

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 Colbath Cottage
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 30 River Street | | not for publication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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<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 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 S. Stapp
 Signature of certifying official
 Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
 State or Federal agency and bureau

6/30/92
 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 _____

6. Function or Use

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

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals:
Colonial Revival/Queen Anne

foundation Stone & concrete

walls Wood/clapboard

roof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The two and one-half story Colbath Cottage at 30 River Street is located in the southwest corner of a 4.3-acre lot within the village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County. In addition to the Colbath cottage, several buildings associated with St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church are also located on the lot. Due to the lack of association of these buildings to the context of tuberculosis curing, the boundary for the nominated building has been drawn to include only the Colbath cottage and the ground on which it is located. The boundary excludes all other buildings, structures or objects located on the church property.

The Colbath Cottage is a two and one-half story, wood frame building on a rubble stone foundation, clad in wooden clapboard and shingles in a staggered butt pattern, and covered by a multiple gabled roof clad with asphalt shingles. The building is inspired by Queen Anne style architecture, as evidenced in its multi-textural wall treatment, irregular roofline, bracketed cornice, and irregular fenestration. Most of the windows contain one-over-one sash.

The principal (south) facade of the residence is dominated by a continuous, single story, engaged cure porch along the south and east elevations of the building. The porch is entirely enclosed with sliding glass windows. A second cure porch is situated above the eastern section of the first floor porch. This porch has been converted into two separate rooms.

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A rear entrance with a bracketed pediment is located on the north facade of the building. This facade also features a cure porch, which has four sets of sliding glass windows. There is clapboard siding above and below. The west facade of the building features many asymmetrically placed windows of various sizes and a former cure porch which is presently boarded over.

The front entrance, on the east elevation, is reached through the the large first floor cure porch. The entrance opens into a hall containing the stairway to the second floor. To the left of this stairwell is a long narrow room traversing the southern length of the house. Off a hallway running north from this room, are the dining room (with original doors and moldings), kitchen and laundry room. The second floor has five bedrooms, many with sinks located in closets within the room. There are four porches, all with radiators. Originally there was at least one porch per bedroom (or patient).

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.1896-ca.1930</u>	<u>ca.1896</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 Colbath Cottage is architecturally significant as an intact representative example of a late nineteenth century residence converted for use as a private sanitarium during the early Twentieth century for the cure of tuberculosis patients in Saranac Lake.

The Colbath Cottage, built ca.1896, is named after a early owner, H.B. Colbath. It was registered in the Saranac Lake in 1906 and registered with the T.B. Society in the early Twentieth century. From its floor plan and large number of cure porches which remain intact, it is evident that it was a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. It had a cure porch for each of five second floor bedrooms in addition to a large wrap-around cure porch on the first floor. This cottage is an excellent example of a cure sanitarium, having numerous cure porches, wide access doors and a large number of windows to allow for ventilation of the dwelling.

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.

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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 Colbath Cottage at 30 River Street 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.

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
TB Society blue card

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 # _____

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

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Boundary Justification

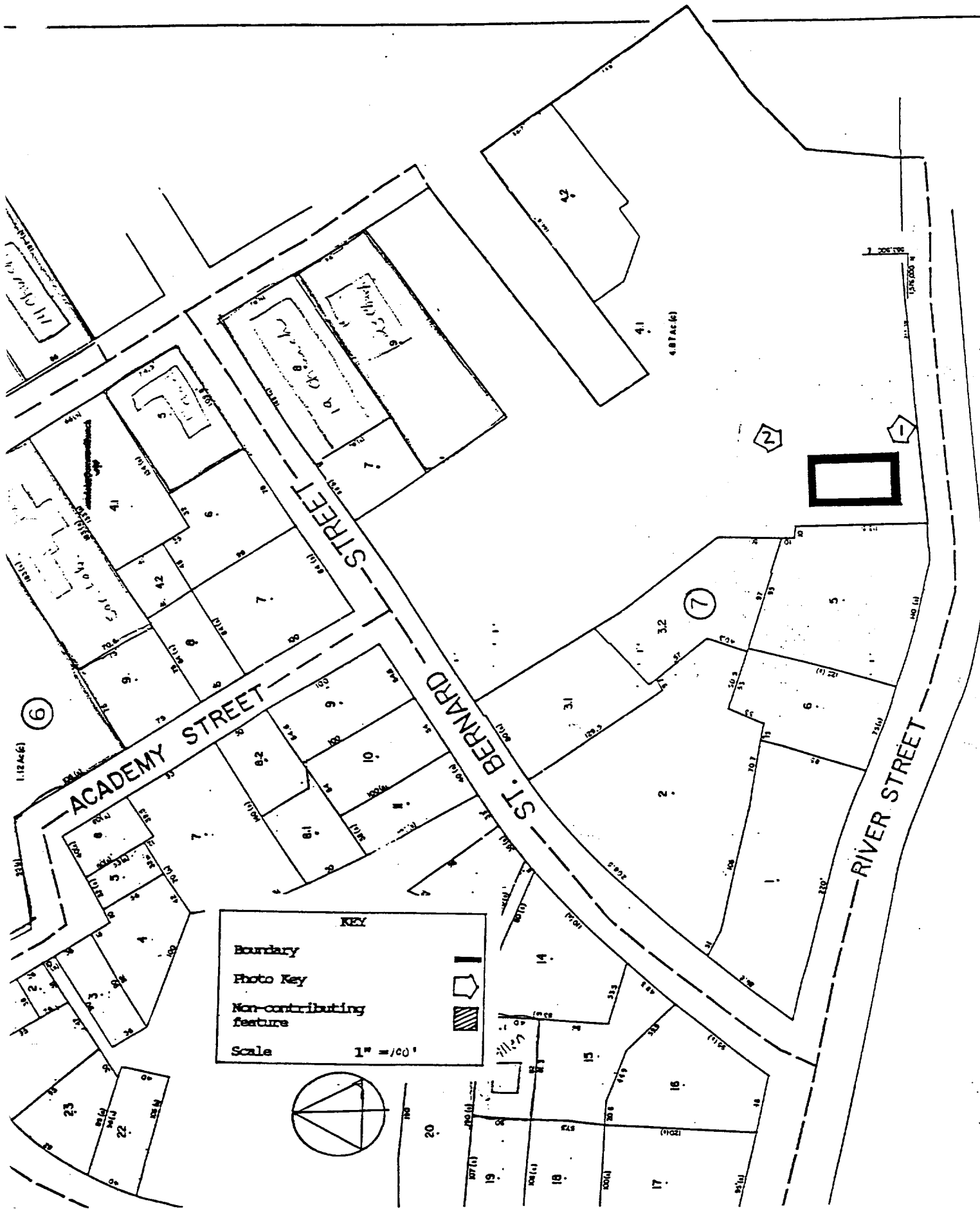
The boundary of the nominated property include the parcel historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

