

Mrs. Curtis (Velma) Campbell Pres. 45-46  
Sec. 51-56

She attended Dexter Public School, St. Thomas Collegiate and St. Thomas Business College. and later was Sec. in a lawyers office for seven years.

After her marriage to Curtis Campbell in Jan. 1937, they have resided at Lot 8 River Road. Mrs. Campbell was Trustee of the River Road School for 5 years. She is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, and has been a very active member in the Country Circle of the Ladies Aid, having held many offices in the organization. She is a member of Elgin Manor Auxiliary and at present is 2nd. vice. pres. She has been a very capable and active member in our Institute.

There are 3 children. Jeanette born Feb. 15, 1939 now Mrs. J. Tyson and a teacher in Bloor St. Collegiate Toronto. Colin born Nov. 3 1941. attending Teacher's College, and John born May 4 1948, attending St. Thomas Collegiate.

1966

Mrs. J. H. McPherson (Jean) Pres. 47 - 48  
Sec. 44 - 46

Mrs. J. H. McPherson was born in St. Thomas on Jan. 2. 1912. The eldest daughter of William and Myrtle Thompson Metler. She attended Myrtle St. Public School. River Road public school. /Fort Erie High School, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, and graduated in a Business Course from Arthur Voaden School.

She was married May 9, 1936. to James H. McPherson at her parents home on River Road. She is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson have 3 children, David James McPherson B.A. Hugh William McPherson, Karen Jane McPherson. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson reside at R.R. #5 St. Thomas,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of Fulton Bridge.

1966

Mrs. Keith (Ruth) Fulton Pres. 64-66  
Sec. 50-51-66

Mrs. Fulton was Pres. of the Institute in 64-66 and Sec. in 50-51-66.

She was born at Lakeview Feb. 20, 1930, the daughter of Edgar and May Earnshaw. She attended S.S. 1, Bayham, Aylmer Collegiate, and St. Thomas Business College.

On April 4. 1949 she married Keith Fulton and came to reside on River Road Southwold. She was employed as clerk for some time at Elgin Fruit Growers and presently 1966 has been for four years in the employ of Towers Cleaners in their office at Talbot St. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have 2 children Stephen a student at A.V.V.S and Jimmie attending Southwold School Area No.1 school.





Mrs. Kenneth (Eleanor) Campbell

Pres. 1955-56

Mrs. Kenneth Campbell is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo Fenwick of St. Thomas. She was born May 29/1914 in Essex County. Before her marriage Jan. 8, 1939 she resided with her parents at 219 Ross St. St. Thomas. She attended Myrtle St. School, St. Thomas, St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, Alma College, St. Thomas Business College. For several years she worked as secretary at the Medcalfe Shoe Co.

After her marriage to Kenneth Campbell son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell River Road Southwold, they resided also on the Campbell farm for some years. They then after the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sr. sold the farm and later moved to Dresden where Mr. Campbell is in the Insurance Business. They have 4 children, Janice B.A., Kenella R.N., Mary, Dugald attending Western University.

Lillian Ross

Sec. 1959-1963

Lillian Ross is the daughter of the late Robert and Mary (Erwin) Ross and was born at Fingal Sept. 9, 1918.

She attended Fingal, River Road and S.S. 17 Yarmouth. She is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church., where she taught Sunday School for a number of years and was active in the Ladies Aid. Sewing and reading are hobbies she enjoys. Lillian holds certificates from St. John's Ambulance in Home Nursing and First Aid. She was employed at Walker's Store and the Post Office in Part time work, but since 1961 has been a saleslady at Zellers and section supervisor since 1965. She has been press correspondent for our Institute for several years.

Mrs. J.A. (Mabel) Campbell

Pres. 1922-23

Sec. 1924-25

1931-32

Mrs. Campbell was the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Jas. Westlake and was born on the Edgeware Road May 17, 1882. She attended Glen School, St. Thomas Collegiate and St. Thomas Business College.

On Dec. 27, 1905, she married John Campbell of River Road St. Thomas. They had 2 children Helen (Mrs. Rosser) of London and Kenneth who with his wife Eleanor and four children resided at the Campbell home after their marriage. Mrs. Campbell passed away Feb. 24, 1951 and Mrs. Campbell in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were members of Knox Presbyterian. Mrs. Campbell belonged to the Country Circle while Mr. Campbell was a senior elder for many years.

