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WEST ELGIN DISTRICT SECRETARY - TREASURERS

1905 - 1906	- Miss Effie Graham	-----	-----	-----	Dutton
1906 - 1918	- Miss Minnie Gow	-----	-----	-----	Wallacetown
1918 - 1923	- Mrs. G. A. McLevey	-----	-----	-----	Rodney
1923 - 1936	- Miss Eva Morrison	-----	-----	-----	Shedden
1936 - 1937	- Miss G. McArthur				WALLACETOWN.
1937 - 1938	- Miss G. McArthur	-----	-----	-----	Wallacetown
1938 - 1942	- Mrs. Harold Sloan	-----	-----	-----	Wallacetown
1942 - 1949	- Miss Grace McCormack	-----	-----	-----	Shedden
1949 - 1955	- Mrs. Hugh Carroll	-----	-----	-----	Cowal
1955 - 1960	- Mrs. Herbert Jackson	-----	-----	-----	Boxall
1960 - 1966	- Mrs. Herbert Parks	-----	-----	-----	Shedden
1966 - 1968	- Mrs. Ray Johnson	-----	-----	-----	Iona
1968 - 1974	- Mrs. Russell Campbell	-----	-----	-----	Cowal
1974 - 1976	- Mrs. Herb Jackson	-----	-----	-----	Boxall
1976 - 1982	- Mrs. Bruce McMillan	-----	-----	-----	Cowal
1982 -	- Mrs. Earl Morden				

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MRS. GARFIELD ROSS

Mrs. Garfield Ross, the former Effie Graham, was born in Dutton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Graham. She attended public and high school in Dutton and became a member of the Baptist Church there.

At a meeting in the town hall in Dutton in February 1905, Miss Graham was elected secretary treasurer of the first Women's Institute to be organized in West Elgin. In February, 1906, she became ill, and under doctor's orders resigned her office. However, prior to her illness she was sent as a delegate to the Institute Convention in Guelph, and was the first Institute delegate to be sent to a convention.



Mrs. Ross has been secretary - treasurer of her branch and a consistent charter member. She has been, and is, active in community activities. For many years she compiled the clan guest lists for the Caledonian Games. At present, in 1967, she is preparing the guest list for the Centennial Caledonian Games.

Mrs. Ross has been a staunch worker for her political party, compiling and assisting with voter's lists, etc. She is a lover of flowers and good books.

MISS MINNIE GOW

Miss Minnie Gow, Secretary Treasurer of West Elgin District Women's Institute from 1909 until 1918, was born near Wallacetown, daughter of the late John R. Gow and Mary Backus Gow. In 1914 Miss Gow came to Dutton and joined the Women's Institute branch there. She served as secretary treasurer and president as well as in other offices. In 1937 Miss Gow became District President and served as such for three years.

She is a loyal member of Knox Church, Dutton, and has served in many offices of the W.M.S. and Ladies Aid of the church. She is a past regent of the Daughters of the Empire Order.

MRS. G. A. McLEVEY

Mrs. G.A. McLevey was District Secretary Treasurer from 1919 until 1923. She served the Institute as District President in 1931. She was the wife of Dr. G. A. McLevey a well known Veterinary in Rodney for many years. Mrs. McLevey was a talented musician and a member of the Church of Christ in Rodney.

MISS EVA MORRISON

Miss Eva Morrison was born in Shedden in January of 1890, daughter of William H. and Margaret Morrison, and has resided there all her life.

Her first initiation into organization work was in the Epworth League and the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church, now the United Church of Canada.

Miss Morrison is a charter member of the Shedden Women's Institute which was organized in May, 1913. She held the office of secretary as well as most of the other offices in the local W.I. branch, and in 1923 was elected secretary of West Elgin District W.I. During her term of office in the District three new branches were organized - she served in this office for 13 years. Also during this period the District sponsored the first County Music Festival and presented a large framed picture to the winning school chorus. Another special interest was Public Speaking contests. One of the highlights of Winter Picnics was the year that everyone brought pie as their contribution to the lunch.

Miss Morrison tells us that she has enjoyed her associations and all the activities of the Women's Institute, and considers she received a great deal of benefit from it in friendship and knowledge.



