



Adelaide Hoodless - Founder of W.I.

In 1897 she organized the first Women's Institute in the world, at Stoney Creek, Ontario. It was her belief that in this organization rural women could discuss their problems and work together to improve their standards of home-making and citizenship. The movement rapidly spread. Mrs. Hoodless also introduced the teaching of Domestic Science in Ontario and obtained funds to build McDonald Institute at Guelph.

Adelaide Hoodless was born in this farmhouse in 1857. The Homestead was purchased by F.W.I. in 1959, with the help of all Institutes. It is be-restored and furnished in the period in which she lived.

