

Women's Institutes

Tweedsmuir History Books

During her husband's term as Governor General of Canada, Lady Tweedsmuir took a great interest in Women's Institutes — stressed the need for preserving the history of the Canadian people, places, customs and activities.

These histories are one of the outstanding and valuable projects of the Women's Institutes.

The information dates as far back as possible and is brought up to the present in a never-ending search for detail.

Historians and researchers frequently use these books for resource information.

Over 100 Branches across Ontario have compiled histories.



The first Women's Institute in the world was organized at Stoney Creek, Ontario on Feb 19, 1897 by the co-founders Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee.

From this beginning the organization has spread through the Province, across the nation and around the world.

An educational organization for women working together to expand their skills, broaden their interests and improve homes and communities.

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This community history is a comprehensive, factual collection of historical data.

Main topics covered are:

- Branch Women's Institute and its contribution to the welfare and development of the community
- general community history
- individual families and homes
- farms and aspects of farming
- schools and education
- churches and their organizations
- industries, past and present
- libraries
- municipal government
- recreation
- war records