Mrs. W.A. Metler (Myrtle)	Pres. 1925-26	Sec. 1921-23
	1941-42	1934-36
	1946-47	1956-59

Mrs. Metler's parents were David S. Thompson and Elizabeth (Green) Thompson and she was born Mar. 12 1890 at River Road Southwold. She attended River Road Public School and St. Thomas Collegiate.

She was married Nov. 2, 1910 to William Austin Metler and for some time resided in St. Thomas, later returning to reside for several years on River Road.

She is a Charter Member of the River Road. W.I. and was its first Sec. Treas in 1921. She is a member of Knox Church in St. Thomas. She has also been a member of the country circle since it was organized. She was given a W. I Life Membership in River Road W.I. on March 31, 1959. Mrs. Metler has often given readings at W.I. meetings and other gatherings. She taught in the Sunday School held in River Road school, helped with plays put on by Sunday School pupils and with the Literary Society which was formed for some time in the neighborhood. She also did some painting as a hobby.

Mrs. Metler have three children Jean (Mrs. J.H. McPherson) Lena, (Mrs. Nyal Cook,) St. Thomas and William D. R.R. #5 St. Thomas. Mr. Mrs. Metler retired to reside at 26 Isabel St. St. Thomas. They celebrated their 50th. wedding anniversary there on Nov. 2 1960.

Mrs. Metler moved to Town Hall Towers for a few years and then she went to live with Lena and her husband Dick Irvine in London.

In 1983 she moved back to St. Thomas and lives at 45 St. Anne's Place.



Miss Edith McGaw  
(Mrs. George Mycroft

Pres. 1927-28  
Sec. 1923-24

Miss Edith McGaw was born in Shedden in 1906, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Robinson) McGaw. The family moved to River Road in 1916. Edith attended Shedden Public School, River Road School and the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute.

Before she was married she worked for E.H. Flach a St. Thomas jeweler.

In 1935 she married George Mycroft and resided at 112 Sunset Drive St. Thomas. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church. Secretary of the Ladies Aid and of Group 6. of the church. She passed away suddenly in Dec 1965, predeceased by her parents and two brothers Frank and Gordon. Her husband and four sisters survive. Her sister Edna (Mrs Cecil Porter) taught at River Road school 1928 -33.

Mrs. Mrs. Mycroft often returned to the neighborhood for community gatherings enjoying particularly card parties.

Mrs. Thomas (Mary) McGaw

Pres. 1936-38

Mrs. McGaw was the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Robinson and was born at Highgate.

She attended public school in London.

In 1900 she married Thomas McGaw and resided in Shedden.

In 1916 the family moved to River Road. She was a Charter Member of River Road W.I.

Upon the death of her husband she remained on the farm which her son Frank operated. Later the farm was sold and Mrs. McGaw resided with her daughter in Fingal.

There were seven children, Annie, Frank, Edith, Edna, Clara, Alma, Gordon. Mrs. McGaw passed away in 1956 at the age of 81.

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Mr. Lindsay passed away in Feb. 1949. Mrs. Lindsay has been employed for several years at Redmond Motors now Controls of Canada. There are 2 Children, Alice (Mrs. Gene Abel) and Alex, Sewing, knitting and crocheting are her main hobbie.

Mrs. S.A. (Clara) Fulton Pres. 1923-24  
1939-41  
Sec. 1943-44

Mrs. Fulton was born at Mapleton Sept. 13, 1894, the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Andrew Wismer members of pioneer families of Dorchester Township. After attending Mapleton Public school she graduated from Aylmer High school and attended London Normal School, 1912-13. After graduating she taught at S.S. 17 Yarmouth for 3 years, later at S.S. 15 Moore Township Lambton County, at Middlemarch and for four years during World War 2 at S.S. 4 Southwold (River Road) Mrs Fulton attended in 1963 the 50 Yr. class re-union at London Teachers College, receiving a 50 Yr. graduating certificate.

On Oct. 2. 1918 she married Samuel Fulton of River Road Southwold. They resided in St. Thomas for some time, coming in April 1921 to River Road upon purchasing the farm of Mr. Mrs. J. McIntyre.

Mrs. Fulton became a member of the R.R.W.I. a few months after it was organized in 1921, and was given a Life Membership in 1961. She was Historical Convenor for several years and attended many meetings of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Committee through the Museum's formative years , and was Inst. pionest for many years.

Mrs. Fulton was a member of the Church of Christ (Desiples) at Mapleton but later joined Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas and is a member of the Country Circle of the Ladies Aid. She was Sec. Treas. of School Board for S.S. 4 Southwold for 20 years and trustee at one time for 3 years.

