

M R S . L E S L I E C O W A N



Mrs. Leslie Cowan (nee Frances Mamie Craven) held the following offices in the Institute;

Secretary-Treasurer in 1959-60

Secretary in 1960-61

Tweedsmuir History Curator

Born Sept. 22, 1921, at grandfather's residence in Middleton near Tillsonburg
Eldest child of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Craven (nee Mamie E. Rouse).

Attended Eden Public School, Tillsonburg High School and Robinson Business
College, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

Worked six years from 1940-1946 in offices of International Cooperage Company
of Canada, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

On April 4, 1942 married David Leslie Cowan of Tillsonburg.

Had two children, Allan Leslie, born Feb. 28, 1947, and Linda Ruth, born
Nov. 2, 1948.

Joined Eden Women's Institute at its formation in May, 1952.

MARGARET M. CRAVEN



Miss Margaret M. Craven held the following offices in Eden W.I.

District Director

Tweedsmuir History Curator

President: 1957-8

President: 1958-9

She was born Aug. 8, 1926, at grandfather's residence in Middleton township near Tillsonburg (now part of the Industrial Park at Tillsonburg), third child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom F. Craven (nee Mamie E. Rouse).

Attended Eden Public School # 18 Bayham, Tillsonburg High School and Tillsonburg Business College. Taught at Tillsonburg Business College for two years and worked in local offices for a number of years.

Joined the Eden Women's Institute in May, 1952 at its formation.

M R S . V I O L E T D A V I S



Mrs. Violet Evelyn Davis held the following offices in the Women's Institute:
Secretary in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977.

She was born in Malahide Township on January 12, 1912, to Mrs. and Mr.
Leonard Kilmer (nee Charlotte Ireland).

On March 5, 1938 married Oakley Lorne Davis of Woodstock, Ontario.

Mr. Davis was killed in Active Combat in Italy in World War II on October 20,
1944.

Has two daughters, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

MRS. CROFT GARNHAM



HELD THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS IN THE Eden Women's Institute
Tweedsmuir History Curator
Delegate to the East Elgin Museum board meetings
for many years.

M R S . L E E G A R N H A M



Mrs. Lee Garnham (nee Etta Birdsall) held the following offices in the Institute:

President in 1965, 1966, 1967 Tweedsmuir History Curator

She was born at South Middleton in Norfolk County on a pioneer farm to Mr. and Mrs. John Birdsall.

She attended a one room country school in Middleton, having a two and a half mile walk from home to school. Later with five more young neighbours, she rode bicycle home into Tillsonburg High School on each Monday morning; stayed at Grandmother Birdsall's home in town and rode bicycle home on Friday night.

She attended London Normal School and later taught in one roomed country schools.

Later she took a dietitian and domestic science course at MacDonald Institute at Guelph Ontario Agricultural College, graduating in 1917. Then was dietitian one year in Saskatchewan at Regina General Hospital and a few months at Speedwell Military Hospital.

In 1921 she married a farmer, Lee Garnham, and came to Guysboro to live. For many years tobacco was grown on their farm so Etta was head cook and dish washer for a gang of hungry men.

Joined Eden Women's Institute one month after it was organized in June 1952. Was Delegate to Officers' Conference at Guelph in 1966.

M R S . R E G I N A L D G O L D T H O R P



Mrs. Reginald Goldthorp held the following offices in the Women's Institute:

District director 1965-66

Agriculture and Canadian Industries Convener 1967

Secretary-treasurer 1968 to 1973, 78-84, 84-90,

Public Relations Officer 1974

President 1975-6, 1976-7

She was born Maryann Lucas, in Houghton Township, Norfolk County, Southern Ontario on February 27, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas (nee Velldora King). Attended public school at S.S. No. 6, North Road and S.S. No. 10, Kinglake, Ontario.

She married Reginald Goldthorp on March 20, 1940, in the Tillsonburg Baptist parsnage, by the late Rev. Mr. Carr. Mr. Goldthorp was a resident of Peel County. They had two children, Lloyd, and Edith.

She joined the Eden Institute in June 1963.

M R S R E A M H A L L



Mrs. Ream Hall (nee Bertha Broughton) held the following offices in the Institute.

President 1959 and 1960-61, 1967-69

Mrs. Hall was born at Nixon, Ontario, in 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nellson Broughton (nee Bertha Ann Beecroft). Mr. Broughton was born and raised at Rattlesnake Harbour and his wife at Glengee.

Mrs. Hall's first school was at Vittoria and her last school teacher was Miss Reta Oatman.

She was married in 1929 at Delhi and had one daughter, Bertha, who died at birth and one son, Donald, born in 1933.





Photo taken at the Tree Planting Ceremony at the new Eden Public School

Mrs. J.C. Inman (nee Eva Stilwell) was one of the women who were active in organizing a local branch of the Women's Institute, visiting ladies of the area to see if there was enough interest in doing so.

She held the following offices in it:

District Director: 1952-3

President: 1953-4

She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stilwell (nee Annette Meyer).

She married J. Clarence Inman of Eden and lived a number of years in Windsor, returning to Eden to farm the home farm until it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Romaniw.

MRS. CLINTON K E N N E D Y



Mrs. Clinton Kennedy (nee Olive M. Dinwoodie) held the following offices in the Institute.

Secretary-treasurer 1952-1953, 1953-1954

President 1954-1955, 1955-56, 1963-64, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89.
1956-57, 1964-65

She was born in Windhorest, Saskatchewan on Nov. 23, 1909, to Mr. & Mrs. George A. Dinwoodie (nee Mary Ann Smith).

She moved to Ontario in 1914 and received her Public school education at S.S. No. 6 and 7, Bayham and Malahide (at Calton). She went to Secondary school at Mount Elgin Continuation School, Mount Elgin, Ontario. Took Nurse's Training at Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario, and graduated from the school of nursing in 1933.

She married Clinton Dwight Kennedy of Eden on Nov. 22, 1952.



Mrs. Morley Luce (Violet) held the following offices in the Eden W.I.

Secretary:	1961-2
Secretary	1962-3
	1969-71
President:	1979-80