

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY



WEST ELGIN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

WEST ELGIN DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

1905 - 1906	--- Miss F. McLean	----- Dutton	1937 - 1938	--- Miss M. Gow	----- Dutton
1906 - 1907	--- Mrs. Dan Graham	----- Dutton	1938 - 1939	--- " " "	----- "
1907 - 1908	--- " " "	----- "	1939 - 1940	--- " " "	----- "
1908 - 1909	--- " E.V. Docker	----- Wallacetown	1940 - 1941	--- Mrs. N. Nickleson	----- West Lorne
1909 - 1910	--- " B.B. Graham	----- Rodney	1941 - 1942	--- " J.R. Futcher	----- Middlemarch
1910 - 1911	--- " E.V. Docker	----- Wallacetown	1942 - 1943	--- " " " "	----- "
1911 - 1912	--- " D. Brown	----- Iona	1943 - 1944	--- " A. McKellar	----- Talbotville
1912 - 1913	--- " C. A. Wray	----- Rodney	1944 - 1945	--- " " "	----- "
1913 - 1914	--- Miss McPherson	----- Fingal	1945 - 1946	--- " H. Miller	----- Rodney
1914 - 1915	--- Mrs. T. Sims	----- West Lorne	1946 - 1947	--- " " "	----- "
1915 - 1916	--- " J. Trestain	----- Clachan	1947 - 1948	--- " G. Silcox	----- Shedden
1916 - 1917	--- Miss L. Sells	----- Shedden	1948 - 1949	--- " " "	----- "
1917 - 1918	--- Mrs. Whiting	----- Rodney	1949 - 1950	--- " Russell Kerr	----- Iona Station
1918 - 1919	--- " " "	----- "	1950 - 1951	--- " " "	----- " "
1919 - 1920	--- Mrs. M. McKillop	----- West Lorne	1951 - 1952	--- " M. Graham	----- Dutton
1920 - 1921	--- " " "	----- " "	1952 - 1953	--- " " "	----- "
1921 - 1922	--- " J.C. McMillan	----- Crinan	1953 - 1954	--- " S. Lyle	----- Middlemarch
1922 - 1923	--- " " " "	----- "	1954 - 1955	--- " " "	----- "
1923 - 1924	--- " L. H. Brown	----- Iona	1955 - 1956	--- Mrs. R. McNeil	----- Dutton
1924 - 1925	--- " " " "	----- "	1956 - 1957	--- " " "	----- "
1925 - 1926	--- Mrs. J.H. Sells	----- Shedden	1957 - 1958	--- " C. Cooper	----- West Lorne
1926 - 1927	--- " " " "	----- "	1958 - 1959	--- " " "	----- " "
1927 - 1928	--- Mrs. H.C. McKillop	----- West Lorne	1959 - 1960	--- " J.D. Galbraith	----- Iona Station
1928 - 1929	--- " " " "	----- " "	1960 - 1961	--- " " " "	----- " "
1929 - 1930	--- " " " "	----- " "	1961 - 1962	--- " E.S. Down	----- Shedden
1930 - 1931	--- Mrs. E. V. Docker	----- Wallacetown	1962 - 1963	--- " " " "	----- "
1931 - 1932	--- " G.A. McLevey	----- Rodney	1963 - 1964	--- " Vermont Pow	----- Paynes Mills
1932 - 1933	--- " " " "	----- "	1964 - 1965	--- " " " "	----- " "
1933 - 1934	--- " " " "	----- "	1965 - 1966	--- " H. Jackson	----- Boxall
1934 - 1935	--- " " " "	----- "	1966 - 1967	--- " " "	----- "
1935 - 1936	--- Miss M.K. Lyle	----- Middlemarch	1967 - 1968	--- Mrs. Herb Jackson	----- Boxall
1936 - 1937	--- " " " "	----- "	1968 - 1969	--- Mrs. Har'ld Butler	----- Middlemarch

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1969 - 1970 --- Mrs. Harold Butler - Middlemarch

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1971 - 1972 --- Mrs. Gordon Gow ---- Tyrconnell

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1973 - 1974 --- Mrs. Ivan MacAdam -- Cowal

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1975 - 1976 --- Mrs. Elias Reck ---- RiverRoad

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1977 - 1978 --- Mrs. Russell Campbell Cowal

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1980 - 1981 --- Mrs. Garnet Cowell -- Iona Sta.

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1982 - 1983 --- Mrs. Ralph Palmer --- Shedden

1983 - 1984 --- Mrs. Ralph Palmer --- Shedden

1984 - 1985 --- Mrs. Ivan Beecroft ----Iona Sta.

