



"Adelaide Hunter Hoodless 1857-1910"

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was born in the farm house near St. George which has been purchased by F.W.I.C. in 1959 and is being restored and furnished in the period when she lived here until she married John Hoodless in 1881. On February 19, 1897 she organized at Stoney Creek the world's first Women's Institute. It was her belief that in this organization rural women could discuss their problems and work together to improve their standard of homemaking and citizenship. The movement spread rapidly throughout Ontario and later to other provinces. It is now world wide and know as A.C.W.W. Mrs. Hoodless, a natural leader and forceful speaker, introduced the teachings of domestic science into Ontario schools and obtained funds for the building of MacDonald Institute at Guelph.