When Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor-General of Canada, he found a great lack of local history. His wife, Lady Tweedsmuir, who was a member of a branch Institute in England and who knew of the Aims & Objects of Women's Institutes, Suggested, after his death, that each Women's Institute Branch in Canada, compile a history of their local community as a memorial to her husband.

These histories are being compiled all across Canada, and contain pictures and stories of early pioneers, the history of local churches, organizations, schools, industry and other items of interest.

The work is still being carried on at Branch, District, Area and Provincial levels.