

Foreword

I am so glad that the Women's Institutes are going to compile Village History Books.

Events move very fast now-a-days, houses are pulled down, new roads are made and the aspect of the country-side changes completely, some times in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute 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-coloured sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books.

The oldest people in the village will tell 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 the historian of the future.

I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

Susan Tweedsmuir



LORD TWEESMUIR

Lord Tweedsmuir - John Buchan - 1st Baron was a historian and novelist. Born Aug. 26, 1875 in Perth, Scotland. Called to bar in 1901. In 1907, married Susan Charlotte Grosvenor. They had a family of 3 sons and 1 daughter. He served as Governor-General of Canada 1935-40. He was the first Governor-General to die in office. He travelled over all areas of Canada and made many friends.



LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Lady Tweedsmuir was a great help to her husband. She took a special interest in the provision of libraries for rural areas in Canada and also encouraged the Women's Institutes to compile and publish local histories. She was herself the author of several novels and an autobiography.