



## HOME & COUNTRY

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## FWIO MAILBAG:

December 6, 1996

Dear Madam:

We are a newly formed Women's Institute with just under thirty members covering the village of Tintern in Wales. And we would very much like to twin ourselves with a WI in Canada. Situated in the Wye Valley and well-known for its lovely Abbey, Tintern is one of Britain's most beautiful historic sites.

I should be grateful if we could be put in touch with a WI in Canada who are interested in twinning with us in this centenary year.

Yours faithfully,

*Jan Gibbard*

Secretary, Tintern & District WI



If your Branch is interested in twinning with this WI group, please write to:

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February 2, 1997

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

Attention: Arlene Strugnell,

Executive Director

Dear Arlene:

I am writing on behalf of our members who desire that we have a link with an overseas Branch of the Women's Institute. ... We are, I suppose, a very small Institute with 85 members. We will be celebrating our 66th birthday in May of 1997. I am told that you will be celebrating 100 years, a fantastic achievement!

We look forward to hearing from you and that you can help us with a contact in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

*Dorothy Seakens*

Secretary, Helensville Institute,

Auckland West Federation

If your Branch is interested in linking up with this Institute, please write to:

Dorothy Seakens

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Helensville, New Zealand

December 16, 1996

Dear Editor,

At a Branch meeting, Glenda Benton, Secretary of the Guelph Area, received her copy of the newly published centennial history *For Home and Country* written by Dr. Linda Ambrose.

Opening it at random, the book fell open at page 173, where she found herself looking at the picture in the upper right corner. With an indrawn breath of surprise, she realized the "unidentified woman" on the left is her own mother, Mrs. Audrey Quinton, a charter member of the Blantyre Women's Institute! And the book being bound as part of the instruction at that Tweedsmuir Curator's Workshop, was the leather binder of the King Family Album, a treasured book now left in the care of Glenda.

Extra sensory perception? An accident? Another instance of "the unexplained?"

*Peggy Knapp,*

ACWW Area President for Canada