

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 REGISTRATION FORM

OMB NO. 1024-0018, NPS FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets. Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name The Kennedy Cottage
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 26 Shepard Street Avenue | | not for publication
 city, town Saranac Lake (town of North Elba) | | vicinity
 state New York code NY county Essex code 031 zip code 12983

3. Classification

Ownership of property	Category	Number of resources within property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listings: Village of Saranac Lake
Multiple Documentation Form

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, this property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

William S. Stebbins 4/9/92
 Signature of certifying official Date
 Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
 State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
 State or federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
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 determined eligible for the National Register. see continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/multiple dwelling
Health Care/sanatorium

Current Functions
(enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
Queen Anne

Materials(enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone
walls Wood/clapboard, shingle
roof Asphalt
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Kennedy Cottage is located at 26 Shepard Avenue in the village of Saranac Lake, Essex County. The cottage stands atop Helen Hill, one of the first residential subdivisions of Saranac Lake developed for prominent local citizens and wealthy health seekers. The structure is now located within a densely-settled neighborhood of former cure cottages. It occupies a corner lot at the intersection of Shepard Avenue and Helen Street. Adjacent houses are situated very close to the right and rear of the property; a small, level lawn extends along the left or Helen Street side of the property. The house faces west and is set back slightly from Shepard Avenue. A low stone retaining wall borders the two street-side ends of the property. There is a driveway to the right but no garages or outbuildings.

This large, two and one-half story cottage is rectangular in plan with a three-story attached tower set at a 45 degree angle on the northwest corner of the house. The house sits on a foundation of coursed rubble. There are three visible attached cure porches. The building is clad in cedar shingles, except for clapboards on the first floor porches and on a new addition at the rear. Front porch clapboards cover spindle-ornamented porch siding. The house is surmounted by a series of asphalt-shingled pitched roofs with a front and two side gables. An interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap is visible at the rear of the house.

The cure porches of this cottage are varied. The first is a wrap-around porch on the front or Shepard Street elevation. The porch contains a total of sixteen eight-pane windows, seven of which are sliding windows. Corner brackets ornament the upper corners of the windows at intervals. Smaller fixed windows frame the double French entry

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doors. The second porch is attached at the rear of the north elevation. It measures 8 by 10 feet and is completely glazed on three sides. The six windows of this porch include one sliding and one fixed eight-pane window, two sliding and two fixed pane windows. The third porch extends from the second floor of the north elevation above the wrap-around porch. This porch is glazed on three sides with seven 4-pane windows, three fixed and four sliding. The fourth porch, which is not visible from the street, extends across the entire width of the rear. It is now enclosed.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations A B C D E F G

Areas of significance	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Health/Medicine</u>	<u>c.1897-c.1930</u>	<u>c.1897</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	<u>n/a</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	_____
<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Kennedy Cottage is architecturally significant as a representative example of cure cottage design as applied to residential architecture in the village of Saranac Lake. It is a good example of a large private sanatorium, with a glass-enclosed veranda and numerous cure porches. The cottage was built about 1897 and originally had no kitchen facilities. In 1924, it was a registered private sanatorium operated as a boarding cottage by A.G. Kennedy. The National Vaudeville Artists Philanthropic Association sent sponsored patients to the cottage to cure before the Will Rogers Hospital was built.

The cure cottages of Saranac Lake were predominantly built between the years of 1870 and 1930 and represent almost every housing type popular in the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth century. They represent vernacular expressions of architectural styles which include Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and bungalow stylistic features. The majority of the cottages which remain were built between 1890 and 1930.

The most common cure cottages are vernacular expressions of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles, with multiple gables, balloon frame construction, decorative wooden architectural detail, multiple windows of various sizes and shapes, and associated porches or verandas. Glass-enclosed porches, used for the curing of tuberculosis patients, are the most salient feature of the cure cottage. They can be found on local structures built long after porches had gone out of fashion elsewhere.

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Cure cottages are structures that can be commercial, residential or institutional in scale and expression. Many were built specifically to function as private commercial sanatoria, multiple unit dwellings, boarding houses, or private homes. Equally large numbers of cure cottages were adapted for that use from vernacular single family dwellings. All cure cottages display certain architectural features which were necessary for specific functions in the process of curing tuberculosis outdoors. Whether added at a later date or incorporated into the original building design, these features can include multiple-storied cure porches, sliding glass panels, call bells and wider-than-usual doorways without sills.

