

# Lockmasters on the Rideau Canal

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Compiled by Ellen Manchee from primary and secondary sources and with the help of many  
lockmasters and lockstaff (present and past)

This project started out as a simple listing of lockmasters on the Rideau Canal. There were various lists and pieces of information regarding lockmasters in files and reports, and a few of the lockstations had complete lists of their lockmasters. This list is still not complete – hopefully as new records are opened in the national archives the missing information will come to light.

The following lists of lockmasters are complete for their respective lockstations:

Smiths Falls Combined

Chaffeys

Upper Brewers

Kingston Mills

The rest of the lists are incomplete in some area. The years that are blank are generally between 1940 and 1980, although there are a few blanks before and after.

As I worked on completing the lists, I ran across many names of lockstaff at various points in the canal's history. Because the information was there and it seemed a shame to lose it, I have included a partial list of lockstaff for every lockstation. These lists are very incomplete; however they will provide a starting point for a future research project, should the canal ever wish to undertake listing all lock staff.

At the end of the lists is a short memo from the Superintending Engineer in 1932 laying out “the duties of the Seasonal men” for the season of 1932-33.

**Note about dates:** For both the lockmasters and the lockstaff, when a date range is given [eg 1930-56] these are inclusive dates. When dates are separated with a comma [1930, 1935] this means that evidence was found that showed the person to have been in the position for both those years, but no evidence was found for the years between. This does not mean that they were not staff on the Rideau in the intervening years – they may have been – but no evidence was found.

### Ottawa Locks – Lockmasters

Incomplete for 1950-1980 – have names but no dates

William Addison	Appointed at opening of canal Retired June 27, 1871
William G. Addison	Appointed after his father's retirement Died January 31, 1890
N. W. Clark	Appointed April 14, 1890 Died July 18, 1907
W. H. Bishop	Appointed August 1, 1907 Retired April 1, 1921
John Balchin	1922 - still lockmaster in 1947 title storekeeper and lockmaster
R.J. Little	1948-1961
George Gravelle	1962-1972
Aldage Brisbois	1973 – 1974
	1975-1979
Gord Giffin	1980-81
Joe Ducharme	1982 (acting)

#### ***1983 - closed for repairs***

Marcel Belanger	1984-85
Al Berger	1987-91 (acting - substantive position LM at Hogs Back) 1991-spring 1996; 1996- 1999 - lockmaster of record, but a series of acting lockmasters while he was elsewhere
Marc Beaudry	1999 -2000 (acting)

### **Lock staff**

#### ***Pre 1900***

John Griffeth	1884- 1914
William Shore	1893, 1911, 1919

#### ***1900 - 1930***

James Taggart	1900 to 1913
Henry Crilly	1902 – 1924
A.Hachett	1904, 1917
Fred Seddons	1907 to 1916

? Oliver	1912	Donald McGillivray	1922, 1929
George Carvell	1913	Adelard Laviolette	1920- 1926
William Winchester	1913 – 1915	Edwin Sadlier	1920-1924
William Doran	1914 – 1924	Robert John Fannie	1924
S. Nichol	1914-1924	William Dale	1924
Richard Graves	1915- 1924	T.G.R. Anderson	1924
Edward Morris	1916	Moses Moss	1923, 1924
A. Taillefer	1917	<b>1930 - 1970</b>	
George Cameron	1919, 1920	P. J. Harrigan	1932, 1933
Ernest Beaman	1919	W. Prudhomme	1932, 1933
Nap Moreau	1920 – 1924, 1932, 1933	J.A.B. Fisher	1932, 1933
J.J. Caveny	1923	Walter Reed	1932, 1933, 1937

### Hartwells - Lockmasters

Years between 1936 and 1976 incomplete

William Clyma (?)	Proposed by By in 1831
Henry Bullen	Lockmaster for 12 years Took ill September, 1847
James Pilson	Appointed in Bullen's place Retired February 4, 1868
Henry Pilson	Appointed March 19, 1868 Was superannuated on May 1, 1898 on grounds of ill health
Thomas Foran	Appointed lockmaster Retired November 30, 1911
Robert Slack	Appointed in 1911 He was still in the station in December 1933
Allan C. Moses	1935 – 1946
A. Dale	1947 – 1948 1949-1953
R.G. Dale	1954 - 1960
R. J. Barrett	1961-1969
Danny Danielson	1969 – 1974 1975
Andy St. Amour	1976-77 (may have been acting)
Walter Bown	1977 - combined with Hogsback
Marcel Belanger	1978, 1979 (maybe into 1980s) 1980- 1984
Louise Hamelin	1985 (acting) 1986-1988
Jim Gibbs	1989
Cedric Beaudry	1990 - acting lockmaster 1991
John Young	1992 1993-1997
John Cooke	mid July 1997/8 - 1999

Jenny Aikman	acting July 14 1999 - July 25, 1999, August 11 - October 4, 1999
Jacques Ferland	acting October 4 to present, August 2000

### **Lockstaff**

#### ***1900 - 1930***

W. Dale	to 1912
T.J. Doyle	1911, 1912
S. Summers	1911
Wilbert Dale	1912
Arthur Dale	1912 – 1924
Thos Orange	1912 to 1924, 1932, 1933
J.J. Glavey	1916
Thomas Moore	1918, 1919
Angus Labelle	1920
John Leo McDonald	to 1923; 1926
Thos. B. Firzgerald	1923, 1924

