12 Helen Street, Fenelon Falls (Handley Lumber Planing Mill)



12 Helen Street has cultural heritage value as an important surviving example of a historic planing mill in Fenelon Falls. The building was constructed in 1940 to replace an older planing mill on the same site and is one of the only industrial structures remaining from the community's past as a lumbering centre in the region. The property has important historical associations with the development of the lumber industry in Fenelon Falls and yields information about the community's economic development. It also has important associations with the Handley family who have operated the business since 1936 and are well known in the community. The property supports the historic small town character of Fenelon Falls and is a landmark as a longstanding local business.