

Hester Cunningham was born and raised in Albemarle Township (in the community of Mar) the sixth child of nine the family of Archie & Alice Weir. Attended Mar Public school for 8 years and Warton High school for 2 years. She took some 4H Clubs, but did not join Hermon's Institute until after I got married. I was a member of the Mar Baptist Church at age 12.

On June 15, 1951 Hester married Tom Cunningham. They lived at Adamsville on Lots 11 & 12 Con 12. They had eight children, Jim Barbara, Joan, Ron, Doris, Linda, Connie & Renora. Hester joined the Hermon's Institute in 1957. They both joined Adamsville United Church. In 1967 the church was closed and also the school. The family then attended ^{the Warton United} church and school in Warton. (Warton was told diff. positions)

Hester held different offices & convenorships while in Adamsville N.S. and was District Director for the branch.

It was an honour to be President of Bruce North Hermon District from May 1975 - May 1980. During this term of office, there were 2 District Director meetings and several executive meetings. As President all the branches were visited once. Also attended other District Annuals in Bruce County. The Bruce North District hosted the County N.S. Rally in the fall of 1978 at Sauble Beach Community Centre. Hester attended the Rally in 1979. Bruce North District N.S. celebrated its 70th anniversary in the form of a Calico Ball at the Warton Arena in Oct 1979. In the spring of 1979 a workshop for officers was held at Adamsville Community Centre. In the fall of 1979 exchange Institute members from England were entertained at the Baptist Church in Warton (a pot luck supper followed by slides of the area). Plans were made for the Grey Bruce Convention which was held at the Warton Arena. The help of two very dedicated secretaries (Helen Moore & Gorgena Smith) were greatly appreciated.

I belonged to Hospital Auxiliary for several years and then changed to Gateway Haven Auxiliary. I was involved in 4H and other workshops for N.S. and was on the Bruce County N.S. Warton committee for 4 years (1990 - 1994).

In 2004 I was awarded a certificate for volunteering at Warton & District Agriculture Society for 30+ years. I was involved with the