Mr. Fulton passed away Dec. 30 1962. There were 3 children, Murray at home, Donald in St. Thomas and Keith residing with his wife and family at home.



Mrs. James (Jean) O'Brien      Pres. 1931-32

Mrs. O'Brien was born at Talbotville on April 4, 1902, the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Sam Yeandle.

Following her public school education she attended St. Thomas Business College and for some time worked as Book keeper and clerk.

On April 30, 1928 she married James O'Brien who resided on the East River Road Southwold. Mr. O'Brien passed away in 1956 and later Mrs. O'Brien sold the farm and went to live in St. Thomas. She is at present (1966) living at 489 Main St. Woodstock Ont.

Mrs. Adair (Amy) Douglas

Pres. 1956-57

Mrs. Douglas was born in London England on Jan. 24, 1920 the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Britton. She attended Myrtle St. Public School in St. Thomas.

Prior to her marriage to Adair Douglas Jan. 24. 1942 she worked for some time at the home of Judge Ingram and family and for a year during the war in 1941 worked at the Weatherhead Co.

Mrs. Mrs. Douglas resided for some time on the Bush Road Southwold and their children attended River Road School. Mrs. Douglas was an active member of the R.R.W.I. They moved to Glencoe in July 1957 and Mrs. Douglas has a position as Chief Inspector of the Slipper Dep. for Lyons of London in Glencoe.

Crocheting and knitting are enjoyable hobbies of Mrs. Douglas. They have 3 children, James. Robin and Donna. They attended Knox Presbyterian church St. Thomas where she was at one time a member of the choir and at present attends Burns Mosa Presbyterian church Glencoe and is a member of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Aid of that Church.

In 1966 Mr. Mrs. Douglas returned to St. Thomas.

Mrs. D.B. McPherson (Catherine) Pres. 1924-25  
Sec. 1927-28

Mrs. McPherson was born at R.R.#1 Fingal on April 8, 1873 the daughter of James and Agnes (Lackey) Sloan. She attended public school at the old school on the 10th. con. Dunwich, later Dutton High School and St. Thomas Collegiate.

On April 11, 1900 she married D.B. McPherson and they resided on the Willy's Side Road in Dunwich Township, and on the 10th. con. of Dunwich Township, later purchasing the Henry Fulton farm in Southwold, R.R.#2 Port Stanley in 1918.

Mrs. McPherson was Superintendent of River Road Sunday School for several years and had previously taught Sunday School at S.S.#14 Dunwich.

Mr. Mrs. McPherson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 11, 1950. They had a family of 3 boys, James, Finley, Hugh (Died in infancy) and 3 girls, Jean, Agnes, Catherine.

Esther A. Binks

Sec. 1963 -64

Esther A. Binks is the daughter of Lila and Clarence L. Jennings, and was born at St. Thomas in 1933.

She attended Middlemarch, Simcoe, S.S. # 17, and Elmdale Public schools, and graduated from Arthur Voaden Vocational School in Home Economics and from the Ryerson Politechnical Institute 2 year course of School of fashion.

Her hobbies are varied and many, including dress making and millinery work.

She is a housewife and mother of 4 children Michael 12, Geri Lynn 10, Stephen 8, Patricia Ann 5.



Mrs. Clara Fulton



Mrs. Clara Fulton dies in Hospital

The death of Mrs. Clara Fulton (Wisner) of R.R. 5, St. Thomas, occurred in the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital on the morning of Dec. 6, 1969, following a lengthy illness. She was 75.

Born in Mapleton, Mrs. Fulton had resided in this area all her life. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, a member of the Country Circle of the Ladies' Aid of the church and a member of the River Road Women's Institute.

The last of her own family, Mrs. Fulton's husband, Samuel A. Fulton, passed away in Dec. 1962. She is survived by three sons, Murray and Keith, at home and Donald who resided at 169 Sunset Drive. Four grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral will take place at L. B. Sifton Funeral Home on Monday at 3:30, with Dr. H. S. Rodney of Knox Pres. Church officiating. Interment in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Mrs. Fulton was curator of this Tweedsmuir History from 1949-69, and contributed many articles in this book.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell



Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Southwold Native, Dies at Age 90

The death of Mrs. Etta May (Curtis) Campbell, of RR 5, St. Thomas, occurred in the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital on Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, 1965, following a lengthy illness. She was 90.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Middlemarch, daughter of the late Mary Davis and John Curtis. She lived all her life in Southwold Township and was a valued member of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas. She was a member of the Country Circle of Knox Ladies' Aid and a life member of River Road Women's Institute. During World War II she was a diligent worker for the Red Cross.

