

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 Stevenson Cottage
 other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Stevenson Lane | | not for publication
 city, town Saranac Lake (town of St. Armand) | | vicinity
 state New York code NY county Essex code 031 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>2</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>2</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 n/a

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.

Judith 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 _____

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:)

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)
Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood/clapboard

roof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Stevenson Cottage is located on Stevenson Lane just beyond the the village of Saranac Lake in the town of St. Armand, Essex County, New York. The neighborhood is residential in character, with a few small wood frame residences built primarily in the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth centuries. A one and one-half story, wood frame, gable roofed barn is attached at one end of the structure.

The L-shaped, one and one-half story, wood frame residence has a fieldstone foundation and wood clapboard siding. Built 1865-66, the house has multiple wings and additions, all covered by asphalt shingled, gable roofs. An open, shed roofed veranda with simple flat-sawn posts and brackets covers the west facade of the building. Fenestration is irregular and asymmetrical, including six-over-six and one-over-one sash.

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

<u>Areas of significance</u> <u>Health/Medicine</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<u>Period of Significance</u> <u>ca.1865 - ca.1940</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<u>Significant Dates</u> <u>ca.1865</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	<u>Cultural Affiliation</u> <u>n/a</u> <hr/> <hr/>	
<u>Significant Person</u> <u>n/a</u> <hr/>	<u>Architect/Builder</u> <u>n/a</u> <hr/>	

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

The Robert Louis Stevenson Cottage on Stevenson Lane is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of a mid-nineteenth century residence, which was later adapted for use as a cure cottage. The structure was built in 1865-66 by a successful local guide, Andrew Baker, who rented out the western half of the house to sportsmen visiting the area in the summers. In October, 1887 author Robert Louis Stevenson and his family rented the western wing with kitchen privileges for the winter, while he recuperated from lung ailments. He stayed until the following April.

The Stevenson Cottage incorporates the architectural features required by invalids curing in Saranac Lake in its earliest period as a health resort. These features included separate living quarters with boarding privileges and a spacious veranda. Constructed specifically for income purposes, these features were important adaptations to residential architecture which became increasingly common in Saranac Lake in the second half of the Nineteenth century. As the demand for curing facilities increased, more local residents like Andrew Baker added rental rooms and verandas to their homes to create the first cure cottages of Saranac Lake.

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 centuries. They represent vernacular expressions of architectural styles that include Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and bungalow stylistic features. The majority of the cottages that remain were built between 1890 and 1930.

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The Stevenson Cottage
Stevenson Lane
Saranac Lake, Essex County, NY

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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 were 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 that 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.

After the Bakers died in the mid-1920s, having outlived all their children, their house was purchased by the Stevenson Society of America, which continues to maintain the building as a museum of Robert Louis Stevenson memorabilia.

The building has retained a high degree of architectural integrity from its original construction. It has also maintained 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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Stevenson Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Stevenson 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.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

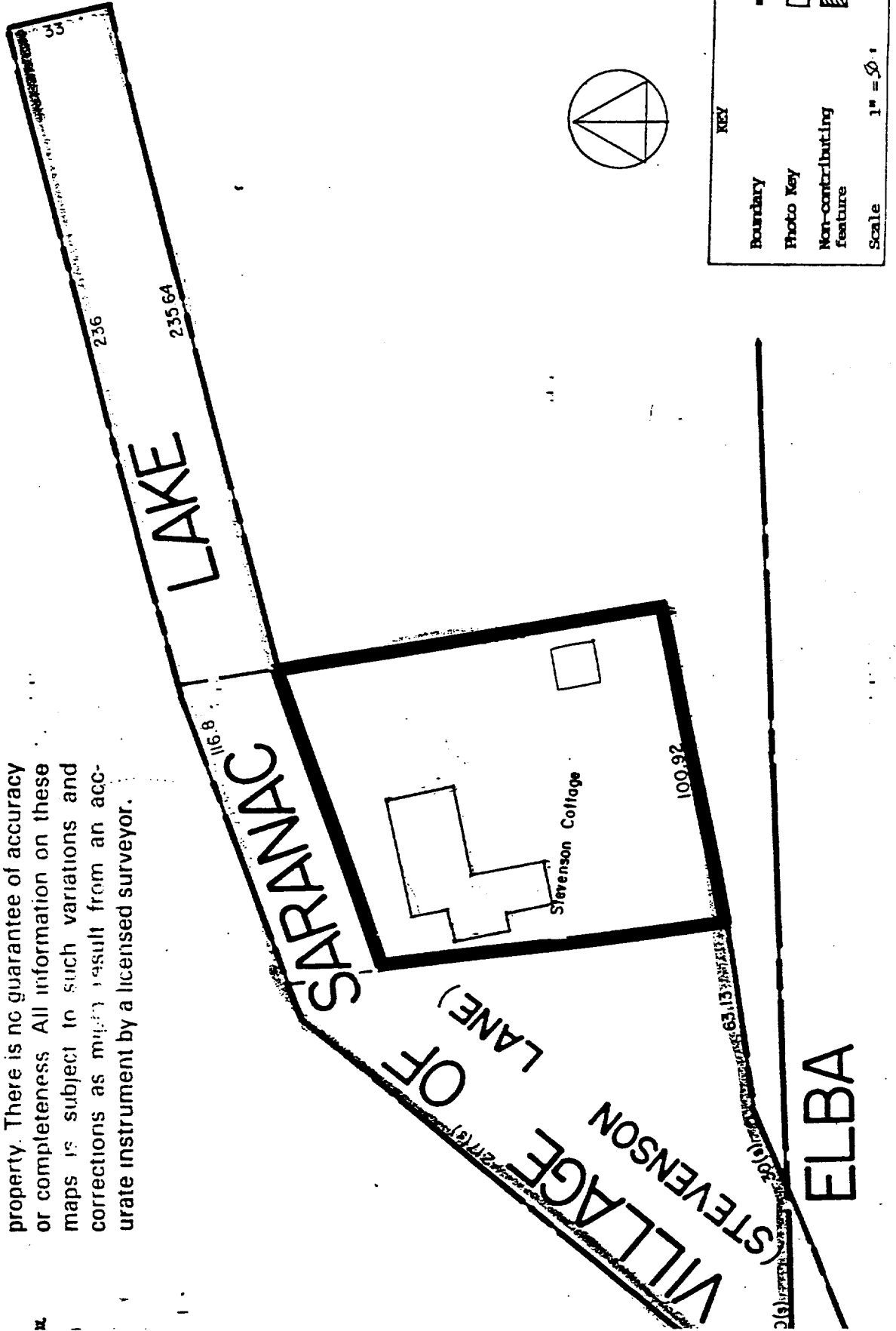
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city or town Albany state New York zip code 12238

