

Name of Branch: Uncas Women's Institute

Location: about 32 km to the east of Edmonton. Alberta Source provides this information about the location: "The Canadian Northern Railway established a station here in 1909 and named it after the town of the same name in Oklahoma. James Fenimore Cooper introduces a character by this name in his novel *The Last of the Mohicans*. The post office operated from August 1925 through May 1968."

Organized: c 1925

Charter Members: n/a

First Executive: n/a

Disbanded: c 1926

Activities: Note that Cole and Larmour have the only information I have been able to find for this WI; however, they do not list their sources. Since the WI branch only lasted a few months at best, I suspect this is a similar case to so many others during WWI, through the dry period in the 1920s and through the Great Depression of the 1930s, where the young housewives of this WI branch simply couldn't find the means to travel to meetings or were defeated by distance and the conditions of the roads. This is not an uncommon story during this era. Another reason for the failure of new branches was the relative inexperience of the women in the club; many found the complex chain of command in the Women's Institutes and the voluminous reporting requirements a bit more than they had bargained for.

Sources: [Alberta Source](#); Cole, Catherine C. and Judy Larmour. *Many and Remarkable: The Story of the Alberta Women's Institutes*. Edmonton: Alberta Women's Institutes, 1997. pp. 125-131.