#### ***1930 - 1970***

A.C. Moses	1932, 1933
Fred Sankey	1950s

#### ***1970 - 2000***

Jacques Dion	1976
Bruce Davis	1959-1962

### Hogs Back – Lockmasters

Thomas Jenkins	Proposed by By in 1831
William Michell	In 1845 he was listed lockmaster for 14 years
Michael Gleeson	Appointed in 1857 Retired October 23, 1882 Died in June 1890
J. K. Read	Discharged in December 1896 as a result of a Liberal election victory
Timothy Bayne	Appointed May 1, 1897 Resigned October 31, 1911
Alexander Montgomery	Appointed 1911 Retired July 1, 1924
Arthur Dale	[Aston Dale's father] 1924-1950
Leslie J. Watt	1951 – 1960
J.M. Sugrue	1961
Aurel Caron	1962 - 1976
Walter Bown	1977 - combined with Hartwells
Marcel Belanger	1978 - 1984
Andy St. Amour	1982 (acting)
Al Berger	1983 (acting)
Bruce Bennet	1984 (acting)
Al Berger	1985-91 (87-91 was acting LM at Ottawa Locks)
Jim Gibbs	1987-88 (acting) when he left Hogs Back and Hartwells were combined
John Cooke	acting 1989-91; 1992-99
Jenny Aikman	acting July 14 1999 - July 25, 1999, August 11 - October 4, 1999
Jacques Ferland	acting October 4 to present, August 2000

### Lockstaff

***Pre 1900***

Nicholas Nevins 1878, 1912, 1917

***1900 - 1930***

W.J. Graham 1909, 1911

James Cochrane 1912, 1914, 1917

John McCaffrey 1912, 1914

James Callendar 1917

James Montgomery 1917 – 1924

Wm. Chandler 1918-1920

Robt. Nelson 1920

Chas. Savard 1922, 1923

John L. McDonald 1922 – 1924

Lockman Fitzgerald to 1924

A.C. Moses 1924

***1930 - 1970***

T. A.Scott 1932, 1933

Canalman A. Alexander 1932, 1933, 1948 (may  
have worked at Hartwells)

Canalman A.C. Patterson 1948

J.S. Sugrue 1954



### Black Rapids – Lockmasters

1980s incomplete

William Newman	Proposed by By in 1831
William Broad	Appointed in 1840 Discharged April of that year
Thomas Newman	Succeeded Broad Exchanged position in April 1843
Buck (Of Clows)	Resigned almost immediately
James MacKay	In May of that year he was proposed (not as lockmaster) 1843
James Pilson	Appointed in 1844 transferred March 1, 1847
Sgt. R. Thymn	Replaced Pilson in 1847
James Davy	Appointed in April 1857 Succeeded in October 1866
Robert Hardy	Appointed in October 1866 Retired in 1907
Allen P. McDonnell	Succeeded Hardy Died November 18, 1911
George Armstrong	Appointed December 1, 1911 Resigned in 1918
G.H. Balcomb	1918
Thomas Scott	1919-1931
H.S.G. Blacombe	1932 -1945
Lockmaster Kennedy	1946 - 1953
Bernard [Bud] Trickett	1954 - 1977
Andy St. Amour	1978 –1982
	1983-1985 Jack Dion, Lucien Gauthier, Vince Leduc - acting sometime in this period
George Buys	1986-88
Jim Gibbs	1989-95
George Buys	1995-2000

### Lock staff

***Pre 1900***

A.B. Rowat 1891, also lockmaster probably sometime in the 1920s

Hugh Kealey 1887, in 1918 he had served 31 years as a lockman – not clear whether he had been at BR all that time. Retired in 1924

***1900 - 1930***

Alexander Fraser 1913

R.J. Fraser 1914-1924

***1930 - 1970***

R. Fraser 1932, 1933

R.E.Scharf pre 1969

***1970 – 2000***

Jack Arnold 1978-79

**Long Island - Lockmasters**

John Rogers	Was listed lockmaster for 9 years Died on May 11, 1856
David Forster	Succeeded Rogers Remained until his transfer in November 1862
William G. Addison	Transferred in November 1862 to Long Island In June 1871 he was transferred to Ottawa to replace his father
George Acres	Appointed in June 1871 Resigned immediately
Lockmaster Hardy	Took temporary charge on July 19 and on August 2
Archibald M. Boyd	Appointed in 1871 Died March 6, 1882
George Clark	Succeeded Boyd Remained in the station until after 1914
A.B. Rowatt	1921 - 1933
P.M.C. Kennedy	1933 -1954
Clarence J. Curry	1956 -1976
Doug Provick	1977-82
Patrick Griffith Caine	1983 - 88
George Buys	1989 - 2000 (Jacques Ferland acting August 11, 1999 - October 4, 1999)

**Lockstaff**

<i>Pre 1900</i>		Charles E. Seed	1925
A.B. Rowatt	1891 – 1920	T.B. Fitzgerald	to 1929
<i>1900 - 1930</i>		<i>1930 - 1970</i>	
John Scott	retired in 1924 after 10 years of service – elsewhere indicated that in 1919 he had been employed since 1901	T. B. Firzgerald	1932, 1933
		P. Kennedy	1932, 1933
		A. Desjardins	1954, 1956
Frank Mole	1921	D. Bennet	pre 1965
Thos G. Alexander	1922, 1923	R.E. Scharf	post 1969
A.C. Moses	to 1924	<i>1970 - 2000</i>	
G.W. Matthews	1925	Peter Hannam	1970s and 80s

