

Lord Tweedsmuir: Born John Buchan in Scotland, Aug. 25, 1875, the son of Rev. John Buchan. Historian, novelist and Governor-General of Canada from 1935 to 1940. Called to the Bar in 1901. From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of British House of Common for Scottish Universities. In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir". Author of a number of biographies and historical works: Sir Walter Raleigh; Sir Walter Scott; Julius Caesar; Oliver Cromwell; The Massacre of Glencoe; The King's Grace, etc. Some of his novels were: The 39 Steps; Salute to Adventurers; The Three Hostages, etc. "Memory Hold the Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works. John Buchan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir, died in Montreal on Feb. 11th, 1940. His library was bequeathed to Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario.

Lady Tweedsmuir: Susan, wife of our beloved Governor-General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences. She was an ardent W.I. member in England, and was made an Honorary Life Member of F. W. I. O. She advocated that our organization across Canada compile the histories of our local communities and villages. She returned to England following the death of her husband, and is still residing there. (1962).

Lady Susan Tweedsmuir 1969

Lady Tweedsmuir, widow of Lord Tweedsmuir, late Canadian Governor General, died March 24 at her Oxfordshire home in England at the age of 94.

She was responsible for introducing the idea of gathering historical community data and compiling the information into book form. Because of her encouragement Women's Institute members in Ontario compiled Tweedsmuir History books at branch, district, area and provincial level.

Lady Tweedsmuir was generous enough to write the foreword which appears in all Tweedsmuir History books. Today, Tweedsmuir Histories in Ontario are considered authentic historical data and recognized by the Ministry of Education as a true source of information for students.

Completed Ontario Tweedsmuir Histories are on microfilm at the Ontario Archives. These valuable books are certainly not only in Ontario but in all provinces. National Tweedsmuir History competitions have been held at FWIC Conventions over the years. Statistics show over 1300 branches in Ontario have local histories ranging from a single volume to as high as nine volumes.

Women's Institutes are grateful to the foresight of Lady Tweedsmuir and the support given to encourage branch members to record histories of local communities that otherwise would have been forever lost.