



## **New online access to local Women's Institute books**

### **For Immediate Release – March 26, 2008**

Grey Roots Museum & Archives proudly presents "*For Home and Country: The Women's Institutes of Grey County.*" This online collection of Tweedsmuir History books compiled by local Women's Institute branches launches in the Grey Roots Theatre with a musical celebration and demonstration on **March 29, 2008 at 4 p.m.** Containing a wealth of information on the villages, churches, farms and people of Grey County, these invaluable volumes will be available to anyone with an internet connection by going to the Virtual Exhibits section on <http://www.greyroots.com>. The Tweedsmuir Histories are compiled in a scrapbook style and contain many interesting photographs, property histories, village histories, newspaper articles, biographies and other items of interest chronicling the history and development of Grey County and the people who live here.

The project, which began in September 2007, involved the scanning of 32 volumes, containing over 5000 pages of information. The wealth of information contained in these volumes is fully searchable; as such, they will be of interest to genealogists, researchers and anyone with an interest in local history. Teachers and students are invited to learn about local history with an educational section designed to aid teachers in directing their students to curriculum relevant information, complete with ideas for projects and class discussions.

This project was made possible through financial contributions from the Canadian Culture Online Program of Canadian Heritage, Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives, as well as the Grey County Historical Society, Dromore W.I., Gleneden W.I., Woodland Springs W.I., Osprey W.I., Ayton W.I., Zion Friendship Group, Ruth Thomas and Viola Bothwell. We are also grateful to our many community supporters including the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, the Grey Highlands Public Library, the Grey Unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario, and the Owen Sound branch of the Retired Women's Teachers' Organization.

### **Launch details**

**Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2008

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** In the Grey Roots Theatre

**Activities at the Launch:** After a short demonstration, guests are invited to explore the website at the provided terminals as refreshments are served along with music to delight your ears, provided by local jazz duo Holgate & Menkal. Archives tours will be available, as well as a display of Tweedsmuir's for your viewing pleasure.

About Grey Roots Museum & Archives: Grey Roots Museum & Archives has grown and developed into a unique facility from the County Museum's beginning in 1955 and the later establishment of a County Archives in 2000 in order to promote and preserve the heritage of Grey County. With the consolidation of the Grey County Museum, Grey County Archives, and Tourism in 2004, Grey Roots has become a multi-faceted attraction. Innovative and informative interpretive programs and demonstrations, rotating exhibits, a heritage village, archival resources and superior customer service come together to create an exciting and educational visitor experience.

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