

ADELAIDE HOODLESS BIRTHPLACE PURCHASED
BY FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF
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This year records another pleasant incident in the history of the Women's Institutes - the acquisition of the childhood home of Adelaide HUNTER-Hoodless, founder of the movement, by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

The 115 year old house, near St. George, Ontario, is constructed of clapboard, and is an unpretentious farm home. From the front hall a lovely old oak staircase leads to the upper part of the house. The house was heated with stoves, as evidenced by the various pipe holes. The big stone fireplace was in the cellar. With the exception of some changes in doorways, the house is almost exactly as it was when the Hunter family lived there; even the old pine floors are intact.

The F.W.I.C. plans to furnish the home as nearly as possible in the style of 100 years ago. Last June, the Ontario Historic Sites and Monuments Board unveiled a plaque marking the Hoodless birthplace as a Historic Site. Many W.I. members from Canada and other parts of the world have travelled to the cairn erected by the Brant County Women's Institute to commemorate the birthplace. Once the Museum is established, it will undoubtedly attract many more visitors to see the humble farm home where 100 years ago so many great things had their small beginning.