

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY CURATOR
1975 - 1976

This is my first year as Tweedsmuir History Curator of the Hamilton Area.

From my own personal knowledge and with the aid of a map, I have located most of the branches.

Listed below are the statistics pertaining to our 11 districts;	
Brent North	-- 11 branches with 14 books
Brent South	-- 16 branches with 14 books
Haldimand East	-- 11 branches with 11 books
Haldimand West	-- 12 branches with 14 books
Lincoln	-- 12 branches with 13 books
Norfolk North	-- 10 branches with 10 books
Norfolk South	-- 17 branches with 18 books
Welland East	-- 10 branches with 10 books
Welland West	-- 8 branches with 8 books
Wentworth North--	14 branches with 15 books
Wentworth South--	12 branches with 13 books
	<u>133</u> branches
	140 books

-- an increase of 1

-- a disbanded branch

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Although I regret to report that two more branches have disbanded in our area, work in one book will be continued and a progress statement sent yearly to the District Curator. These books in disbanded branches contain valuable information and pictures which are of interest not only to local residents, but also to those at county, regional, provincial and even national levels. District Curators should be kept informed as to progress made in the histories and the location at all times. Let us not lose any of these valuable histories through negligence or indifference or both.

Three new District Curators -- Mrs Aaron Hamm, Norfolk South, Mrs Allan Swayze, Lincoln, and Mrs Charles Merritt, Wentworth North, are to be commended for their fine reports.

Haldimand East has a new curator, Mrs Victor Mowat, and we extend our best wishes to her in her new office.

House Logs are high on the priority list in several branches and some copies have been made and placed in their histories. This is a project which should prove to be of great interest to the whole community and most family members could make valuable contributions to these permanent records. People are becoming more and more interested in researching their family histories and past residents would no doubt be agreeable to passing on the information to present day occupants of the homes. I am certain that former owners would have appreciated knowing the location of a walled-up fireplace or a blacked-off stairway at some time or other. House logs would have provided the information.

Among the continuing projects are: farm histories, genealogical research, microfilming of Tweedsmuir Histories and exchanging historical material with local library and museum staffs.

Two branches have given financial assistance toward purchase of two historic buildings: one, a house which served as a hospital during the Fenian Raids; and the other, a former stagecoach inn. continued