

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

**2. Location**

street & number 183 Broadway | | not for publication  
 city, town Saranac Lake (town of Harrietstown) | | 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)		
<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 0

**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. Stojan* 6/30/92  
 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.

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 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.  
 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:)

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 Signature of keeper Date of Action

**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  
New York State Census Records, 1915, 1925.  
TB Society blue card

Previous documentation on file (NPS):	<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet
<input type="checkbox"/> preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	Primary location of additional data:
<input type="checkbox"/> previously listed in the National Register	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State historic preservation office
<input type="checkbox"/> previously determined eligible by the National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Other State agency
<input type="checkbox"/> designated a National Historic Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency
<input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Local government
<input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> University
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	Specify repository: _____

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Ellenberger Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Ellenberger 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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city or town Albany state New York zip code 12238

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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)

Queen Anne

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Materials(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete block  
walls Wood/clapboard, shingle

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roof Asphalt  
other \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The two and one-half story Ellenberger Cottage at 183 Broadway is located on a village lot near the intersection of McClelland Street and Broadway within the incorporated limits of the village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County. The deep lot is lined with mature trees along the northern and southern boundaries, as well as a stone wall along the northern line. The rear portion of the lot has been cleared to create a parking lot. The lot gradually slopes away from street level, exposing the basement level at the rear of the house while only two stories are visible below the roofline in the front.

Broadway is a major thoroughfare through the village. The neighborhood retains a residential character with houses set back amongst trees and lawns, although many of the houses in the immediate vicinity have been converted from residential to commercial use. A large residence of similar vintage is located to the north of 183 Broadway; a fuel oil company occupies the lot to the south. A contributing wood frame garage at the rear of the property has a gabled metal roof, wooden shingle siding, concrete block foundations, two-over-two sash (two on each side), and sliding barn doors.

The Ellenberger Cottage is a two and one-half story wood frame structure on a concrete block foundation, clad in wooden clapboard and shingles in a staggered butt pattern, and covered by a gable roof clad with asphalt shingles. The house is L-shaped in plan, with a cross-gabled rear wing, a partial hipped roof at the junction of the two wings, and a gabled rear dormer. The building is inspired by Queen Anne style architecture, as evidenced in its multi-textural wall treatment, irregular roofline, bracketed cornice, and irregular fenestration, which includes two stained glass

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panels on the southern facade and a boxed bay window on the northern facade. Many of the windows contain one-over-one sash. A pair of one-over-one windows are set into the front gable, with classical columns and unusual curved walls to both sides, a detail repeated in the gable of the veranda below.

The front entrance, on the western facade, is reached through a one-story veranda with classically detailed columns and portico that is completely enclosed with sliding glass panels. A smaller inset, two-story cure porch is located on the southern facade with southwestern exposure. An adjacent shed-roofed porch on the first floor level (well above ground level here, due to the sloping lot) shows evidence of having extended farther west along the southern facade. A modern wooden deck extends across the rear (eastern) facade of the building. The interior retains much of its original detail.

**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>ca.1914-ca.1940</u>	<u>ca.1914</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	<u>n/a</u>	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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 Ellenberger Cottage at 183 Broadway is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of cure cottage architecture built in Saranac Lake at the turn of the century in the village's first period of great growth. Its glass-enclosed veranda shows the adaptation of Queen Anne inspired architectural features for the specific needs of tuberculous patients, as do the cure porches oriented towards southwestern sunshine and fresh air.

A 1917 Health Survey of the village of Saranac Lake indicates that a tuberculous patient was residing at 183 Broadway at that time, possibly a member of the Ellenberger family, listed as resident during the 1915 New York State census. Although the house was originally constructed as a single family residence, by 1925 two families occupied the building, with patients listed as heads of each of the families. The division of the house into two flats suitable for patients and their families was typical of alterations to Saranac Lake's building stock as ever-increasing numbers of tubercular patients sought housing within the village limits. The building does not seem to have ever been registered with the Tuberculosis Society and remained a private residence with curing facilities throughout the period of significance.

