

In the gracious reply of The Lady Tweedsmuir written on May 11, 1940 from Elsfield Manor, Oxford, England, she thanked the Women's Institute and suggested that it would be very nice if the books compiled were called "Tweedsmuir Village Histories". She also sent a message as a foreword.

FOREWORD

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institute of Canada are compiling village history books. Events move very fast nowadays, houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely in a short time. It is a most useful and satisfying task for W.I. members to see that nothing valuable 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".

(signed) Susan Tweedsmuir

The preserving of historical records and collecting of materials was dear to the heart of the late Gov. Gen. Lord Tweedsmuir. In compiling these Tweedsmuir History Books we are paying tribute to his memory. We will be preserving the records of the early pioneers and keeping records of the daily happenings in our homes, and communities during our present day living.

As your convener of Historical Research and Current Events, I wish to pay tribute to our first provincial convener of Historical Research, Miss Elizabeth Appelbe of Georgetown who was convener for 14 years from 1924 to 1938, also to Mrs. L.H. Reesor of Scarboro Junction 1938 - 1942, and Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard of Unionville 1942 - 1948.

In 1936, Miss Appelbe, co-operation with the Provincial archivist, prepared a pamphlet entitled "Outline of Procedure of Historical Research and Current Events". A copy of this