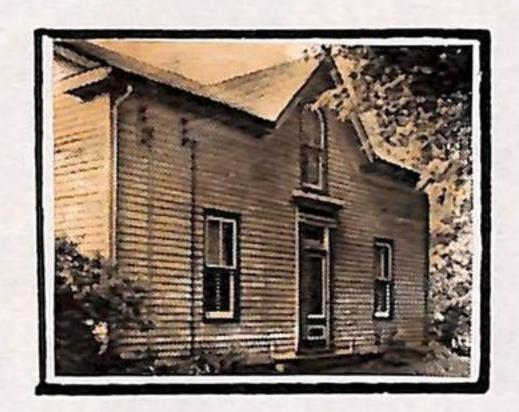
MRS. ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS ... Continued

sip of water and collapsed on the platform where she died within a few minutes. She had barely finished her fifty-second year but she had lived long enough to have received international recognition for her work. She had founded or helped to found The Young Women's Christian Association of Canada, (Y.W.C.A.), The Victorian Order of Nurses, The National Council of Women, The Macdonald Institute at Guelph, The Women's Institute across the World. The Homestead was made an Historic Site at an unveiling ceremony on June 13, 1959. Mrs. Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was cited as a National Figure whose inspiration sparked the movement which now embraces six million women in thirty-six countries, at an impressive unveiling of a plague in her honour at the Homestead on June 21, 1962 by the National Historic Site Board.



Adelaide Hoodless House ... by Maryn Pardy

So this is the house Where an inspired woman lived Awoman who was distraught As she saw her young child die. A woman who berated herself For her own ignorance Of the things needful to sustain Life in small bodies. Then, out of her grief, A thought came nagging. There was so much ignorance Of common things among The women of her day. And yet there were those Who knew and could teach These women of the farm If only they could be got together. So this great woman With her mind on fire With an idea, set forth; And out of her determination Grew a great movement Which has spread And grown and enriched The lives of many thousands. We then revere this house And count it as a shrine, For because of the death Of one small child Countless other children Have had better lives. Step softly then, you who enter, For here a grieving mother lived and dreamed.