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

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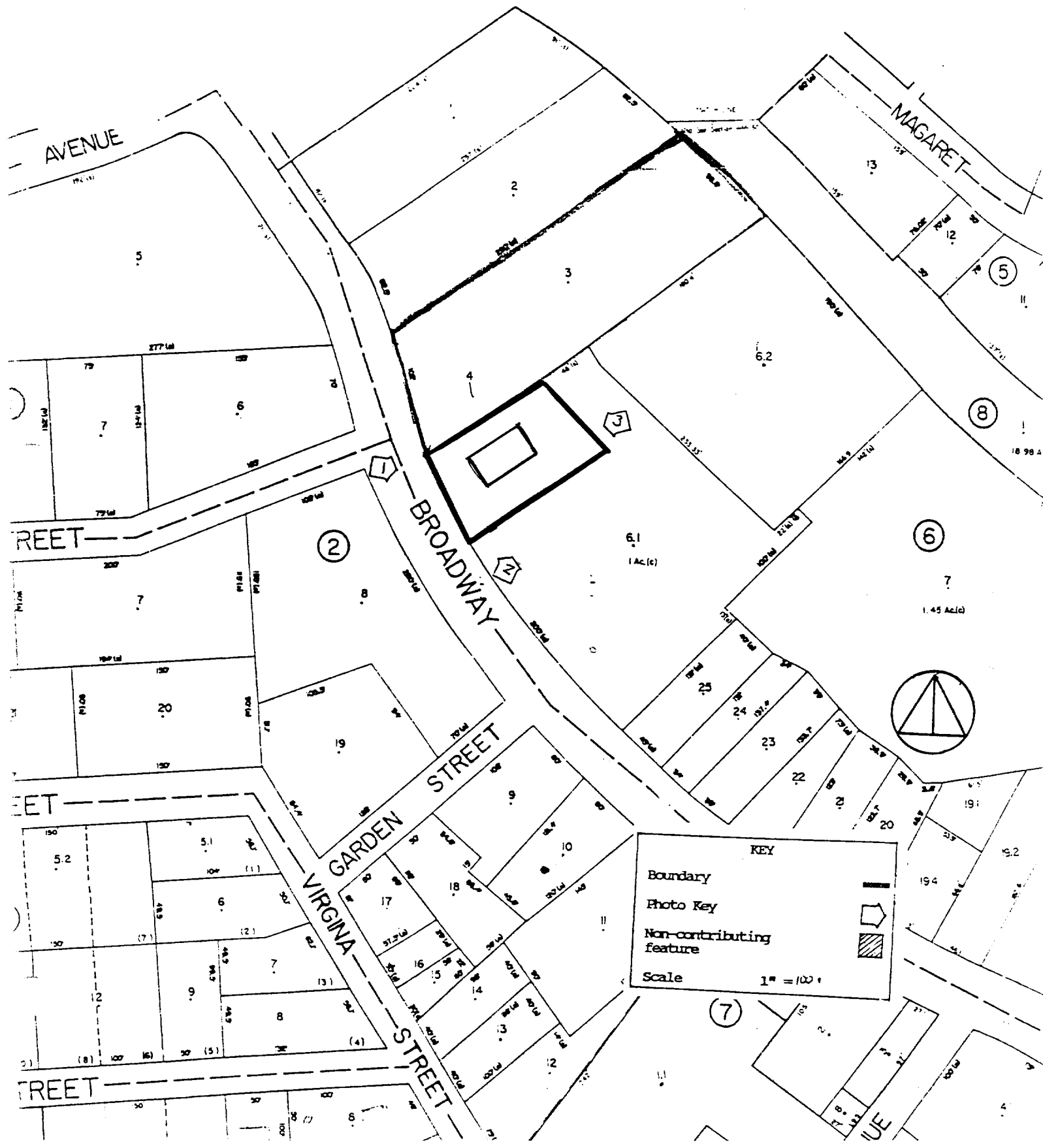
which include Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and bungalow stylistic features. The majority of the cottages which remain were built between 1890 and 1930.

