



ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS 1858-1910

Adelaide Hoodless was born in this farm house near St. George, Ontario and lived here until she married John Hoodless in 1881. On February 19th, 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 into Ontario schools and obtained funds for the building of Macdonald Institute at Guelph.

The Homestead was purchased by the Federated Women's Institute of Canada in the period when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless lived here. This is a project of all Institutes

A cairn bearing this inscription stands at the junction of Highways 5 and 24, a half mile from the Homestead.

"To commemorate the birthplace of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, 1858 - 1910, who founded the Women's Institute, February 19, 1897, erected by the Women's Institutes of Brant County, unveiled by her excellency Lady Tweedsmuir, October 7th, 1937."



The Hunter Hoodless Homestead in early spring.