

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 Wilson Cottage  
 other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 8 Williams Street | | not for publication  
 city, town Saranac Lake | | vicinity  
 state New York code NY county Franklin code 033 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)	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ 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>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listings: Village of Saranac Lake Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0  
Multiple Documentation Form

**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.

*Julia A. Steyer*  
 Signature of certifying official  
 Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation  
 State or Federal agency and bureau

5/31/92  
 Date

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

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_  
 State or federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 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

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Function  
(enter categories from instructions)  
Domestic/single dwelling

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

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals:  
Queen Anne

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Materials(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Wood/clapboard

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roof Metal  
other \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Wilson cottage at 8 William Street is located on a hilly lot less than an acre in size on the steep, winding streets of French Hill, within the incorporated boundaries of the village of Saranac Lake, Harrietstown, Franklin County. The house faces east and is set back from the street at the top of a hill. The lot drops steeply to the rear, down to a grove of hardwood trees. The lot is slightly larger than most in the area. A contributing two-car garage with octagonal asphalt shingles and strap-hinged doors is located at the end of a driveway to the north of the house.

The two and one-half story, three by five-bay Wilson Cottage is an intact and representative example of Queen Anne style residential architecture built in Saranac Lake at the beginning of the Twentieth century. Constructed before 1915, the gable-fronted house incorporates a partially enclosed wrap-around porch across the front facade, topped by an inset second story cure porch. Drainage slots are visible along the entire length of the upstairs sleeping porch. The porches retain their original architectural detailing, with decorative corner brackets and bull's eye medallions.

The house is rectangular in plan, with a crossgable on the south side, and a one-story addition to the rear. The foundation is uncoursed rubble stone. The gable roof is covered in painted metal shingles with an embossed design and has flared vergeboards and a shingled pent roof along the gable end. The central two-flue chimney is brick, with a corbelled cap. Fenestration is irregular and asymmetrical in shapes and sizes, including one-over-one, two-over-one, to four-over-two sash. The house is clad in clapboards throughout the body of the building, with cedar shingles on the porches and gable ends of the third story.

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.1915-1940</u>	<u>c.1915</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 Wilson Cottage at 8 William street is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of residential architecture that was altered to permit tuberculosis curing on the premises. Built as a single family residence, the Queen Anne style dwelling retains a significant amount of its original stylistic detailing including vergeboards, open veranda, and ornamental trim. The residence was later altered to incorporate the basic requirements to provide care for a tuberculosis patient. The prominent cure porch on the second story and the enclosed first floor porches are striking visual indicators of the curing history of this residence.

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.

[X] see continuation sheet

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The Wilson Cottage  
8 Williams Street  
Saranac Lake, Franklin County, NY

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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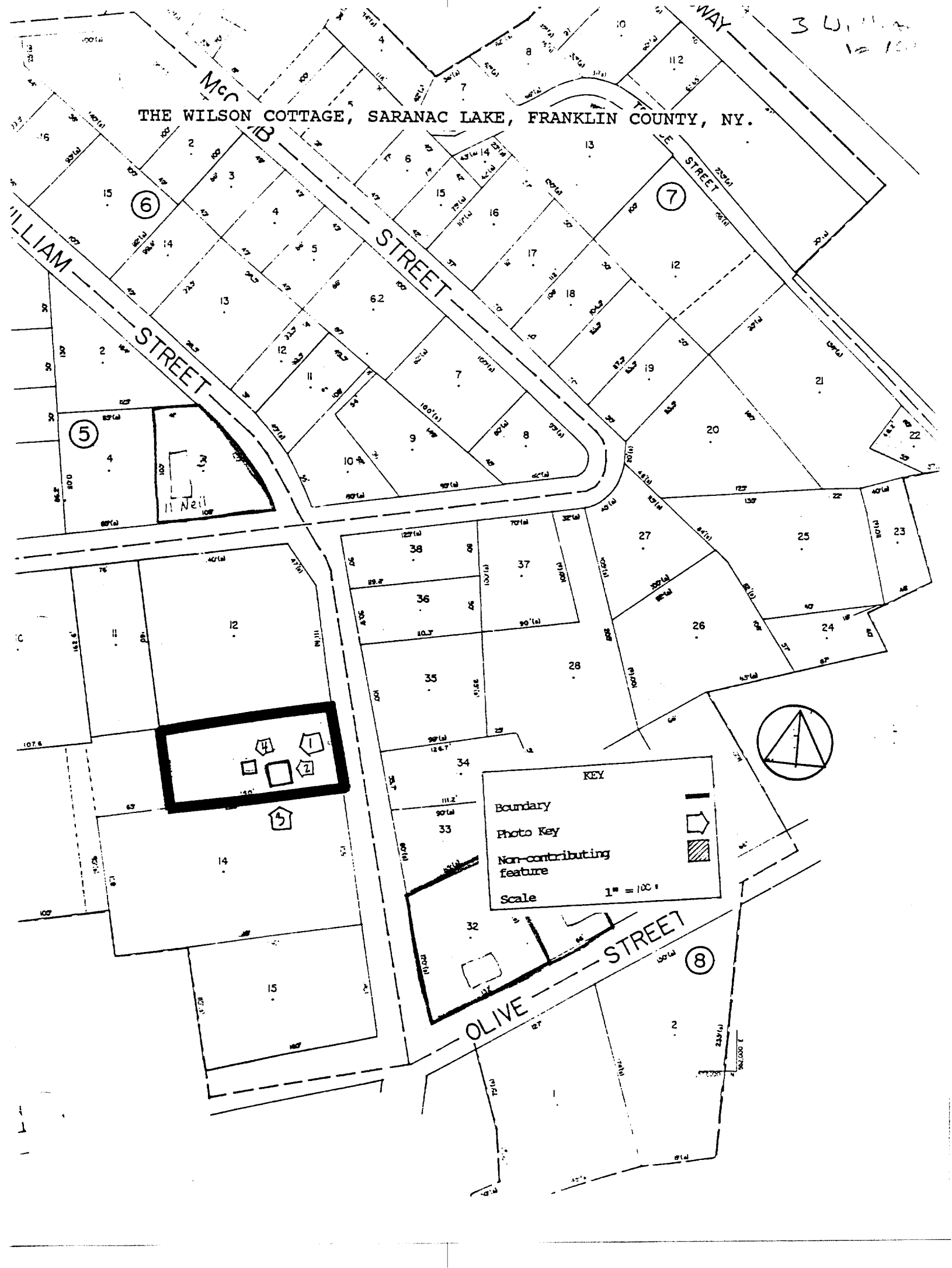
Cure cottages are structures which can be commercial, residential or institutional in scale and expression. Many were built specifically to function as private commercial sanatoria, multiple unit dwellings, boarding houses, or private homes. Equally large numbers of cure cottages were adapted for that 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.

