

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES

How they began

"Lord Tweedsmuir... took a special interest in the provision of rural libraries in Canada and... encouraged Women's Institutes to compile and publish local histories".

-- Encyclopedia Canadiana

Precious material for the Tweedsmuir histories has been collected by many and loving hands over a period of twenty-five years.

Where are they now?

Many are carefully stored in the homes of Institute members. Most are now rather bulky for home storage and also run the risk of being destroyed by fire.

Some of this historical material has already been lost and damaged through storing in unsuitable places such as sheds, cellars and attics. Some has been lost or destroyed by adults who did not realize its value. Some has been damaged by children.

A few histories have found their way into the local library.

Of what value are the Tweedsmuir histories?

These histories are valuable to:-

1. Scholars, historians and writers of today and of the future.
2. Local people who are interested in background information on the area. School children who are studying their own locale.
3. Your children and descendants who will wish to know about their ancestors; from whence they came, where they settled, who they married and how they lived.

This precious material can never be collected again.