

**Title and statement of responsibility area**

Title proper	South West A Region Manitoba Woman's Institute
Level of description	Fonds
Repository	Minnedosa Regional Archives

**Dates of creation area**

Date(s)	1958 -2008 predominantly 1977 to 2008
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**Physical description area**

Physical description	19 cm of textual with 3 B/W photos.
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**Archival description area**

Administrative history	<p>A meeting in 1897 where Adelaide Hoodless spoke to an audience of 35 women resulted in the formation of the first Women's Institute in an effort to improve homemaking and motherhood. The membership was open to women who wished to join together to improve their homes and communities. In Manitoba rural decline found memberships dropping and by 1980, 23 local groups dropped to 9 local groups in 1999. A decision was made to change the geographic regions from 10 districts to 6 regions. South West A region of the Woman's Institute in Manitoba encompassed the area north to Riding Mountain, west of number 10 highway, south to transcanada highway and west to the Saskatchewan border.</p>
Scope & content	<p>The collection contains presidents records, minutes from 1988 to 2007 with missing minutes from 1983 – 1987, annual reports and 3 photos.</p>
Custodial history	<p>Records were kept by either the secretary or presidents homes until the time of donation.</p>
Source of title	<p>Title based on the contents of the fonds.</p>

**Notes area**

Restrictions on access	There are no restrictions on access.
Accruals	Accruals are expected.
Language of material	English