



Here at the "Willows" at St. George, South Dumfries, Brant County, **Adelaide Hunter** was born in 1857, several months after her father died, youngest of a family of twelve.

Her father was **David Hunter** and her mother was **Jean Hamilton**. She was married in Zion Church, Brantford, Ontario, September 15th, 1881, to **John Hoodless**.

Their four children were:

Edna Clarkson	born	1882
Joseph Bernard	"	1884
Muriel Adelaide	"	1886
John Harold	"	1888

John Harold died at the age of eighteen months and it was the death of this son who contracted T. B. from contaminated milk which stirred **Adelaide Hoodless** to do the work which she carried on for the duration of her life.

The **Adelaide Hunter Hoodless** homestead was purchased by the Federated Institutes of Canada and is being restored to the period when **Adelaide** lived there as a girl.

She organized the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek in February, 1897. From this beginning the Institute idea spread rapidly from coast to coast in Canada, then was formed into the National Federation of Women's Institutes in 1919.

Her home, after she married **John Hoodless**, was a magnificent, palatial residence, Earls court, standing in the midst of four acres and considered one of the handsomest in the City of Hamilton.

She died suddenly while addressing a meeting in 1910, at the age of 52.