



Adelaide Sophia Hunter Hoodless was born February 27th., 1857 on a farm near St. George in Brant County, Ontario, and died in Toronto, February 26th., 1910.

In 1881 she married John Hoodless of Hamilton. They had one son and two daughters.

She was founder of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, and held the first meeting on February 17th., 1897, at Stoney Creek.

She founded the Ontario Normal School of Domestic Science and Arts in Hamilton. She enlisted the interest of the tobacco magnate, William (later, Sir William) Macdonald, who, as a result of her influence, founded the Macdonald Institute at Guelph, Ontario, and Macdonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. Mrs. Hoodless was one of the founders of the National Council of Women, of which she was the first treasurer, 1893 - 1901.