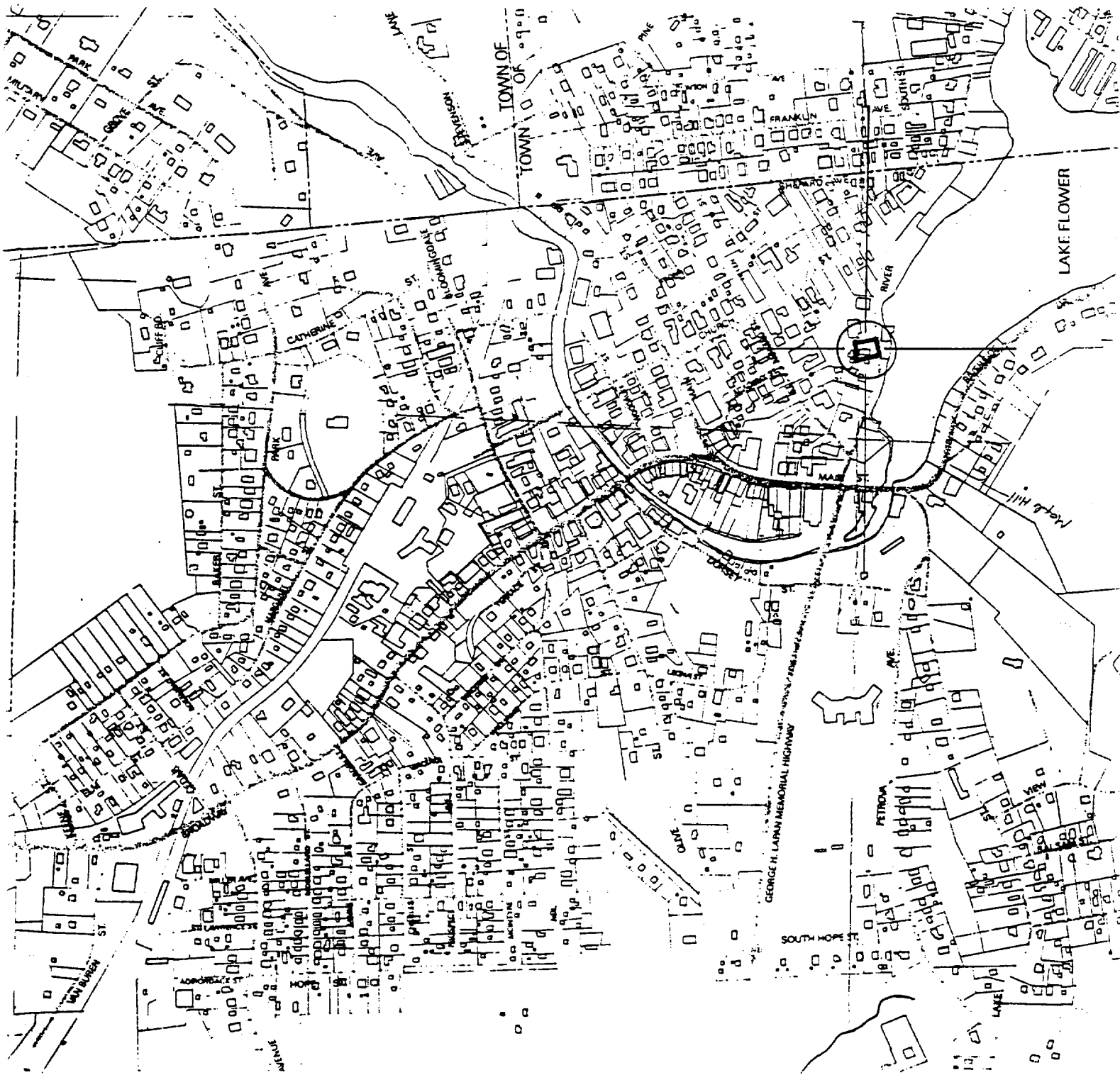
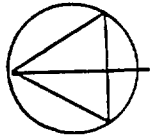
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THE COLBATH COTTAGE, SARANAC LAKE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY



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

Saranac Lake, NY
Zone 18

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