

## A Ninetieth Old Member of Solway Women's Institute

Born August 13, 1909 in Bruce Township, Bruce County in the same house as my father was born, of Scottish ancestors. Walked two and one-quarter miles to public school. Attended Port Elgin High School, was the valedictorian, and later Stratford Normal School. Was a member of Paisley Junior Institute. Was on the debating team, when we won the Bruce County debating trophy, donated by Mr. Alex McWhinney M.L.A. for Bruce. Am a life member of Solway Women's Institute.

While attending a field day in Teeswater in connection with the Junior Institute and Junior Farmers, I met and later married my beloved and wonderful husband, Stanley and moved to Brant Township, where we engaged in mixed farming, until we sold the farm in 1979, severed the house and one acre of land. Stanley passed away eleven years ago, in the same house, as he was born. I am still residing in the six bedroom brick home, I moved to sixty years ago.

For nineteen years, we assisted the Bruce County Children's Aid Society in caring for children.

A daughter and her husband live close by, as does a granddaughter, her husband, and two, little girls, who are my pride and joy.

I live one day at a time. Everyone is so good to me. I still drive and try to attend church regularly.

All my thoughts of yesterday

Have made me what I am to-day.

Thank you God for this and every day.

Archetta Brockbank

Written in October, 1999.