### Burritts Rapids – Lockmasters

William Mitchell	Recommenced by By in 1832
(?) White	Appointed in 1835 Resigned in April 1836
John Newman	Appointed in 1836 Was transferred in November 1847 to Nicholson
George Shepherd	Replaced Newman in 1847 Retired January 16, 1880
James Todd	Succeeded Shepherd in 1880 Retired late May early June 1905
John Merrifield	Succeeded Todd Dismissed May 6, 1912
Robert H. Ferguson	Immediately replaced Merrifield - 1944
Fred Dawe	from 1945 to 60 - lockmasters house demolished in 67 - he was last lockmaster to live in house
Ed Moore	1960 - 1967
Claude Action	1967-73
Stan Irvine	1974 - 1976
John Cassidy	1977
Walter Bown	1978-87 1985 - 1987 on disability - a number of acting lockmasters during that time [Jack Arnold, Steve McVeety, Ken Dale, Kerry McGonegal]
Jack Arnold	1988 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *1900 - 1930*

D. Harvey	to 1910
W.J. Morrison	1904 - 1911
W.J. Bennett	1912-1922
F.G. Dawe	1924 , 1927, 1932, 1933
Ed. MacDonald	1924

#### *1930 - 1970*

L. J Watt	to 1951
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*1970 - 2000*

Peter O'Meara	1978-80
Tony Gunn	1980 - 90s
Keith Evans	
Al Thompson	
Claude Langevin	1991
John Cassidy	

### Nicholsons – Lockmasters

Richard Frayne	Suggested by By in 1831 Resigned in April 1836
Thomas Jenkins	Replaced Frayne Died suddenly in September 1847
John Newman	Replaced Jenkins Retired on June 28, 1871
William Newman	Replaced his father John Superannuated April 30, 1907
George E. Johnston	Succeeded W. Newman Discharged May 6, 1912
Luce Depencier	1912 - Retired May 1, 1924
George L. Davis	1924 - 1933
Clarence Watt	1934-1962
Leonard Hassall	1963 - 1973
Charles Action	1973-76
Clarence Curry	1977-78
Ken Bygrove	1978- 1982

#### *Nicholson & clowes joined together in 1980 and separated in 1982*

Ed Dale	1983-84
Peter Donnelly	1984 –1987
Charlie Sampson	1988
Grif Caine	1989
Ron Welch	1990-1997
Gerald Covell	1998 – 2000

#### *Nicholsons & Clowes joined again in 1998*

### Lockstaff

? Burchell Pre 1896

Samuel Boyd 1896

**1900 – 1930**

J. H. Webster

1908, 1911

? Morrison	to 1910
C. O'Neil	1910, 1911
James Lucas	1912, 1914, 1917
Wm Driscoll	1912, 1918 - 1933
Geo Davis	1917-1924
Clarence Watt	pre war [LT 9] 1927, 1932, 1933

***1930 - 1970***

J. Pittman	1956
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***1970 - 2000***

Ron Huland	1972-73
David Blair	1978-79
John Weston	late 1980s
Rolf Garnes	1990s
Jack Norris	1990s
Clarence Colville	1990s
George Errett	
Clarence Thompson	
Daryl Upton	

**Clowes – Lockmasters**

Daniel Buck	Proposed by By Left Clowes in April 1843
Thomas Newman	1843 - Council ordered him to retire on December 1, 1870
John J. Newman	Succeeded his father Thomas Newman Retired April 30, 1907
James F. Brennan	Replaced Newman Was dismissed “for active political partisanship” on April 18, 1913
Thomas Jones	Succeeded Brennan Resigned on May 1, 1920
Albert Davis	1920 – 1933
W.Ward	acting 1934, 1935 – 46
A.R. Evoy	1947 - 1953
J. (L?) Hassall	1954 - 1963
J.R (Dick) Pittman	1963 - 1977
Ken Bygrove	1978-1982
<i>Nicholson &amp; Clowes joined together in 1980 and separated in 1982</i>	
Ron Hyland	1983 - 1984
Gerald Covell	1985 - 2000

*Nicholsons & Clowes joined again in 1998*

**Lockstaff**

***1900 - 1930***

Albert Davis	1900, 1911, 1912, 1919, 1920	Bruce Merriman Steve mcVeety Andrew Moore
Walter Ward	1920 – 1924, 1932, 1933	John Thompson

***1970 - 2000***

Clarence Colville	1990s
Harry Durant	



### Merrickville – Lockmasters

1920s incomplete

Thomas Buck	Recommended by By
William Michell	Was lockmaster until Mid-late 1836
John Johnstone	Succeeded Michell Died August 24, 1907
Matthew H. Johnstone	Succeeded his father J. Johnstone around 1875 Superannuated April 30, 1907
John Cranstoun	Succeeded Johnstone Died December 7, 1917
Richard Phillips	acting 1918
R. Nelson Paul	1918-1925
Wm. Lang	1925 1926-32
R. G. Owen	1932 – 1943
R. G. Louis	1944
W. Ward	1945
R.V. Marshall	1945
T. Elmer Bradford	1946 - 1950
Jack Smith	1949 -1971
Grenville Murray	1972 - 1984
Doug Provick	1983-89
Burt Alford	acting 1990
Rob Christopher	1991 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *Pre 1900*

P. Cussick 1886, 1911

Richard Philips 1886, in 1919 had served 30 years  
on canal

? O'Hara pre and post 1875

? Gorman pre and post 1875

#### *1900 - 1930*

D. Crozier 1902, 1911

William Lang 1912 - 1924

William Buttamor 1912

William Wilson 1912, 1918, 1919, 1920

W.H. Easton 1920- 1924, 1932, 1933

R.G. Owen 1922 – 1924 (lockmaster by 1932)