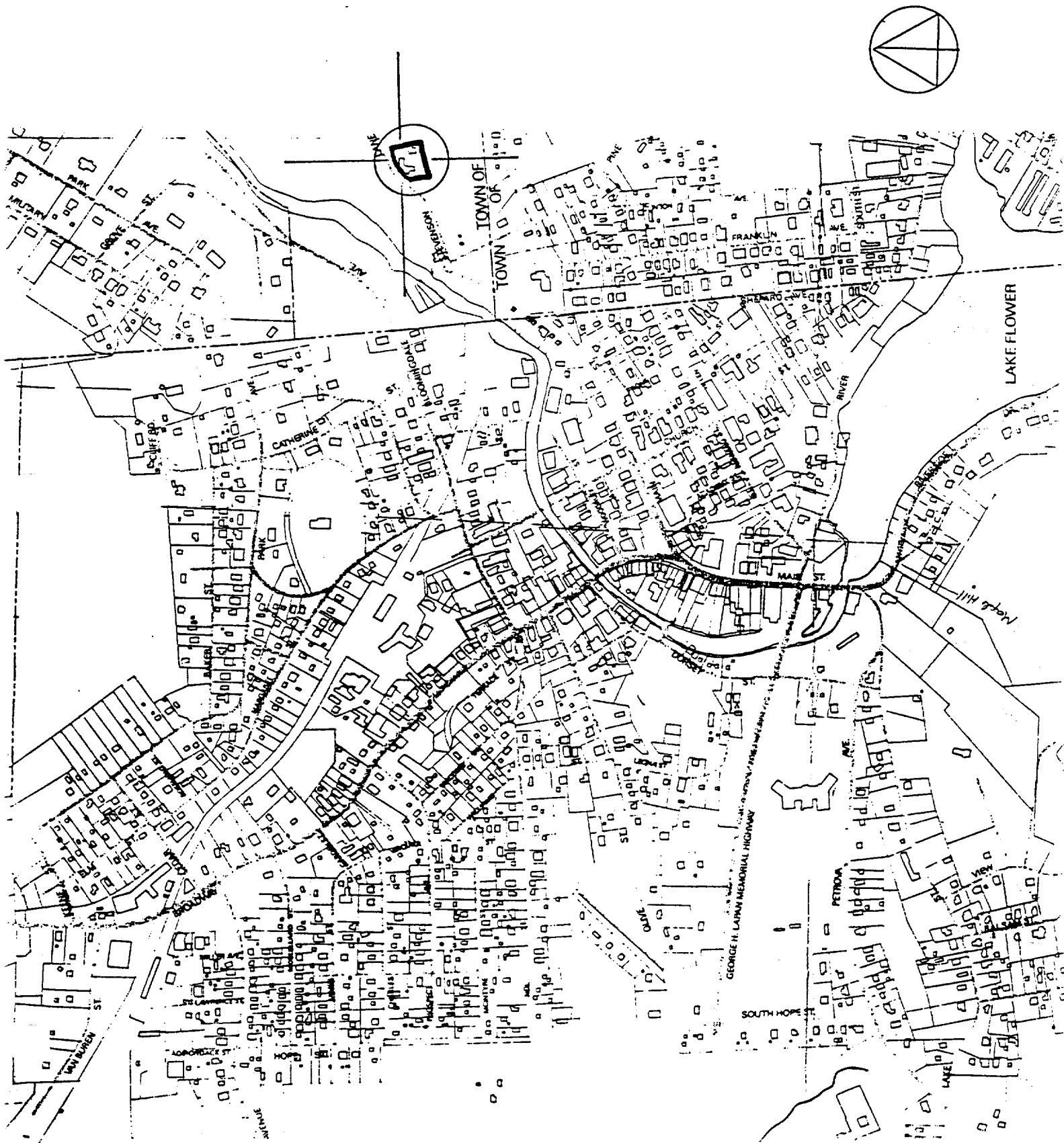
ESSEX COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX MAP

