

Foreword

We of the West Oxford Women's Institute Book Committee have sought to present a true picture of the early beginnings of our West Oxford District, and some record of those pioneers whose courage, determination, and earnest endeavours converted the unbroken forest into the thriving community of today.

We wish to express sincere appreciation to all who contributed in any way to make this history possible. We regret any errors or omissions; they were not by design - but by inadvertence.

Our information was gained primarily from interviews with descendants of early settlers, from family records, newspaper clippings, Gazetteers and above all, from our own wealth of material contained in our Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Books.

It is our hope that the reading of this book may enhance our knowledge of, and respect for, the pioneers who have bequeathed to us so rich a heritage.

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