

Address: 1078 Bona Vista Road

Legal Description: Part Lot 29, Concession 4, Franklin

Original Owner: Marjorie Black

Year Built: 1904

Architectural Styles: White Clapboard Structure





Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The frame construction cottage and built in 1904 with boathouse clapboard siding exhibits historical design value as an example of one of the first original settlements known historically as Bona Vista on the westerly shores of Lake of Bays. The Hadwen property is one of properties twenty-one linked together by a communal trail which was used by the residents to access the steamer dock to retrieve mail and supplies demonstrative of the settlement patterns land use encouraged by the steamship era.

The community of Bona Vista was established by a number of Presbyterian ministers'. Church services were held outside just south of the steamer dock and consisted of pews made from planks resting on stones or logs and a pulpit, which still exists today, made of wood representative of the associative religious value.