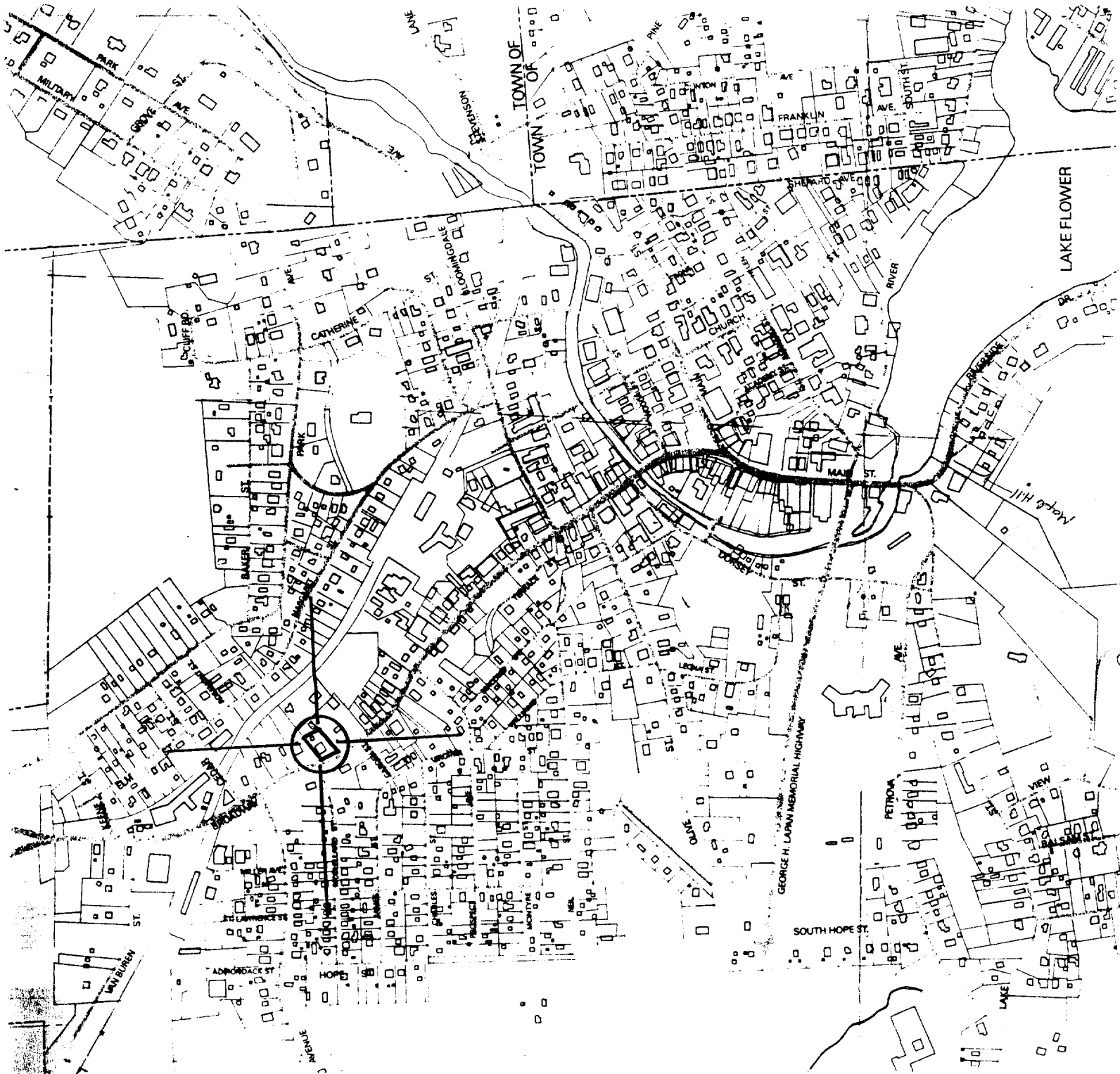
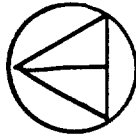
The most common cure cottages are vernacular expressions of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles, with multiple gables, balloon frame construction, decorative wooden architectural detail, multiple windows of various sizes and shapes, and associated porches or verandas. Glass-enclosed porches, used 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.

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.