THE STEVENSON COTTAGE, SARANAC LAKE, ESSEX CO., NY

These maps were prepared for Tax Administration Purposes only. They are not intended to be used in the conveyance of property. There is no guarantee of accuracy or completeness. All information on these maps is subject to such variations and corrections as might result from an accurate instrument by a licensed surveyor.



THE STEVENSON COTTAGE, SARANAC LAKE, ESSEX CO., NY



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The Village of Saranac Lake
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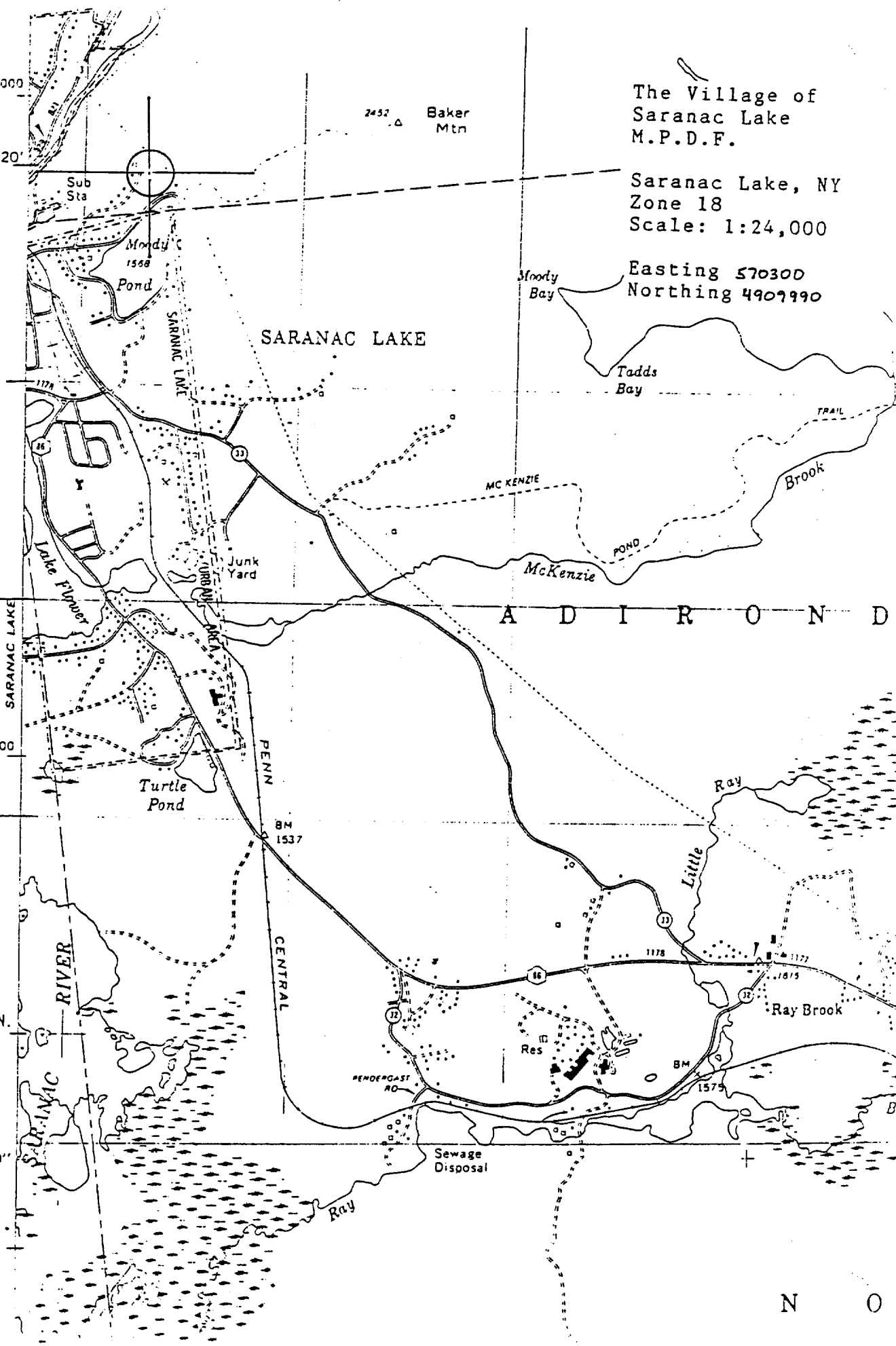
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