Her husband, George Campbell, died in 1921, and a brother Salathiel Curtis died some years ago. Surviving are two sons Neil, R.R.2, Port Stanley; Curtis, R.R.5, St. Thomas; one daughter, Mrs. Stewart (Jean) Brown, Shedden; one brother, Dr. J. D. Curtis, 34 Southwick St.; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the L.B. Sifton Funeral Home on Friday at 2 p.m. Rev. H. S. Rodney, D.D., will officiate and interment will be in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell was curator of this Tweedsmuir History from 1946-1948, and contributed a great many articles in this book.





Mrs. Mary Veenstra

Treas. 1971-73

1982-84

Sec. 1973-75

Pres. 1980-82

Mary Veenstra was born on May 25, 1946 to Henk and Grace Augustyn in Helmond, Holland. She came to Canada in 1957.

She attended school in Holland and Cornwall, Ont., later moving to Southwestern Ontario. Mary worked in a Beauty Shop in Blenheim, completing her apprenticeship as hairdresser before her marriage on April 10, 1965 to Egbert (Bert) Veenstra of Ridgetown, Ont. They have five children- Robert, Margaret-Ann, Jeffrey, Lori-Ann, and Karen.

She is an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church and a leader of the Calvinette girls' club. She has assisted at several 4-H clubs. She also is an active member of the Ladies' school Aid at the Ebenezer Christian school and works as a volunteer as assistant Librarian there.

Her hobbies are sewing, needle painting and W.I. work.



Mrs. Eva Schaafsma

Pres. 1982-84

Mrs. Eva Schaafsma was born March 3, 1950 and raised on a large dairy and poultry farm, the youngest in a family of five. The family arrived in Canada from Holland. They came across the ocean in an old freighter sectioned off - one side for women and children and the other side for the men and boys. It was rough going, with sickness, and children screaming: but they arrived safely!

Mrs. Schaafsma speaks and writes 2 languages. Her interest is in rural history and antiques. Her hobbies are embroidery, crocheting, and sewing.

She worked for many years in a shop as sales employee.

She has 4 children - 3 daughters and one son.

Mrs. Marie Jones

Treas. 1967-71  
Pres. 1974-75  
Sec. 1977-79  
1982-84

Marie Josephine Jones was born at Springford on April 7, 1924 to Walter and Pearl Lamour. She attended Otterville Public School, Delhi Public and High Schools. She also attended the United Church and Sunday School. She moved to Tillsonburg in the early 1940's where she worked at The Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital and The Tillsonburg Shoe Co.

She married Leslie F. Jones on August 24, 1957.

Her hobbies are reading, needlepoint, and cooking. She also enjoys W.I. work.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer

Sec. 1972-73  
Pres. 1976 -78

Margaret Ann Palmer, daughter of David and Margaret Grigg, R.R. #2, Ilderton, Ontario was born on August 26, 1945 in London, Ont. She attended S.S. #10 London Township Public School and Medway High School, Arva. Following graduation she worked at London Life Insurance Company in London.

On January 27, 1968 she married John Henry Palmer in Bryanston United Church. She was a member of that church and taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She also taught Explorer girls and attended C.G.I.T. and Young Peoples. She and John have twin sons, Stephen and Stewart, and a daughter Lisa. They live at R.R. #2, Port Stanley.

She enjoys music, reading, crocheting, and swimming.

Mrs. John (Margaret) Begg

Pres. 1972-74

Margaret Lillian Begg was born in London, Ontario on April 24, 1941, the daughter of Arthur B. and Ethel MacPherson of Iona Station, Ont.

She attended #6 Dunwich Public school and St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. After graduation she worked for 6 years at London Life Ins. Co., London, Ontario.

She was a member of Iona United Church and was active in Sunday School, the choir, and Young Peoples. She was active in 4-H Club work, also.

On August 28, 1964 she married John Futcher Begg in Iona United Church. They have two children, Brian Futcher and Beverley Margaret.

She now belongs to Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas.

She is still interested in 4-H Club work and has assisted in 2 clubs.

She enjoys singing and music and often sang with her sisters at community and church meetings. Snowmobiling, dancing, swimming, and gardening are also enjoyed.



Life Members  
of  
River Road W.I.



Mrs. Geo. Campbell 1955



Mrs. F. Claus 1955



Mrs. S.A. Fulton 1961



Mrs. W.A. Metler 1959