

2000 - "New Dreams, New Memories"

By Rosella Clancy

"Grandma and Grandpa's Treasures"

Most members have treasures and antiques in the form of jewellery, medals, china, crystal, furniture or small farm implements. These heirlooms revive memories of an ancestor when they are worn, viewed or used.

"Grandma and Grandpa's Treasures," or whatever name you may feel is appropriate for your Tweedsmuir Book, should include a pictorial coverage of each heirloom. The written documentation of the heirloom should include the original owner's name, the relationship to the present owner, how it was acquired and its use and age. Some heirlooms, acquired as gifts or through inheritance, may require research to determine their age and function.

Hopefully Grandpa can be encouraged to assist with the research or to serve as the photographer.

Supplies may include acid-free paper, page protectors and a UHU glue stick. Decorative-edge scissors might promote your creative techniques, while cropping pictures may add interest to a page layout. It's not advisable to crop old photos if the background depicts information of a historical or architectural nature. Instead, crop laser copies. The completed Book will reveal to descendants those treasures valued as family heirlooms.

Some curators may decide to prepare "Grandma and Grandpa's Treasures" as a Branch effort.

How many are fortunate enough to have a store room or attic with these hidden treasures. "Attic Discoveries" might make an interesting Roll Call?

Is your first television stored in the attic? Who purchased the first black and white model in your community? Who can recall the favourite performers and shows of that period?

The Great Canadian Guide lists cultural institutions and attractions, while The Canadian Heritage Information Network offers facts and details about Canada's history. Curators may find information relevant to their area of Ontario. Access is available by visiting <http://www.chin.gc.ca>

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Steeped in History

For the last five years, Florence Butcher has been "steeped in history" as the Tweedsmuir History Curator for the Codrington WI. There are currently ten Tweedsmuir volumes in the Branch collection, containing news clippings, written accounts and pictures of people and activities from the Codrington area.

"Our Millennium Project," notes Florence, "is for members to write a personal profile to be included in a special book of members in the year 2000."

Submitted by Elsie Postma,
PRO, Codrington WI,
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Photo courtesy of Nancy Powers,
Brighton Independent.

Banner Years



Over the years, the Branchton WI in Waterloo South has generously supported a number of causes, including the Sick Children's Hospital, Cancer Society, Red Cross and the Waterloo Mental Health Association. The Branch has donated prizes for the public school speaking contests, awarded silver dollars to Grade 8 graduates, sponsored 4-H Homemaking Clubs, and worked and catered at plowing matches, weddings and euchre parties. Branchton members from left to right in the back row are Joy White, Sylvia Westbrook, Doris Szentimrey and Mien Donkers. In the front row from left to right are Edna Scott, Lorna Dodsworth, Lynne Dodsworth, Peggy Stafford and Linda O'Neill.