

St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, Ontario.

February 12, 1973.

NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS
Mrs. Lillian Young	R.R. #2 St. Thomas	Helen Gifford	R.R. 5, St. Thomas
Mrs. R. L. Secker	R. 1 St. George - Min. 8 Lp.	Dolly Field	89 Elm St. St. Thomas
Mrs. Wm. M. Anderson	57 Elizabeth St. St. Thomas	(Mrs. Marshall Field)	Curator for Elgin East.
Mrs. Wallace Brackenbury	R.R. #2		
Mrs. Roy Green	Springfield		
	Tillamburg		
	R.R. 3		
Mrs. Bessie Bagnall	- Springfield Ont.		
Mrs. Grace Forrest	34 Oak St. Aylmer		
Mrs. Gordon Lenden	43 Southwick St. St. Thomas		
Mrs. Clara Ingram	union Ont. S.Y.W.O.		
Mrs. Grace Lee	- R.R. 1 Belmont		
Mrs. Lenora Free	Kingsmill - Mapleton		
(Miss) Catharine McDowell	- Eden		
Mrs. Pearl Bentley	Eden		
Clarence Sadler	R.R. 4, St. Thomas		
Cordon Ripley	St. Thomas [Student]		
Linda Pearce	Port Stanley [Teacher-student]		
Cathy Smith	St. Thomas (Student)		
Helen Martyn	Sparta		
Florence Warren	Sparta		
Janet Hupler	- R.R. 2 Springfield		
Florence McCallum	R.R. 2 Springfield (Lyons)		
Ruth Forrest	R.R. #2 Springfield		
Maxine Davis	R.R. 1 Belmont (Lyons)		
Lela Carter	Wormouth Glen.		
	Bayham W.D.		
	Aylmer R.R. 1.		
Lela Bartlett	Calton		
Beth Charlton	Springfield		
Grace Tomlin			

GET-TOGETHER FOR BRANCH CURATORS - MARCH 15, 1976 - SPRINGFIELD



Back Row - L. to R.
 Mrs. Clarence Tomlin
 Mrs. Chas. Ingram
 Mrs. Cecil Baxter
 Mrs. Gordon Hoshal
 Front Row - L. to R.
 Mrs. Gordon Lemon
 Mrs. H. M. Anderson
 Assistant District Curator



Mrs. Keith Heiple
 Federated Board Director
 Mrs. R. Abell
 Mrs. Lucy Fuller
 Mrs. Leon Carter



Back Row - Mrs. Harold Davis and Mrs. Florence Harper
 Front Row - Mrs. Ross Bagnall, Mrs. Craft Lamborn, Miss Catharine McDowell
 District President



Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Mrs. Gordon Hoshal
 District Curator Asst. Dist. Curator Springfield Curator

"Friends Get To-gether"



1979- St. Marys
Photo- Miss Margaret
Craven, Eden W.I. Curator.

District Curator, Catharine McDowell and assistant, Mrs. Gordon Hoshal, attend the Officers' Conference at Waterloo University, May 1979- London Area Workshop Aug. 1979- Aug. 12, 1980. at the Lambton Heritage Museum, Grand Bend,

Mrs. Bessie Bagnall is on the right, attending the three meetings, also. Mrs. Keith Hiepleh Area President, accompanied the "Four" Aug. 12, 1980.



London Area Tweedsmuir Curators Workshop
Strathroy Museum, August 11, 1981.

Viola Pilkington, Organizer of the day
Catharine McDowell, Chairman of meeting
Mary Johnson, District Curator W. Middlesex
Jeanny Coulthard, Sect. Area Curators Workshop
Norma G. Howe, Provincial Curator

BRANCHES IN ELGIN EAST DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

The following is a list of the Branches which have existed in the Elgin East District from 1902 and have disbanded or transferred to another county.

Port Burwell 1907 - 1910: Luton 1908 - 1955: Copenhagen 1910 - 1910:

Straffordville 1915 - 1920: Port Stanley 1929 - 1957: Lakeview 1919 - 1975:

St. Andrew's 1935 - 1968 when it became part of Middlesex County W.I.

The following is a list of the Branches in existence at time of writing (June 1977) with the dates of their inception:

Aylmer 1902

Bayham 1907

Belmont 1912 (This Branch came into Elgin East District from East Middlesex in 1953)

Calton 1952

Central Yarmouth 1948

Corinth 1926

Eden 1952

Kingsmill-Mapleton 1907

Lyons 1908

North Yarmouth 1930

South Yarmouth 1920

Sparta-Sorosis (1907-1908) 1930

Springfield 1904

Yarmouth Glen 1959

HISTORY OF THE CALTON BRANCH, OF EAST ELGIN WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Our inception date was Nov 12, 1952. Mrs. Charles Phillips was our first president and Mrs. Robert Kennedy our first secretary. We have no life members.

