Lennox & Addington County
Addington		Place	To recognize that we are in Lennox & Addington County
Gosport		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Hay Bay		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Gretna		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Hawley		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Sillsville		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Parma		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Conway		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Forest Mills		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Adolphustown		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Fredericksburgh		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Selby		Place	To recognize pre-amalgamation community / settlement area
Willow		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Elm		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Hickory		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Maple		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Oak		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Aspen		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme

Alder		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme
Lilac		Flora / Fauna	Local flora / fauna; potential for subdivision theme