1985-1986 - MRS. IVAN BEECROFT. --- IONA STA.

1986-1987 - MRS JAMEY (GERALDINE) CAMPBELL -- COWAL.

1987-1988 - MRS JOHN McINTYRE --- WALLACETOWN

1988-1989 - MRS JOHN McINTYRE --- WALLACETOWN

1989 - 90 Mrs Bruce) Eleanor McMillan - Cowal

1990 - 1991 Mrs (Bruce) Eleanor McMillan Cowal

1991 - 1992 Mrs (Ron) Jean Leitch

1992 - 1993 Mrs J Gowdeth

1993 - 1994. Mrs. W. Johnston

1994 1995 Mrs W Johnston

1995. 1996 Mrs A McLean

1996. 1997 Mrs A McLean

1997. - Mrs A McLean

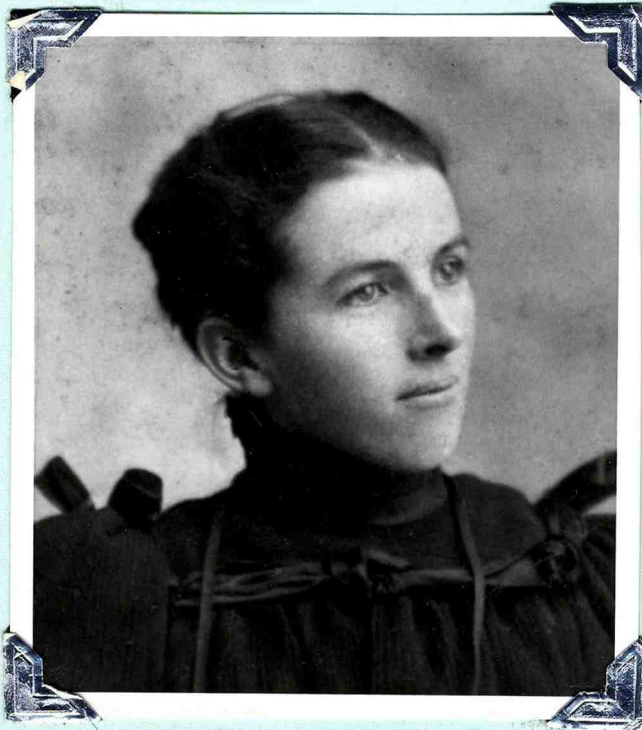
Last President of Elgin West.

MRS. EDWARD V. DOCKER

On April 4 th, 1874, Anna Frances Backus was born into the family of Robert Backus and Jane Pearce where she already had three brothers. She was the youngest child and only daughter.

The family home was situated about a mile south of Wallacetown on the Talbot Road - here Anna lived and attended school.

On June 9, 1903, she married Edward V. Docker and lived on the farm



adjoining her father's. Anna was delicate and her formal education was mainly music. She studied organ with Prof. Wright of Ridgetown and later with Mr. Archie Duncan, a pioneer resident of Tyrconnel. She was very fond of reading, and through books from the St. Thomas library, greatly advanced her learning. She loved travel and photography, and was very fond of horses, taking great pleasure from their fine driving horses. She loved the great out

doors and spent many hours studying wild flowers - she was able to express herself in writing and gave many talks on nature study.

Mrs. Docker was a member of St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnel, where she was organist for many years. She worked in all organizations of the church and was an early member of the A.Y.P.A. and Choral Society.

On Nov. 24th, 1939, she passed away and was buried in her beloved St. Peter's Cemetery. During her life she had spent much time promoting the development of this beautiful place to make it one of the beauty spots of the community.

When the Women's Institute was organized at Tyrconnel, Mrs. Docker took an active part in many ways. She was President of the branch in 1917-18, also a District Director, and in 1930 - 1931 was District President.

MRS. B. B. GRAHAM

Mrs. B. B. Graham, the former Margaret McMillan, was born in Rodney and taught in the public school there. Following her marriage to B. B. Graham they lived for several years at Taylor. They moved to Rodney in 1906 when Mr. Graham became Elgin County Treasurer, an office he held for many years.

Mrs. Graham was the first secretary of the Rodney Branch of the Women's Institute. She served as President of West Elgin District of the Women's Institute in 1909 and 1910.

Some of the older members of the local branch of the W.I. can still remember an outstanding paper she gave at one of the meetings entitled "Growing old Gracefully." She was an active member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Rodney.