

"ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS 1858 - 1910"

"Adelaide Hoodless 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 in Ontario schools and obtained funds for the building of Macdonald Institute at Guelph!"

A plaque on the homestead bears this inscription.

**The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless
Homestead**



**THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE FOUNDER OF
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

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