***1930 - 1970***

W. J. Balch 1932, 1933

Ed Moore 1957

***1970 - 2000***

George Errett 1970s & 80s

Harry Miller 1970s & 80s

John Albert 1970s & 80s

Keith Evans 1970s & 80s

Bruce Merriman 1970s & 80s

Peter MacPherson 1970s & 80s

## Kilmarnok – Lockmasters

1970s incomplete

James Maitland	Proposed by By Was lockmaster until 1846 when respective officers suggested he be given a retirement allowance
George Newman (Newsome)	Succeeded Maitland on March 1, 1847 Was the lockmaster in 1861 Retired on June 27, 1871
William Newsome	Replaced his father in 1871 Superannuated in 1921. His half century of service is the longest of any lockmaster on the Rideau.
J. R. Dalton	1922 - 1951
R. V. Marshall	1948-1964
Ted Moncriff	1965-1977 1978-1980
Stan Irvin	1980 - 1995
Ron Hyland	1995-2000

*Kilmarnock and Edmunds combined in 1995*

## Lockstaff

### *Pre 1900*

A. E. Newsome 1872, 1911

### *1900 - 1930*

Joseph Rutherford 1914, 1915-1919

J.R. Dalton 1920

George Wright 1924

### *1970 - 2000*

John Weston early 1980s

Steve Fielding

Ron Sosnick

**Edmunds – Lockmasters**

1920s, 1970s, 1980s incomplete

Edward Mills	Proposed by By In 1845 he was listed lockmaster for 14 years Retired in April 1867
William W. Mills	Succeeded E. Mills in 1867 Died in early November 1897
Henry W. Hutton	Succeeded W. Mills in 1897 Retired on April 30, 1921 1922 - 1931
Jack Dalton	1932 - 1956
Ed Moore	1958-1960
G. E. Steinberg	1960 – 1962
G.A. Kendall	1962 - 1963
J.L. Jones	1964 – 1967
E.T. Hodge	1968-1971
Gerald Hutichson	1971 – 1985 Clarence Curry, Ken Bygrove may have acted during this time. 1975 -1985
Ron Hyland	1985 - 2000

***Kilmarnock and Edmunds combined in 1995***

**Lock staff**

***Pre 1900***

Henry Lee 1881 to 1919 (38 years)

***1930 - 1970***

G. Wright 1932, 1933

***1970 - 2000***

Guy Andre

Gord McVeety

Peter MacPherson

Dave Moore

Steve Weir

Jim Higginson

Abi Hudson

Clarence Covell

Amy Roach

### Old Slys – Lockmasters

1920s, 1940s incomplete

John Jones	Recommenced by By in 1835
Alexander Kinninmouth	In 1845 he was listed lockmaster for 7 years
Lockmaster Hilliard	Mentioned in 1847
Daniel Buck	In 1847 he replaced Hilliard Replaced on June 27, 1871
William McCann	Appointed on June 27, 1871 Superannuated on grounds of insanity on February 28, 1882
Robert McCreary	Appointed on May 20, 1882 superannuated on May 31, 1908
John Nichol	Succeeded McCreary Retired in 1921
John Graham	1921 1922- 1931
R. Moston	1932 - 1946
E. J. Wiltsie	1946 - 1960

*Land used to maintain chicken, cows etc and grow crops as late as 1946*

Whip Malloy	1060 -1961
Bruce Davis	1962 - 1964
D. Bennett	1965
Glen Vandusen	1961-1983
David Blair	acting 1983-84 1985
Ron Hyland	acting 1986
Charlie Sampson	1988
H.J. Simpson	1989-1997
Ron Welch	1998 -2000

*[Jack Arnold thinks: Lawrence Agnew 1986-87; Rob Christopher acting 1987; Rob Christopher 1989-90]*

## **Lockstaff**

### ***Pre 1900***

J. Graham 1890, 1911,1912, 1919,  
1920

### ***1900 - 1930***

Robert Moston 1922,- 1924

### ***1930 - 1970***

W. B. Malloy 1954, 1956

### ***1970 - 2000***

David Blair 1980-84

Ron Welch 1988-89

Jack Norris 1997-2000

Ryan Aunger 1999-2000

Abi Hudson

Rob Christopher

Dave Bennett

### Smiths Falls Combined – Lockmasters

John White	Recommended by By
Alexander Matheson	In 1845 he was listed lockmaster for the previous 13 years Died in February 1866
James “Josiah” Richley	Appointed in April 1866 Retired in March 1871
William Richey	Succeeded his father James Superannuated June 1, 1902
John H. Foster	Appointed in 1902 Served until 1924
R. N. Paul	1924
Donald Grant	1925-1942
Harry Langley	1942-1947
Robert Moston	1946-1960
Whip [Wilfred] Malloy	1961-1976
Don Bennett	1977-1988
G.A. [Guy] Andre	1989 - 1997
Ron Welch	1998 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *Pre 1900*

W. Simmons 1890, 1911, 1912, 1917,  
retired in 1918

G. E. Mitchell 1954, 1956

#### *1970 - 2000*

Bob Moir 1972-74  
Gerald Colville [Covell?]Sr 1972-74  
Dave Bennet 1980s  
Peter McPherson 1980s  
Dave Moore late 1990s  
Tony Gunn 2000  
Earl Rollins