With its largely unaltered Queen Anne design and multiple cure porches, the Kennedy Cottage has retained a considerable degree of integrity, with only minor late-twentieth century alterations. Located atop Helen Hill, Kennedy Cottage also retains a high degree of integrity of setting, location, materials, design and association.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Ames, Forrest B. Health Survey, 1917

Gallos, Philip L. Cure Cottages of Saranac Lake: Architecture and History of a Pioneer Health Resort, Saranac Lake, NY: Historic Saranac lake, 1985

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency

- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Kennedy Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Kennedy Cottage, Saranac Lake, Franklin County, NY."

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property include the parcel historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date September 1991

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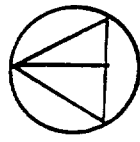
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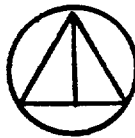
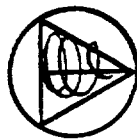
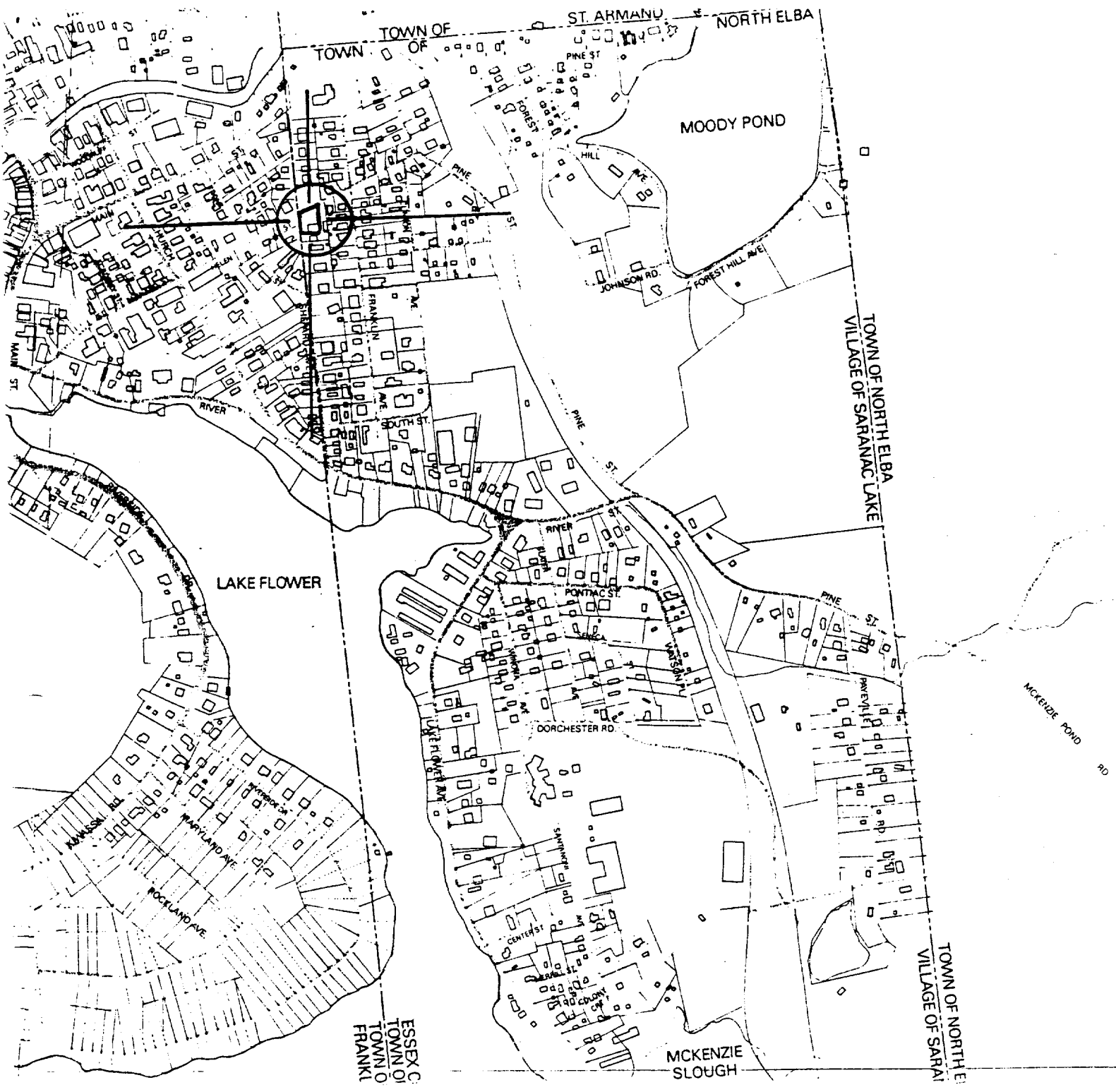
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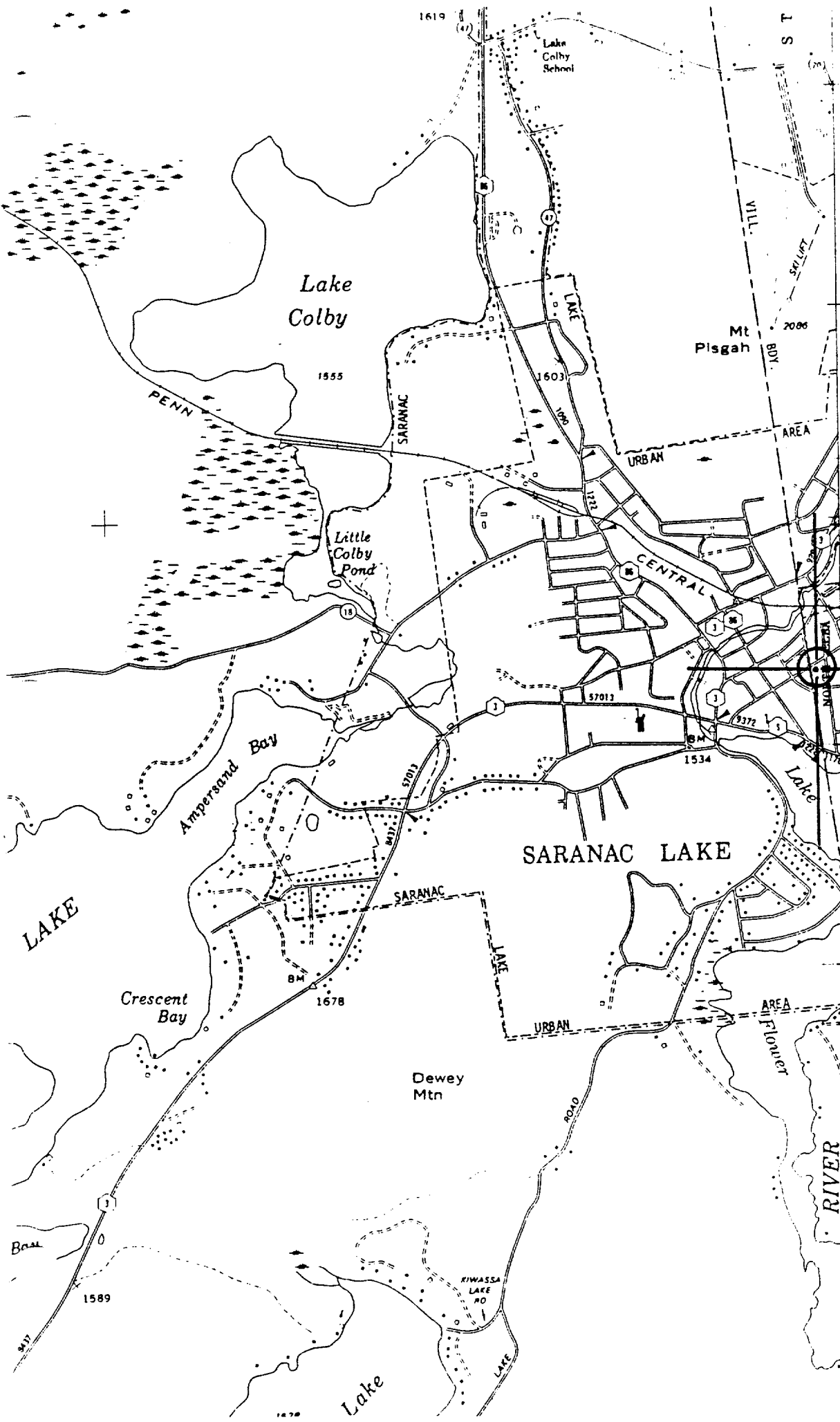


KEY

- Boundary
- Photo Key
- Non-contributing feature
- Scale 1" = 100'







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The Village of Saranac Lake M.P.D.F.

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