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A church history

A 70-year-old history buff has written a booklet entitled, 'A History of Cooksville United Church.'

The book was written to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. In 1925 the Congregationalist, most of the Methodist and three-quarters

of the Presbyterian churches combined to form the United Church of Canada, says the author, Ellen Stevenson. All the churches across Canada have been encouraged to write histories of their respective churches.

Originally from Scotland, Miss Stevenson served in the Canadian Womens' Army Corp and was in charge of the Transit depot in Aldershot, England in 1945 to 1946.

When she returned to Canada she went back to school for her MA and taught English at Lorne Park Secondary School and Central Peel, Brampton.

Now retired, Miss Stevenson works as a volunteer at Mississauga Hospital three half days a week, and bones up on local history.

Still active at 70, she says, "I was very clever. I picked the right parents. I'm disgustingly healthy."

Her book is on the shelves at the libraries, or can be purchased from The Boston Mills Press, R.R. 1 Cheltenham, Ont., at \$3 a copy.

The book is illustrated, and describes pioneer life, as well as the history of the Cooksville Methodist Church and the fascinating development of the area.

Dr. Stanley Holling has written an illustrated book of Christ Church United in the Clarkson area.



The book, The History of Cooksville United Church, written by Miss Ellen Stevenson of Hurontario Street, is one of

several books written by various congregations across Canada in honour of the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.