

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Phil Gallos/Mary B. Hotaling DATE: 9/21/83

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Historic Saranac Lake

IDENTIFICATION

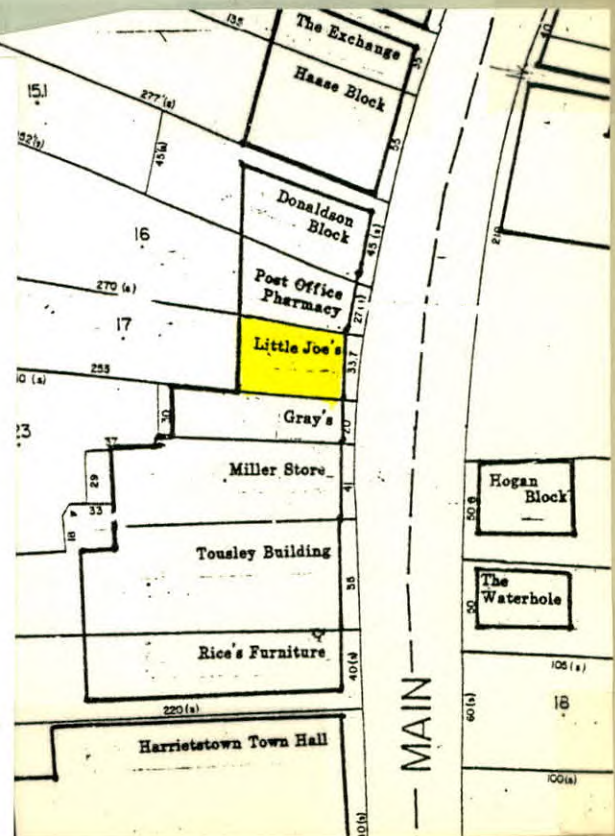
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Little Joe's/Northern Insuring
- 2. COUNTY: Franklin TOWN/CITY: Harrietstown VILLAGE: Saranac Lake
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 50 Main Street / 48-50 Main St *now 57-59 Main*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Joseph & Dorothy Gladd ADDRESS: 50 Main Street, Saranac Lake
- 6. USE: Original: retail Present: bar/office/apartments
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain 1st floor businesses open to public

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
1922-23: first floor storefront divided into two and brick facade added.

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land b. woodland
c. scattered buildings
d. densely built-up e. commercial
f. industrial g. residential
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: In the Berkeley Square
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district) Historic District.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Between 1879 and 1890.

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

SEE ATTACHED.

21. SOURCES: Frankling County Clerk's records, Malone, N.Y.

22. THEME: Saranac Lake: Pioneer Health Resort

the 1950's and early 1960's.

Ownership of the building was transferred from Monroe to Joseph Gladd on New Year's Day, 1959. Today, he and his brother, Gene, still preside over the bar at Little Joe's.

In addition to being the largest and newest of the Second Empire group, Little Joe's is, regardless of its c. 1923 facade, the most intact. The new facade itself is, actually, quite in keeping with the character of the District if not quite with that of the building to which it is attached. Also, it does no visual violence to the older structure.

Little Joe's is three stories tall, fairly narrow but rather deep. It is a wood-frame, clapboarded structure except for the facade which is brick. The color scheme is red and white.

None of the three buildings erected by Milo Miller are particularly ornate as Second Empire buildings go; but Little Joe's has more visible detailing than either of the others. The wonderfully convoluted brackets supporting the second story cornice are especially appealing.

by Phil Gallos

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