The Wilson Cottage is a fine example of an intact house and cure cottage from Saranac Lake's first period of expansion as a center for tuberculosis curing. The residence retains a high degree of architectural integrity of its original detail, finish, and design. The structure has also preserved an exceptional integrity of its original setting, location, materials, and association.



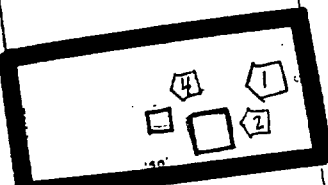
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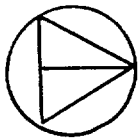
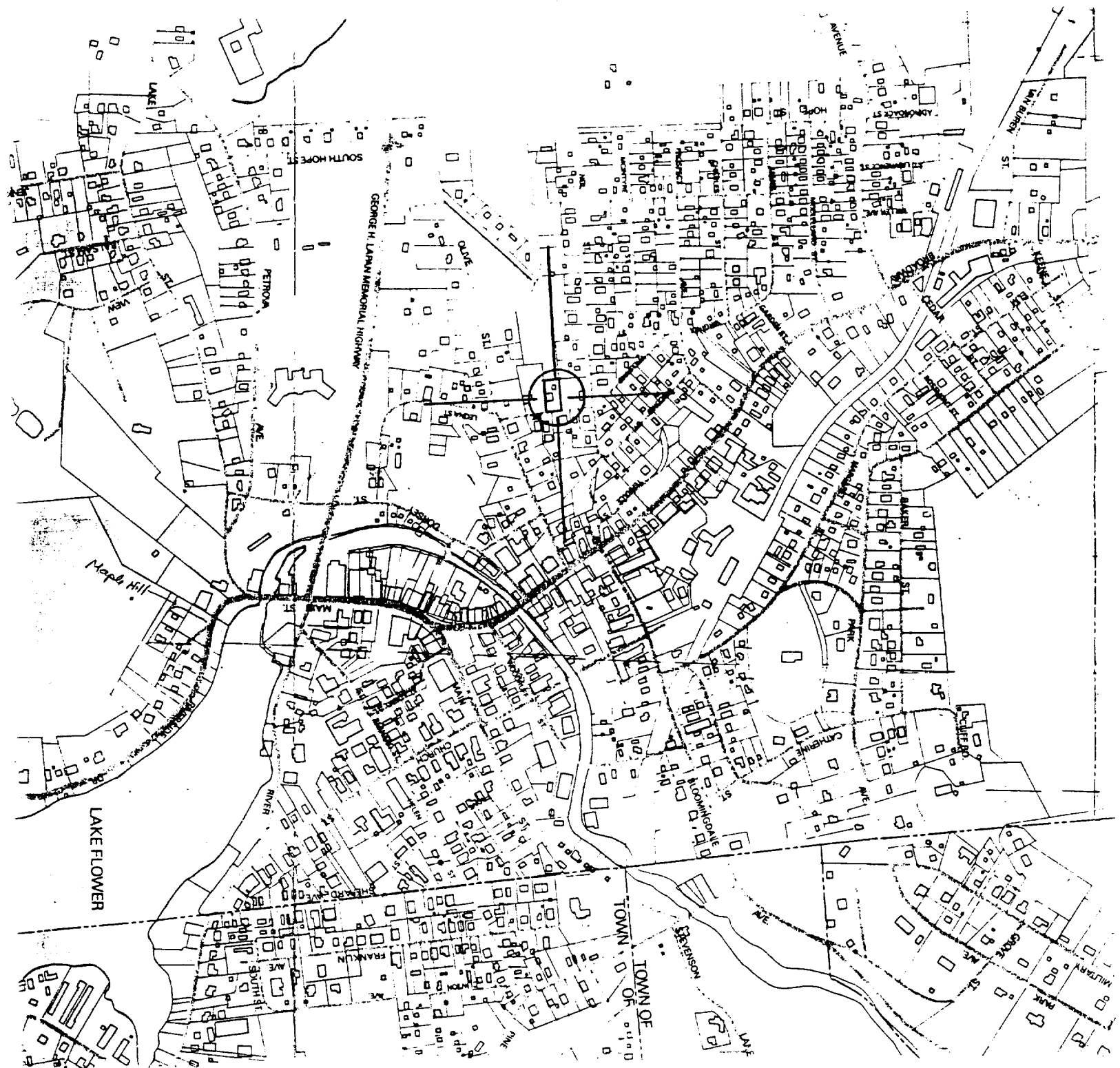
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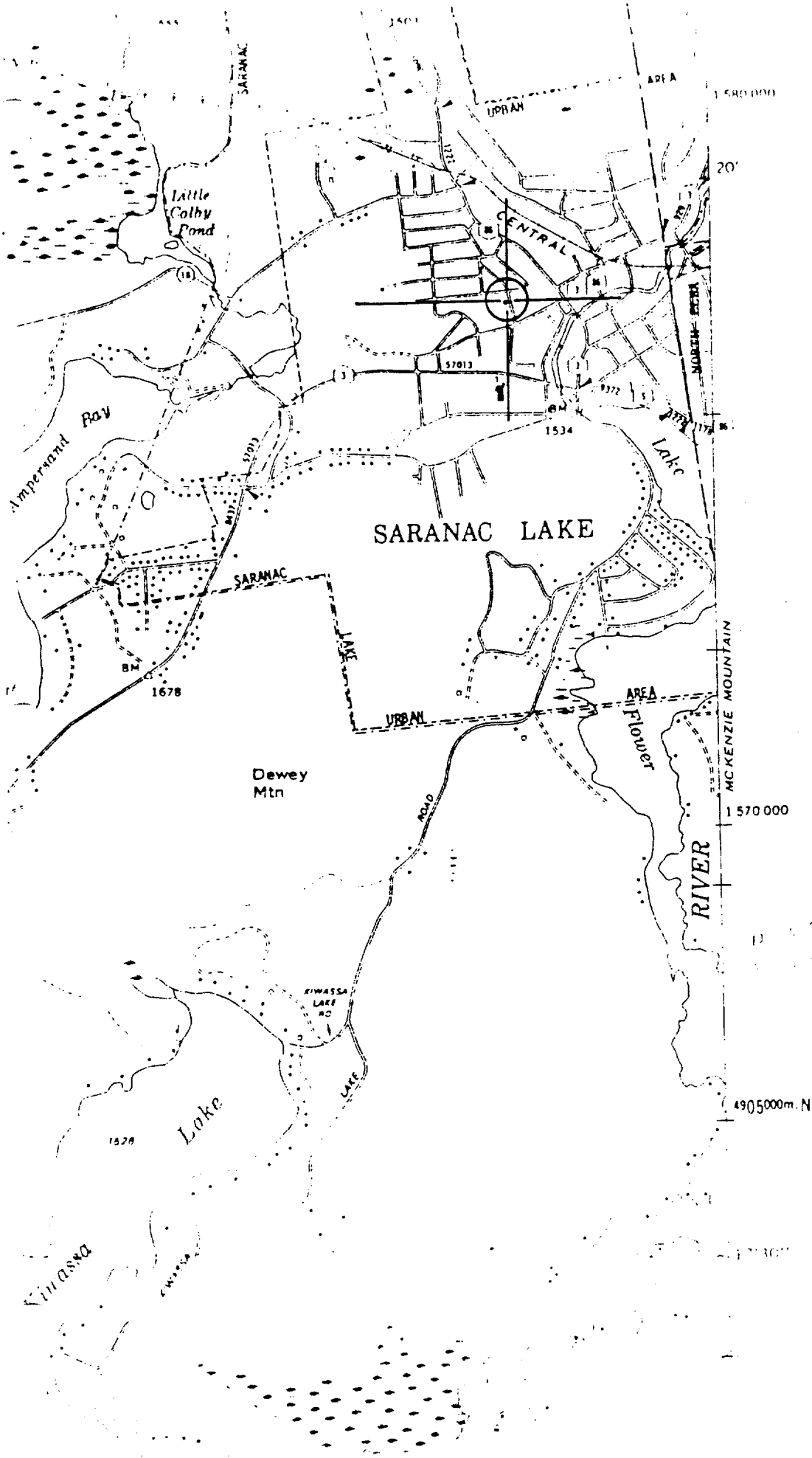


**KEY**

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







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

Saranac Lake, NY  
 Zone 18  
 Scale: 1:24,000

Easting 568860  
 Northing 4908480