

Lady Tweedsmuir was the former Susan Grosvenor, wife of Lord Tweedsmuir Canada's Governor General from 1935 - 1940, who was John Buchan before he was titled. When he died in Montreal she returned to England. She has written many plays, childrens books and reminiscences - was an ardent Women's Institute member in England, was made an Honorary Life Member of our Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. She advocated that the branches compile histories of their own communities across Canada.

"Her Foreword" to the histories -

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valueable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

-- by Lady Tweedsmuir --