#### *1900 - 1930*

G. M. Phillips 1905- 1923  
Peter. O’Brien 1906-1923  
James Francis Droughan 1923-1925  
George Kerr 1924, 1932, 1933

#### *1930 - 1970*

A.R. Evoy 1932, 1933  
Robbie Morrison 1956 [LT15]  
W. MacEachern 1956

### Detatched – Lockmasters

1960s, early 1970s and 1980s incomplete, some conflicting dates

Alexander Kinninmouth	Recommended by By in 1845
Thomas Jones	Was listed lockmaster 14 years previous to 1845
John Jones	Was listed lockmaster in 1861 Retired on June 27, 1871
James G. Jones	Replaced John Jones in 1871 Superannuated May 1, 1913
Arthur S. Jones	Succeeded James Jones Retired in 1931
Jack McLean	1931-1947
H.Langley	1945 - 1954
Morrice Carty	1958-1961
R.G. Dale	1961 – 1964 1965-66
T.A. Truelove	1967-1971
Don Bennett	1972 – 1976 1977 - 1984
John Watt	1985
Dave Bennett	acting 1986
Guy Andre	[1977] - 1988
Peter Donnelly	1989 - 1997
Lawrence Agnew	1998 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *Pre 1900*

A.S. Jones 1872, 1911

#### *1900 – 1930*

P. O'Brien 1906, 1911

Arthur Jones 1911, 1912, 1913,

S. W. Jones 1911- 1913, 1919, 1920, 1922, -

1924

John C. McLean 1913, 1919, 1920, 1922 - 1924

#### *1930 - 1970*

C.G. Clark 1932, 1933

Morris Purdy 1956 [LT 15]

Canalman Barber resigned 1968



Canalman Maloney

1968

Ron Hyland

*1970 - 12000*

John Watt

John Weston

1990-2000

Bert Alford

Steve Edwards

W. McEachern

Dave Bennett

**Poonamalie (First Rapids) – Lockmasters**

1940s incomplete

James Rutley	Proposed in By's list of 1831
Thomas Richey	Mentioned in 1837 as lockmaster He was transferred in 1846
Daniel Buck	Appointed in January 1844 Left First Rapids in October 1847
William Chalmers	Succeeded Buck
Abraham Pearson	In 1849 he was listed as lockmaster
William O. Pearson	Succeeded his father Abraham on July 1, 1871 Applied for Superannuation and was refused On June 27, 1911 he resigned effective January 1, 1912
Albert Best	Appointed February 1, 1912 – 1941 1942 -1947
Tom R. Mallows	1947 - 1955
Morrice Carty	1955-58
Mark Balfe	1959-65
Don Bennett	to 1967
Gerald Hutchison	1969-71
Jack MacKenzie	1971-74
Gerald Covell	1974 - 1985
Lawrence Agnew	1985
Jack Arnold	1986-1987
Lawrence Agnew	1988 - 2000

**Lockstaff**

***1900 - 1930***

		Bert Clifton	1918
John T. McEwan	1912, 1913	E.H. Jewitt	1920, 1922
Henry J. Tomlinson	to 1913	Park Paul	1920, 1922 – 1924, 1932,
Fred J. Best	1913-1917		1933
John McGregor	1917	Thos Mallows	1924, 1932, 1933

***1930 - 1970***

M. Balfe 1956

M.J. Carty 1954

***1970 - 2000***

Gerald Covell 1972

Lawrence Agnew 1980,1984

Claude Langevin 1999-2000

Abi Hudson

Peter MacPherson

John Thompson

Dave Bennett

### The Narrows – Lockmasters

Archibald Sands	Proposed by By Retired in June 1856
Michael Mooney	1856 - 1871
Robert Bolton	1871-1874
Michael Mooney, jr.	1874 - 1896
Michael Edmund Mooney	1896 – 1935
M.E. Mooney	1936-1946
T. King	1947 – 1956
Jack Muchmore	1958 – 1968
J. A. Gallerneault	1969-71
Gerald Hutchings	1972 - 1979
Gord McVeety	1980 - 1995
Herb Simpson	1996-98
Billy Glover	acting 1998-1999
Bruce Haskins	1999 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### ***1900 - 1930***

Wm. Carty	1911-1919	Herb Simpson	1980
A. P. Quinn	1919, 1920	Bruce Haskin	1986-87
Alphonsus James	1923	Bill Glover	1990-99
G.G. Warren	1922, 1923		
A.J. Thompson	1924		

#### ***1930-1970***

E.R. Moroughan 1932, 1933

#### ***1970-2000***

John Kenny 1977  
Peter Donnelly 1979  
Ron Pyne 1970s and 80s

### Newboro – Lockmasters

Incomplete 1945 to 1970

Daniel McDonald	Proposed by By Retired in late 1865
William G. Addison	in 1862 he exchanged stations with David Forster
David Forster	Came to Newboro in 1862 Died in May 1864
Alfred Forster	Succeeded his father David Exchanged stations with John Johnston on June 27, 1871
John Johnston	Arrived on June 27, 1871 Retired on March 30, 1887
William G. Dargrvel	Appointed June 1, 1887 Retired in 1921
John [Jack] Lyons	1921 – 1944 1945 - 1948
H.E. King	1949 - 1961
L “Deacon” McVeety	1962 – 1970
R.J. Hamilton	1972
Lorne Dyer	1973 - 1984
Allan Blair	1985 - 86 - died as a result of complications from surgery
David Blair	1987 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *Pre 1900*

J. Haizlett 1884, 1911

#### *1900 - 1930*

Dan Bryan to 1912

John Lyons 1912 -1920

George G. Topping 1912

W.C. Rowswell 1912

Irven J. Lyons 1919, 1920

[H] Don Warren 1919-1928

#### *1930 - 1970*

J.E. Whalen 1932, 1933

? Hamilton 1969

#### *1970 - 2000*

Bruce Haskin 1985

Wayne Moore 1985?

