

Heritage Designation Brief



482 Mark Street

**Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory
Committee**

June 2012

HERITAGE DESIGNATION STATUS SHEET

Street Address:	482 Mark Street
Roll Number:	04015141000000
PIN Number:	
Short Legal Description:	PLAN 1A PT LOT 7 IRREG 0.22AC 41.57FR 230.17D
Owners' Mailing Address:	482 Mark Street, Peterborough, ON K9H 1V9
Owners Concurrence:	Yes
PACAC Application Review Date:	
On Site Evaluation Date:	April 2012
Evaluation Category:	B (56.7)
Evaluators:	Erik Hanson / Rebecca Whelan
Heritage Type:	Built Structure
Designation Type:	Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV
Designation Brief Completion Date:	
PACAC Application Approval Date:	
Designation Brief Completed By:	Rebecca Whelan
Submission Date:	
Objections Noted:	
Comments:	

“The short statement of the reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all the other components of the Heritage Designation Report constitute the “Reasons for the Designation” required under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Heritage Designation Report is available for viewing in the City Clerk’s office during regular business hours.”

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASON FOR HERITAGE DESIGNATION:

Heritage Evaluation Criteria Note “Category B”: The properties in this category are of distinct importance by virtue of architectural, historical, and environmental criteria along with integrity of design and construction. They stand out individually but are of lesser overall significance than “Category A” properties. “Category B” properties hold city-wide importance.

The Peterborough Mattress Company (also known as Peterborough Mattress and Spring Company; and Peterborough Mattress and Upholstery Co.) remains one of the earliest examples of industry in Peterborough. First owned by William Faint, the Factory was located along the Otonabee River, on the east side of Hunter Street. The Factory was purchased by James Ellis in the late 1890s. Ellis moved the Factory to the back of his Mark Street property in 1927, when the construction of the new Hunter Street Bridge forced the closure of many of the industrial buildings in the area.

There have been a number of fires in the building over the years. One fire, on October 26, 1915, caused the roof to collapse in under an hour.

The Mattress Company sold products to Marshall Mattress Company in Toronto, local resorts such as Viamede and Mount Julian, local hospitals, Eaton’s, Harry McGuinnus’ Travel Trailers, the King George Hotel, and private homes in the area. Besides mattresses, the Factory manufactured springs and upholstery. Mattresses were filled with marsh hay, horse hair, wool, and feathers, all from local suppliers. In 1936, a branch plant was opened in Lindsay, Ontario.

The Factory eventually moved to a new plant on the Queensway, where it remained in operation until the mid 1970s.

ORIGINAL OWNER: William Faint

ARCHITECT: unknown

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1878

BUILDER: unknown

CONTEXT- SITE AND SETTING:

Moved from its original location on the east side of the Hunter Street, along the Otonabee River, the Mattress Factory now sits at the back of 482 Mark Street, facing the Old Rail Trail. The building was relocated to Mark Street in 1927, when the construction began on the new Hunter Street Bridge.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

Exterior Attributes:

- Red brick construction
- Concrete foundation
- Original window openings with replacement wooden windows
- Original entrance openings with replacement wooden doors
- Soffits, eaves, and fascia