

Description of the

Kintore Women's Institute Tweedsmuir fonds

County of Oxford Archives

Creator: Kintore Women's Institute
Date of Creation: 1903-2003
Physical Description: 6 scrapbooks and 1 binder of Women's Institute History and Kintore
Reference Number: COA77

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History:

The Township of Nissouri was surveyed in 1818 and open for settlement in 1820. In 1863, in the hotel of William Murray, the Post Office was named "Kintore Post Office," after the Honorable George Alexander's birthplace in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. In 1867 the Post Office moved to "Pea Straw Corners," which then changed names to Kintore.

"In 1903, over twenty ladies of the Kintore Community met in the Methodist church to form a Women's Institute." "The first president of this group was Mrs. Switzer and Agnes Henderson-Chalmers held the position of secretary.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 and 1939, the Institute ceased holding its regular meetings and met every Friday afternoon at the Masonic Hall to support the war effort through the Canadian Red Cross. They quilted, knitted bandages and socks, and packed care packages for the local boys overseas.

In the past years, Kintore's Women's Institute has been involved in various activities including donations to the CNIB, Foster Children Plan and UNICEF; community betterment by the addition of books to the Kintore Public Library and sponsoring the 4H Homemaking Clubs of Kintore. Their assistance has greatly aided and encouraged several community affairs through the years." Taken from the "Our Community Kintore 1878-1978" by Henderson, Janice, McLeod, Valerie and Weir, Patricia.

Taken from the binder of the Kintore Women's Institute: The Tweedsmuir History of the Kintore Women's Institute was begun by Mrs. D. R. (Helen) Calder.

The first presidents were as follows:	1903-4	Mrs. Samuel Switzer
	1904-5	Mrs. Alex McCallum
	1904-7	Mrs. Edward Pearson
	1907-10	Mrs. W. Dunlop
	1910-12	Cassie Day (Mrs. Bob Shaw)
	1912-1913	Mrs. J.C. McPherson

Custodial History:

The records were received from Don Macleod Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Zorra transferred from Thamesford Public Library 2011.