



MRS. ADELAIDE HOODLESS

Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless was born and reared on a farm at St. George, Ontario. She lost her son, a boy of 18 months, as a result of using impure milk. She started a campaign to have household science taught in Public schools. The campaign bore fruit with the result that at a meeting attended by 101 women and one man in Squire's Hall in Stoney Creek, the first Women's Institute was organized on the evening of Feb. 19, 1897.

She died in 1910 at the age of 52.

A cairn to her memory was erected on the farm where she was born, by the Women's Institute of Brant County in Oct. 1937.

The Homestead was made a Historical Site by the National Historical Society on June 13, 1959.

Mrs. Hoodless was cited as a national figure at an impressive unveiling of a plaque in her honour by the National Historical Site Board at the Homestead on June 2nd, 1962.