

# FWIC

In 1851, David and Jane Hunter bought a modest clap-board house on the Blue Lake Road, South Dumfries Township in Brant County, now known as the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

The Homestead was known in the community as "The Willows". The Hunter family was blessed with twelve children, the youngest was Adelaide, born in 1857.

This child was a natural leader and during the latter part of the 1800's and very early 1900's was instrumental in the formation of many women's organizations, among them, the Women's Institute. Also, schooling for girls, especially in the 'Domestic Science' area, was a deep concern, and she worked tirelessly toward promoting a better life for women and children.

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead purchased in 1959 by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, is located in a park-like setting about a mile from the junction of Highway 24 and 5.

The Homestead, typical of the mid 1800's was heated by many stoves upstairs and a large fireplace in the cellar. The house was probably built around 1830. Typical of that era, the simple doorway, flanked by wooden pilasters leads into a hallway from which the stairwell rises straight to the second floor.

The rag carpets, common in those days, cover the floors, and many pieces of furniture and lovely dishes

form a part of the priceless original heirlooms handed on by the Hunter family, which adds authenticity to the Homestead.

Recently a comfortable apartment was added to the house, leaving space for a nicely furnished mid-1800 kitchen and small pantry.

A Hostess resides in the apartment and welcomes many visitors during the year.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have set a goal of \$50,000.00 to form a Foundation Capital Fund, from which the interest will be used to run some of the day to day maintenance and operation costs of the Homestead. The Fund was set up in 1979 and \$8,000.00 has been invested to date. As donations come in, further funds will be invested. The Capital Fund will remain intact.

Members from all Provinces have been asked to join together to donate \$1.00 per person during 1981. Ontario members are asked to send their donations to the FWIO office and in turn the Treasurer will send the funds to FWIC.

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead  
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Hours . . . 2.00—5.00 p.m. Daily  
Except during March when closed  
Buses book in advance with Hostess  
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