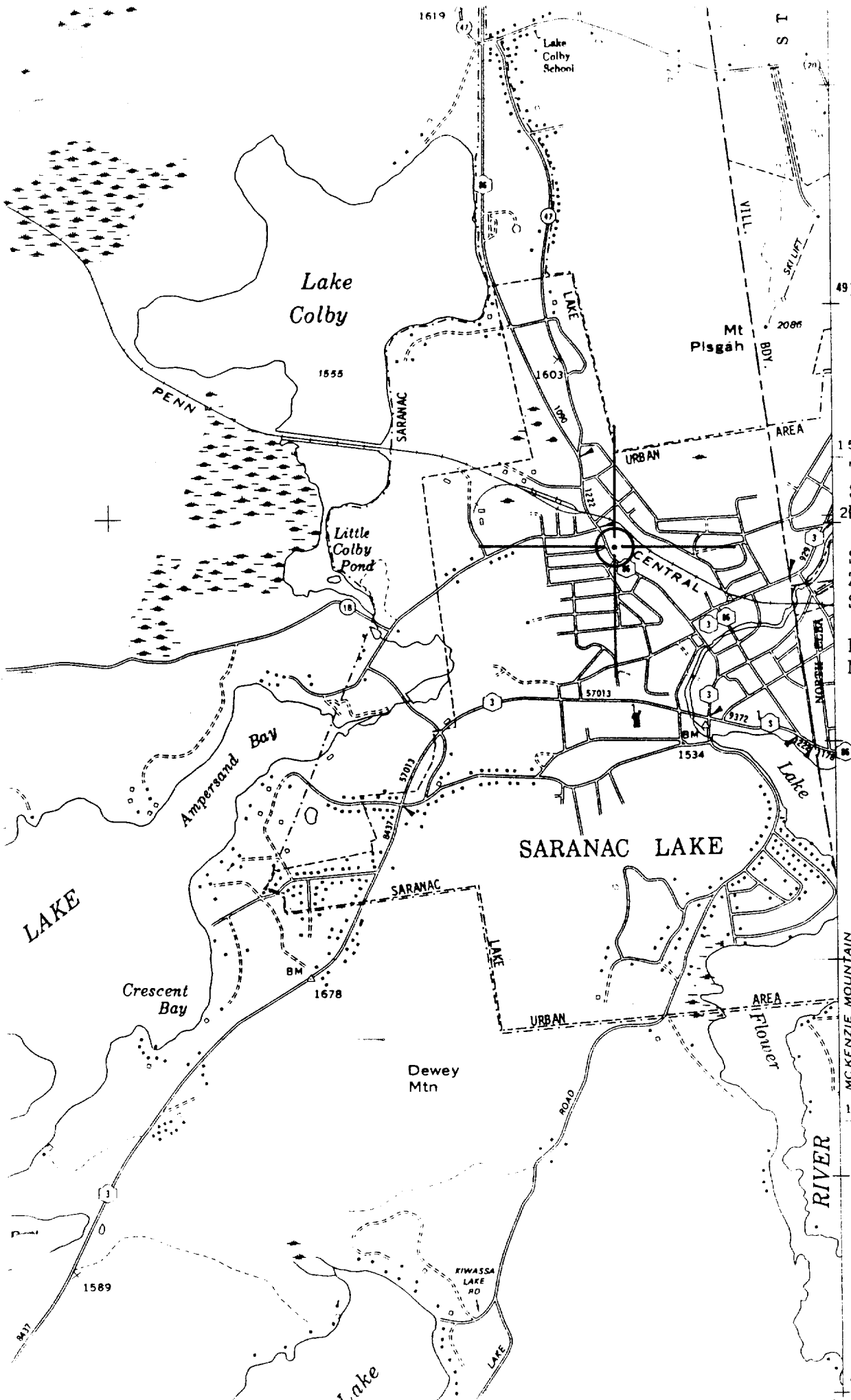
With its fine architectural detail, glazed veranda, and cure porches, the Ellenberger Cottage at 183 Broadway has retained a high degree of architectural integrity from its original construction. It also has maintained a high degree of integrity of setting location, materials, design and association.

ELLENBERGER COTTAGE, SARANAC LAKE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY.









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The Village of Saranac Lake  
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