



The BIRTHPLACE OF
ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS
1858 - 1910

At the junction of highways 5 and 24, there is a park in which stands a cairn, erected by the Women's Institutes of Brant County in 1937 to the memory of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless. Coming from Brantford, you turn left at the cairn and after half a mile reach the home that was her birthplace.

It is now owned by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. The Historic Sites Board, Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity erected a plaque in front of the house in June 1959. The inscription on the plaque reads as follows:



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Adelaide Hunter was born in this farm house and 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. Mrs. Hoodless, a natural leader and forceful speaker introduced the teaching of domestic science into Ontario schools, and obtained funds for the building of Macdonald Institute at Guelph.