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To Mr. Elgin Wells, Librarian for the Elgin County Library.

Notes regarding the ELGIN EAST WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The first Branch organized in Elgin East was the Aylmer Women's Institute in 1902. By 1907, six Branches had organized--Aylmer, Springfield, Sparta, Port Burwell, Mapleton and Bayham when a District was formed. Executive annual meetings were held with the Farmer's Institute, each holding their separate meetings in the afternoon, followed by supper and the joint meetings in the evenings. The first District Annual was held in Aylmer in 1912, with the name of the annual meetings being changed from Executive Annual to District.

There are 14 Branches in Elgin East as of 1977, namely: Aylmer, Bayham, Belmont, Calton, Central Yarmouth, Corinth, Eden, Kingsmill-Mapleton, Lyons, North Yarmouth, South Yarmouth, Sparta Sorosis, Springfield and Yarmouth Glen.

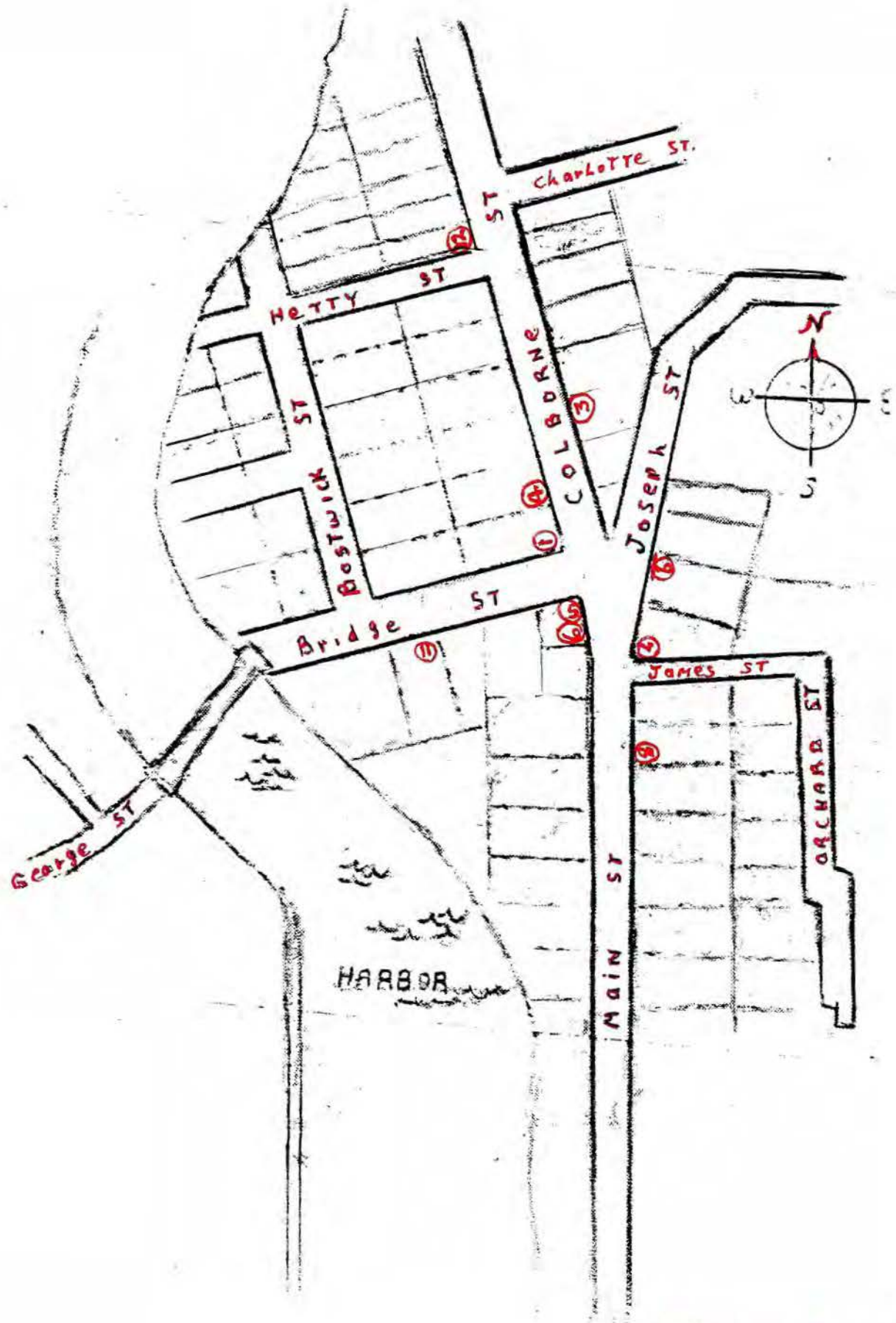
Other Branches that had existed throughout the years were: Straffordville, Copenhagen, Luton, Lakeview, Port Burwell, Port Stanley and St. Andrew's which became part of Middlesex County in 1968. Port Stanley was in existence from 1929 to 1957.

All Branches but Aylmer have Tweedsmuir History Books with Bayham having 1 book microfilmed, Corinth with 1, Kingsmill-Mapleton with 2, South Yarmouth with 2 and North Yarmouth with 1. All microfilm is in the Archives in Toronto with the exception of North Yarmouth who have their microfilm in their possession.

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PORT STANLEY



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