### Chaffeys – Lockmasters

William Flemming	Was proposed by By Served until the late 1850's
James Simmons	Succeeded Flemming Retired April 18, 1894
W. Hugh (Henry?) Fleming	Appointed in 1894 Dismissed in December 1896 Rehired in the spring of 1897 Retired on November 1, 1929 hired originally in 1885 possibly as lockman \$60/month in 1911
Herman W. Warren	1928 - 1956 [LT 2]
Bill McIntyre	1957-67 (died Nov. 15/67 - Merle Forbes acted during this period for at least part of a season)
Hayward Warren	1968-1982
Allan Blair	1982-1984
Vince Watters	1985 - 2000

### Lockstaff

#### *1900 - 1930*

John Regan	1909, 1911
C.P. Rowswell	1912 – 1919
Ed Rosswell (Rowswell?)	1920, 1922 -1924 (may be relatives or maybe the same person)

#### *1930 - 1970*

J. Patterson	1932, 1933
W. Hope	1954, 1956
Merle J. Forbes	1960s

#### *1970 - 2000*

Bill Glover	1980-1989
Bruce Merriman	1989-90

**Davis – Lockmasters**

Incomplete 1980s

G. Morin	Suggested by By in 1845
John Purcell	Listed lockmaster 14 years prior to 1845 He served 3 months between 1835-36 Retired in March 1857
John Johnstone	On June 27, 1871 he exchanged stations and went to Newboro
Alfred Forster	Arrived June 27, 1871 Moved to Jones Falls on April 1, 1897
P. S. Alford	Died April 8, 1901
Elie A. Alford	Succeeded his father on May 2, 1901 - 1947
Jimmy Pyne	1947-1959 [LT 12]
J. S. Moses	1960 - 1961
Johnny Watters	1960 - 1972
Roger Gallernault	1972-81
<i>lock torn out in 1982</i>	
Bob Martin	1982-87
	1988 - 1990
John Watt	[1991] - 2000

**Lockstaff**

<b><i>1900 - 1930</i></b>		Lorne Dyer	late 1960s
J.J. Kenney	1903-1920, 1922 – 1924	<b><i>1970 - 2000</i></b>	
<b><i>1930 - 1970</i></b>		Ron Pyne	1970s and 80s
G.E. Hootan	1932, 1933	Bob Martin	1973-75
Scotty Moore	1950s [LT12]	Bruce Merriman	1986-88

**Jones Falls – Lockmasters**

Incomplete 1972 and 1982 - 1991

Peter Sweeney	Apparently the lockmaster since 1845 he was on By's return list as a lockmaster for 14 years
Henry Layng	Appointed on June 27, 1871 He was fired effective November 30, 1874
Robert Bolton	Appointed on December 1, 1847 Retired on March 31, 1897
Alfred Forster	Succeeded Bolton Superannuated on July 1, 1901
Samuel G. Stuart	Succeeded Forster Retired July 1, 1924
Jim Mooney	1924-1933
G. Alfred Sly	1933-1962
Ray Cheetam	1962 – 71
	1972
Allan Blair	1973 - 1982
	1983 - 1990
Ed Dale	1991 - 2000

**Lockstaff**

***Pre 1900***

J.E. Glover	1881,1912 – 1920 in 1920 had been employed for 38 years	Robert White	1912
		Charles Dawson	1901 –1920, 1923, 24
M. J. Kenney	1897, 1911	Frank Dennison	1912- 1923
Jas Murphy	1898 – 1920	James P. Mooney	1922 - 1924
Thos Glover	1912 - retired in 1924 with 26 years of service	Geo. A sly	1923, 1924, 1932
		James Lyon	1921 - may have been blacksmith

***1900 – 1930***

V. Kenney	1907, 1911	M. Perrin	1920 – 1933
Ephriam. Virtue	1912, 1914		
-married to lockmaster Stuart's daughter			

***1930 - 1970***

Thos King	1932, 1933
J. A. Pyne	1932, 1933



Sidney Dawson	1932	Vince Watters	1970s and 80s
W. McIntyre	1954	Joe Defillin	1970s and 80s
R. Cheetham	1956	Peter O'Meara	1982-86
		Bruce Haskins	1990-99
<i>1970 - 2000</i>		Claude Langevin	1998
Jim Watters	1970s and 80s		

**Upper Brewer Mills – Lockmasters**

John Purcell	Appointed December 1835
William Broad	Appointed March 24, 1836 Suspended in August 1840 Was later transferred in October 1840
William Muchmore	Took temporary charge during Broad's suspension
Phillip Clogg	Appointed in October 1840 Retired in 1856
Patrick Dean	Succeeded Clogg in 1856 Died on March 15, 1898
Thomas Todd	Appointed on April 1, 1898 Retired September 1, 1918
Frank Donaldson	was lockmaster at Brewers Mills from 1919-1924
Peter Milne	1924-1943
Frasier Bell	1944
? Cooper	1945
Reg Woods	1946 1954 1956 1973
Chester Gains	1973-75
Bob Martin	1976-82
Vince Watters	1982-85
Albert Mills	1985-86
T.H. Fielding	1986 - 1997
Peter O'Meara	2000

**Lockstaff**

***Pre 1900***

Charles Milne

late 1800s

***1900 - 1930***

Peter Milne

1902- 1924

John Todd

1912 - retired in 1924 –

12 years of service

Jack Todd

[1920-1940]

