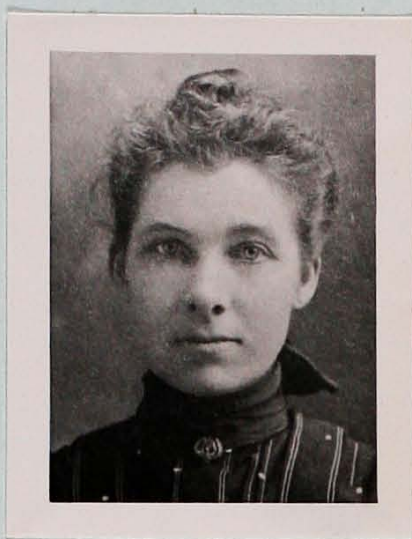


OFFICERS OF WEST BRUCE DISTRICT



Mrs. John Hewitson
Allenford Branch,
District President 1910-11

Mrs. Hewitson was an up and coming woman of her day. She worked hard to improve her status in life and was looked upon as an accomplished leader in the community.

She was an immaculate housekeeper. Each meal, her table was set as if expecting company. Her garden and lawns were very lovely and she spent much time with her flowers.

She was determined to carry out any project started for the betterment of the Institute, and her home. Her husband was a blacksmith. With her sewing, poultry and garden, Mrs. Hewitson did much to enhance the family budget. She was a self educated person -- a great reader and set a fine example.

Her maiden name was Aitcheson. She was a staunch Presbyterian.

Mrs. Hewitson was first president of Allenford Women's Institute organized in 1903. At this time there were thirty Institutes in Ontario with Allenford the thirtieth. She was president of Allenford Institute for six years and secretary for two years as well as holding office in the District.

-- compiled by Mrs. Eldred Aiken in 1967