During our first year, we helped the Community Hall Committee to pay for material to build an addition to the hall (previously a school house) which provided a kitchen. We also helped to equip the hall and kitchen and have continued to assist with the maintenance of such. It is in this hall that we hold all our meetings.

We contribute to a number of worthy causes sponsored or approved by the Provincial and Dominion Boards. We have helped substantially with the Elgin County Museum.

In 1957 we began our Tweedsmuir History; also we have a scrap book (containing pictures and items pertaining to W. I. work and the Elgin Museum) Also each month news items are collected and pasted into a "news scrap book" to be read at our regular meeting. This book is kept as a reference to past current events.

In the Aylmer Public Library, we have placed a book in memory of one of our members.

Four our Public School, we provide an award yearly, for the boy and girl attaining the highest average in Grade 8.

Our activities for pleasure include bus trips, to places of note and evenings out" at interesting places.

The Home Economics Extension Courses are well attended and well received.

Our programmes have included films on cancer, civil defense, Rose Bowl flower parade etc., travelogues on England, Switzerland and Italy. Report on Upper Canada Village by members who have visited it. History of stamp collecting. Affairs pertaining to local council. Facts concerning Women's property rights and how to make wills".

Our pet project is our "Good Neighbour Fund". Out of this fund the elderly people of our Community are remembered at Christmas, Anniversaries etc. The sick are remembered with flowers and cards and each new baby receives a silver spoon. On one occasion we provided a Christmas dinner for a large needy family. We also extend aid in emergencies such as loss by fire, etc.,

Respectfully submitted by

Mrs. Lela Bartlett.
CALTON W. I.

KINGSMILL- MAPLETON W.I. February 9, 1907 -

The Kingsmill Mapleton Branch of East Elgin Women's Institute was organized at the home of the late Mrs. John Brodie, Mapleton, on the above date. The Government speaker and organizer was Mrs. I Pritchard of Aylmer. The name first given was the "Mapleton Institute " but owing to the rapid growth and extension of territory the name was changed in 1912 to "Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute".

Mrs. D. D. Finch was elected the first president and the society is perhaps unique in the fact that down through the years no president served more than one year in that capacity until 1957 when the term was extended to two years. Miss Teota Cloes was appointed to act as secretary but she was the school teacher and was unable to attend the regular meetings which were held the first Thursday of every month. At the end of the year Mrs. John Brodie was elected to that position.

In the pioneer years of our society we were guided by speakers from the Department which came to our society usually in June and gave splendid addresses such as - In 1914 Miss Moody spoke on "Cause and Prevention of Disease". In 1915 Miss Preston spoke on "The Women of To-day". In 1916 Miss Etherl Chapman spoke on "Such Stuff as Homes are made of". In 1917 Dr. Anna Bachus spoke on the "Franchise" to name a few, also many local speakers addressed the meetings.

The early history of the Kingsmill Mapleton Branch is a history of the surrounding Community. To read the minutes is to see in review the dear ones who now have passed on, who gave so freely of their time and talents. It is to see the children and grand children of those pioneers in the movement grown to womanhood and shouldering the responsibilities of carrying on the work. The early history might be said to fall into three main divisions (a) Before world war one 1907-1914) (b) During the war (1914 to 1918) and after the war (1919 to 1932) Before the war good work was done, good meeting were held, concerts and plays presented, flowers and food sent to the sick, quilts, clothing and fuel provided for the needy. During the war, whenever an appeal was received from Mr. George Putnam, Superintendent of the W. I. for Ontario (1904-1934) asking the branch to do what they could toward the war effort, the women were ready to do their bit and their patriotism and valiant courage never lagged through all those trying years. The organization of the Institute combined with the Red Cross gave an avenue through which to function systematically. In may 1918 it was decided to accept the Conditions of the Red Cross in establishing a Canning Centre for the preservation of surplus fruits, vegetables and fowl. Mr. John Brodie loaned the butter room of his factory for the project. Donations of money and produce came from Middlemarch, Sparta, Luton, Salem, Lyons, Rodney, Belmont and Harrietsville Institute branches as well as the surrounding district. The output of the Canning Centre was 6,313 cans. This was valued at \$4081.60.

The support of a Belgium family also a Prisoner of War was undertaken along with all the knitting, sewing and other Red Cross work.

Garden parties were held to increase the funds and in the years 1918-1919 two monster garden parties were held, which realized \$440. and \$1027. respectively. This enabled the society to make contributions to the Children's Shelter, Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, and other worthy causes.

In 1920 steps were taken to improve the Mapleton Cemetery. Decoration Day was held, substantial donations given at different times and then a yearly donation for the upkeep of the two cemeterys Mapleton and Necropolis (Disciples.