***1930 - 1970***

Ed Milne

post war - 1940s

A. Lunman

1954, 1956

Chester Gain

1964- 73

***1970 - 2000***

Kenny Milne

1973-2000

Doug Langille  
Ray Bryan

1985  
1998-99

Bill Glover

2000

### Washburn [Lower Brewers] – Lockmasters

Incomplete from 1933 to the mid 1980s

Thomas Green	Suggested by By
Thomas Richey	Was lockmaster from 1844-46 Dismissed from canal service in 1846
Richard Carey	Was replaced in May 1851
M(or W) Beal	Replaced Carey in May 1851
William Robinson	Appointed in March 1855
John McGillivray	Succeeded Robinson I 1856 Superannuated on August 1, 1882
Henry McGillivray	Succeeded his father John Died October 14, 1891
William Glen	Succeeded McGillivray Discharged in December 1896 Reinstated in 1897 Died December 31, 1902
Henry McBroom	Appointed January 29, 1903 (Temporarily) Confirmed on April 14, 1903 Retired on March 1, 1933
S. Woodstock	1934 – 1937 1938 - 1943
Frasier Ball	1943 - 1944
Percy Gilbert	1944 - 1956 [photo at lockstation]
H.A. Cooper	1954 –1956 1957 – 1959
J. L. Jones	1960 - 65
Byron L. Nixon	1964 - 1973
Terry Carlo	1973-1979
Albert Mills	1980-?
Doug Langille	acting mid 1980s
P.J. O'Meara	1986 - 2000

### Lockstaff

**1900 - 1930**

W. McKane	1908, 1911
Oliver Kirkwood	1912, 1917
Baxter England	1917
William Woodruff	1918
Teddy Woodstock	[1918 - 1933] [LT 18]

**1930 - 1970**

S. Woodstock	1932, 1933
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Kenny Milne	1974-75
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**1970-2000**

Doug Langille	1980-91
Chris Matthews	1990s
Tony Gunn	1990s
Dave Warren	1990s
Bruce Haskin	1990s
David Hilchie	1990s

**Kingston Mills – Lockmasters**

George Hay	Proposed by By in 1845
Thomas (or John) Brady	Was lockmaster 13 years preceding 1845 Retired in late 1856 early 1857
William Robinson	Succeeded Brady Died September 9, 1867
Joseph Deane	Appointed in Robinson's place Died on March 28, 1892
Robert Anglin	Succeeded Deane Dismissed in December 1896 Reinstated in 1897 Didn't retire until after 1917
William Burton	1919-1924
J. Earl Doyle	1925-58
Richard J. Barrett	1958-61
William T. Aurey	1962-1970
J. Albert Mills	1971-79
Francis M. Corrigan	1980 - 1986
David Blair	1985-86 acting
Raymond. G. Bryan	1988 - 1998 - during this time he was on disability for part of some seasons - acting: Claude Langevin part of 1992; Jim Haginson part of one season; Bob Martin part of 96
Herb Simpson	2000 - acting for 1998-99

**Lockstaff**

<i>Pre 1900</i>		William McKane	1908-1919, 1922-24, 1932, 1933
Robert Sargent	1873		
Patrick Hogan	1885, 1917	E. Cunningham	1900 to 1914
Donald Graham	1887 to 1912	Ed Cunningham	1912
E. Bradden	1898, 1911	Donald Graham	1912 - 1924
<i>1900 – 1930</i>		John Duffy (Duffe)	1912 – 1924, 1932, 1933
John Ahern	1903, 1911	A. Potter	1912

Daniel Graham	1912, 1914	H.A. Cooper	1954
B. H. Cunningham	1914-1916	D. Mundell	1956
Frederick Paterson	1916	<b>1970 - 2000</b>	
Ernest R. Campbell	1918, 1920, 1922	Kenny Milne	1973 part
C. McIvor	1918 1919	Peter O'Meara	1980-82
Wm R. Dobb	1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1932, 1933	John Bruce	1987-91; 1998-2000
Russell McIvor	1923 to 1927	Jim Hagenson	1987-[97]
<b>1930 - 1970</b>		Bob Martin	1988-2000
J. Wallace	1932, 1933	Bruce Merriman	1991
H.C. Peck	1932, 1933	Claude Langevin	1992-98
J. Duffe	1954, 1956	Kevin Nontel	1998-2000

In 1932-33 the duties of the Seasonal men were as follows:

“Ottawa

There are 8 locks in flight at this station, with six lockmen and a lockmaster, and their duties are as follows. Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 come on duty at 7:00 a.m., and at 6:00 p.m. Nos. 5 and 6 come on relieving Nos. 1 and 2. Next morning Nos. 1 and 2 come back at 7:00 a.m., relieving Nos. 3 and 4, who have been on for 24 hours. Then at 6:00p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 come on again relieving Nos. 5 and 6 who have been on duty 24 hours and so on, so that there are always 4 men on duty for the we hours, each man serving continuously for 24 hours with 12 hours off between changes.

Although we provide sleeping quarters, there are no cooking facilities at the Ottawa Lock House, and the men who are on continuously require at least one hot meal during that time and most of them live at considerable distances from the Lock House rendering it very difficult for their families to bring their meals to them. We could manage with one man less but this would leave the reliefs farther apart, but a cook stove would be necessary in the Lock House.

At present the men have little work outside day and night lockings, except in loading scow from the Storehouse with timber, plank, cement, etc., for conveyance by out boats along the Canal, the cutting of grass and the care of flower beds being attended to by a gardener, whose services could be dispensed with and this work done by the Lockmen and Storemen between them,. The Lockmaster, in addition to his duties as such, has a considerable amount of clerical work, and is also employed as Storekeeper, and Canal Clerk to issue Let passes, and make out Ships' Transports, Water Measurements and returns to the Bureau of Statistics, and his time is fully occupied.

