



ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS  
1857 - 1910.

On February 19th., 1897, Mrs. Hoodless 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.

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was born in this farm house, near St. George, Ontario, in 1857, and lived here until her marriage in 1881.

The Homestead was purchased by The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in 1959, and was restored and furnished by all Institutes in Canada in the period when Mrs. Hoodless lived there.