MRS. HAROLD SLOAN

Mrs. Harold Sloan, the former Gertrude McArthur, was very active in the work of the Elgin County Junior Girls Institute. She participated in judging competitions at Western Fair, Toronto C.N.E., and the Royal Winter Fair.

Later she became interested in the Senior branch of the Women's Institute at Wallacetown, and also the West Elgin District W.I. In 1936 she became Secretary, an office she held for six years, until 1942.



Miss McArthur became Mrs. Harold Sloan in 1938 and for some time gave up activity in many organizations to devote her full time to her home and the raising of four girls.

In 1961 Mrs. Sloan became Postmistress at Wallacetown as well as running a grocery store which occupies her spare time. She remains a member of the Institute at Wallacetown and at present is one of the auditors. Mrs. Sloan still leads an active life, enjoying the Institute as well as her Sunday School Class.

MRS. MORLEY BLEWETT

Mrs. Morley Blewett is the third daughter born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm D. McCormick who resided on the Gore Road, Southwold Township. She received her public schooling at the Shedden school and attended St. Thomas Collegiate Institute.

Grace was very active in the Young People's group of McBride's United Church, and was a member of one of the first Homemaker's Clubs sponsored by the Extension Branch of the Home Economic Service of the Department of Agriculture of Ontario.

A faithful member of the Shedden Women's Institute, she was secretary-treasurer at two different times, 1940-43, and again from 1948 - 1952. She was President from 1945 - 1947 during the term of her office with the District.

In 1951 she married Mr. Morley Blewett and moved to his farm in Yarmouth Township near Wellington Road. She served for a time as secretary-treasurer of the East Elgin District W.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Blewett have four children, two boys and two girls, three of whom attend the public school on Wellington Road. Grace is a member of the Townline United Church and is a very active and valuable member of the U.C.W. of that church.



MRS. HUGH CARROLL

Mrs. Hugh Carroll, the former Gladys Hartwick, was born in West Nissouri Middlesex County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hartwick of that place. She attended St. Mary's Collegiate and Stratford Teacher's College - teaching in London Township and at No. 9 school in Dunwich. In 1931 she married Mr. Hugh Carroll, - they had one daughter Marjorie, later Mrs. Maxwell Hunter.

Mrs. Carroll was interested in Women's Institute work, a member of Cowal branch and has filled different executive offices of that branch. In 1950 she was elected secretary-treasurer of the West Elgin District W'I. This office she held for six years. A year or so later she was elected Secretary of the London Area.

Mrs. Carroll belongs to the Chalmers United Church, Cowal, and is a past President of the U.C.W. She is also a lady director of the Wallacetown Fair Board.

Mrs. Carroll was bereaved of her husband in 1965, - at present in 1966, she is teaching at the Frome School in Southwold Township.



MRS. HERBERT JACKSON

AREA Secretary 1968 - 1973

Mrs. Herbert Jackson, formerly Wilhelmine Hunter, was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter, R. R. #2, Port Stanley. She attended Boxall Public School, Fingal Continuation School, and Alma College, St. Thomas, graduating in 1937. She attended the St. Thomas Business College.

In 1942 Mrs. Jackson was President of the Elgin County Junior Institutes. She married Herbert Jackson and moved to his farm in Southwold Township, where their son Wayne and daughter, Sharon grew up. In 1960 they built and moved to a new home in Fingal.

Mrs. Jackson joined the Boxall Women's Institute in 1947 and has filled many offices in the branch. She was elected District Secretary of West Elgin 1955 to 1960 and District President 1965 to 1968.

Mrs. Jackson was named Secretary of the London Area in the Fall of 1968 and held this office until 1973.

In 1973 she was named associate Provincial Board Director.

In this same year she became Tweedsmuir History Curator for West Elgin and has been appointed Elgin County Council Representative to the Executive of the Elgin County Museum in St. Thomas.

Mrs. Jackson was Secretary of the Red Cross in Southwold when it was organized in 1941. She was Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board of Southwold Township when consolidation took over - 1964-1968.

Mrs. Jackson is a member of Knox Presbyterian church, Fingal, and has been active in the Sunday School and the Women's organizations of the Church.

In 1972 Mrs. Jackson earned her licence in Real Estate, and joined her husband who had been in this business for some years. Following the death of her husband in 1982 she discontinued the real estate business and continued her activities in church and Institute.