Hartwells

Here there are 2 locks in flight, and considerable locking. The Lockmaster has 2 lockmen under him, who cut the grass, do the painting of structures and all other necessary work. Our timber pond is here where we keep our dimension timber inside a boom.

Hogsback

Two locks n flight, a hand operated Swing Bridge and 2 waste Weirs with a large number of stoplogs. Lockmaster has 2 lockmen who have to keep grass cut and station tidy, do painting, etc. A large station and one extremely difficult to regulate as to highway traffic, swimming, etc., so that I have applied to the Department for R.C. M. Police assistance to the Lock officials

Black Rapids



A single Lock with no Swing Bridge, but the Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist him as locking as at times heavy. Large areas of grass to cut, stoplogs and flashboards on the Long Dam to adjust and painting, etc.

#### Long Island

Three locks in flight, one hand operated Swing Bridge, a large Waste Weir at the Lock Stations, a Stoplog Dam about 1 ½ miles above the Lock and a large Dam and Waste Weir at Manotick nearly 3 ½ miles away, all under the care of the Lockmaster who has 2 Lockmen to assist him and who has constantly to be away at the Manotick Dam to regulate the Water Supply. Their time is fully occupied.

#### Burritts Rapids

Single lock, Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist him. The regulation dam is 1 ½ miles from the Lock so that he frequently has to go there to adjust stoplogs, leaving his lockman in charge of the Lock. There is a large area of grass to be kept out and painting, etc., and keeping the station clean.

#### Nicholson's

Two detached Locks 1/3 of a mile apart, with one hand-operated Swing Bridge. Lockmaster has 2 Lockmen to assist him, as the Locks cannot be operated with fewer, as one man has to be at the Upper Lock to unwater to fill the Cut and the Lower Lock and prepare the Upper Lock and swing the Bridge. Also grass cutting and painting, etc.

#### Clowes

Single Lock, no Bridge. Lockmaster has one Lockman, whose services might be dispensed with if considered advisable by Department. The stoplogs, however, in the Waste Weir are very long and heavy and cannot be lifted by one man alone.

#### Merrickville

A large station with three detached locks with 2 intervening Basins, and one hand-operated Swing Bridge, and two Waste Weirs. Lockmaster has 2 Lockmen, and the Station cannot be operated with fewer. The men are employed also cutting grass, painting when required, etc.

#### Kilmarnock

Single Lock with 1 hand-operated Swing Bridge and long Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist. He has to attend to the Back Dam also, which is 2 ½ miles away from his station. The usual grass cutting, etc., and other small work is done by the two.

Edmond's

Single Lock, no Bridge. Lockmaster is alone here.

Old Sly's

Two Locks in flight and one hand-operated Swing Bridge and Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist in the usual work as outlined in the foregoing.

Smiths Falls Combined

Three Locks in flight, on hand-operated Swing Bridge, one Waste Weir and one fixed Bridge. Lockmaster has two lockmen assisting,. He also acts as Canal Clerk (with \$400.00 per annum extra salary, and which might be reduced to \$100.00 per annum, as collections are now made direct to the Department) and he would still have to issue Let passes, Etc. The usual work is also done by the Lockmen.

Smiths Falls Detached

Single Lock, one hand-operated Swing Bridge and one separate Fixed Bridge, with regulating Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist, and as he has to be away on water control work quite frequently, one man has to be left in charge. The usual work of grass cutting, etc., is also done by the two.

Poonamalie

Single Lock, no Bridge. Lockmaster has to be away every day to attend to water flow from Rideau lake, and to the Automatic Gauge, the latter and Waste Weir being nearly a mile away from the Lock. He has two Lockmen to assist him, and as there is a very large number of lockages here as well as the other usual work, these two men are really necessary.

Narrows

Single Lock, with hand operated Swing Bridge and Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist, who might be dispensed with if decided by the Department.

Newboro

Single Lock, no Swing Bridge, but one High Level Fixed Bridge. No Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman but as there is a great deal of locking here, I consider that he requires this man.

Chaffey's

Single Lock, with hand-operated Swing Bridge, and Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman who is required on account of the large amount of locking, etc.

Davis'

Single lock, no Swing Bridge. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist him, and who might be dispensed with if so decided by the Department.

Jones' Falls

One detached Lock, Basin and three Locks in flight, one hand-operated Swing Bridge, one Fixed Bridge and one Waste Weir. Lockmaster has four Lockmen here, two at the upper Lock to run water and pass the boats and then follow down to the three Locks and Swing Bridge, as well as cut grass and keep this large station clean and tidy lockmaster also has charge of Morton Dam, three miles distant, which he has to visit frequently for water control. One man cut off this year.

Brewers Mills

Two locks in flight, one hand-operated Swing Span and one Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist.

Washburn

Single Lock and hand-operated Swing Bridge, also Waste Weir. Lockmaster has one Lockman to assist him, and whose services might be dispensed with if decided by the department.

Kingston Mills

One detached Lock, one Basin and three Locks in flight. One hand-operated Swing Bridge and one separate Fixed Bridge. Lockmaster has five Lockmen to assist him, and he also acts as Canal Clerk, at an extra salary of \$400.00 per annum, which could be reduced to \$100.00 per annum as collections are now made direct to the Department, but he would still have to issue Let passes etc. One Lockman also could be dispensed with at this Station."