

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION 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 Magill Cottage
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 37 Riverside Drive | | not for publication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

Table with 4 columns: Ownership of property, Category, Number of resources within property (Contributing, Noncontributing), and Total. Rows include private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal, building(s), district, site, structure, object.

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 [X] 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 [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official (Handwritten signature)
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau
Date 6/30/92

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:)

6. Function or Use

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

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)
Late Victorian: Stick style

Materials(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Wood/shingles

roof Asphalt
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Magill Cottage at 37 Riverside Drive is located on a large lot on the side of a very steep hill over looking Riverside Drive and Lake Flower. The house and the property historically associated with it are within the the village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County, New York. A gravel driveway climbs the hill from street level to the residence. Behind the house, the deep lot continues to rise into the wooded hillside. A contributing two-car garage, with novelty siding on concrete block walls, is set into the hillside at street level. The area is residential in character, with large, early twentieth century, wood frame dwellings on larger than average lots.

The residence 37 Riverside Drive is a two and one-half story, wood frame residence on a concrete foundation. Built ca.1911, the dwelling is sheathed with wood shingles and is covered by a hipped roof, which is punctuated by two steeply pitched, cross-gable extensions on the front (east) facade and a deeper cross gable on the south side. A large, one story porch on the east facade wraps around the house to become a deep screened porch along the south wall. A small porch at the back of the house shelters a covered back entrance to the kitchen and storage room. There are two second-story sleeping porches.

Fenestration is irregular and asymmetrical, including bay windows, one-over-one and multi-paned sash and large picture windows surmounted by tripartite diamond-paned transoms.

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The interior includes much of the original moldings, hardwood floors, wainscoting, plaster walls, wrought iron and glass light fixtures, and a fully paneled staircase. The living room retains its beamed ceiling, matching lighting fixtures, and a large fieldstone fireplace.

The second floor includes four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The master bedroom, on the south side, has a brick fireplace, bay window and window seat, adjoining dressing room and bathroom. A door from this room leads out to a sleeping porch with sliding glass panels on the three sides, beaded board paneling, varnished floor, and room to turn a bed around. A mature maple tree shades the porch. The other three bedrooms on this floor are smaller. All the rooms and baths have a call bell connected to the kitchen. A slightly smaller cure porch on the north side of the building is reached from one of these bathrooms. It is fully glazed on three sides with sliding panels, and finished with beaded board paneling.

The third floor attic contains a storage room, a large bedroom with a call button, and a full bath.

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 <u>Health/Medicine</u>	Period of Significance <u>ca.1911 - ca.1940</u>	Significant Dates <u>ca.1911</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____	Cultural Affiliation <u>n/a</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Significant Person <u>n/a</u>	Architect/Builder <u>Benjamin and Lynn Woodruff</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

The house at 37 Riverside Drive is architecturally significant as an intact example of a cure cottage as constructed in Saranac Lake in the first quarter of the Twentieth century. The house was built by local carpenters Benjamin and Lynn Woodruff ca.1911 for Lemuel B. Magill. Magill came to Saranac Lake in the early Twentieth century and in 1909 founded the Saranac Lake Troy Laundry, the largest and longest lasting of at least three commercial laundries in the village that cleaned and sterilized linen for the local tuberculosis curing industry. He moved into his new house at 37 Riverside Drive with his wife and three children by 1912.

Lemuel Magill died in 1916 and the family remained in the house until 1920 when it was sold to William H. Smith of Kingston, Jamaica. Three years later Mrs. Magill was forced to repossess the house in foreclosure action against Mr. Smith. By 1925, she had married Edwin Doyle and they turned Magill Cottage into a registered private sanatorium. The four bedrooms on the second floor, with their connecting baths and porches, were rented out for \$45 - \$75 per week. In 1926, the Doyles sold Magill Cottage to Fred Everett and his family and the building returned to use as a single family 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.

The Magill Cottage at 37 Riverside Drive retains a high degree of architectural integrity as a private residence subsequently converted to commercial use as a sanatorium. In addition to its intact curing features, it retains high levels 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
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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

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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C				D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Magill Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Magill 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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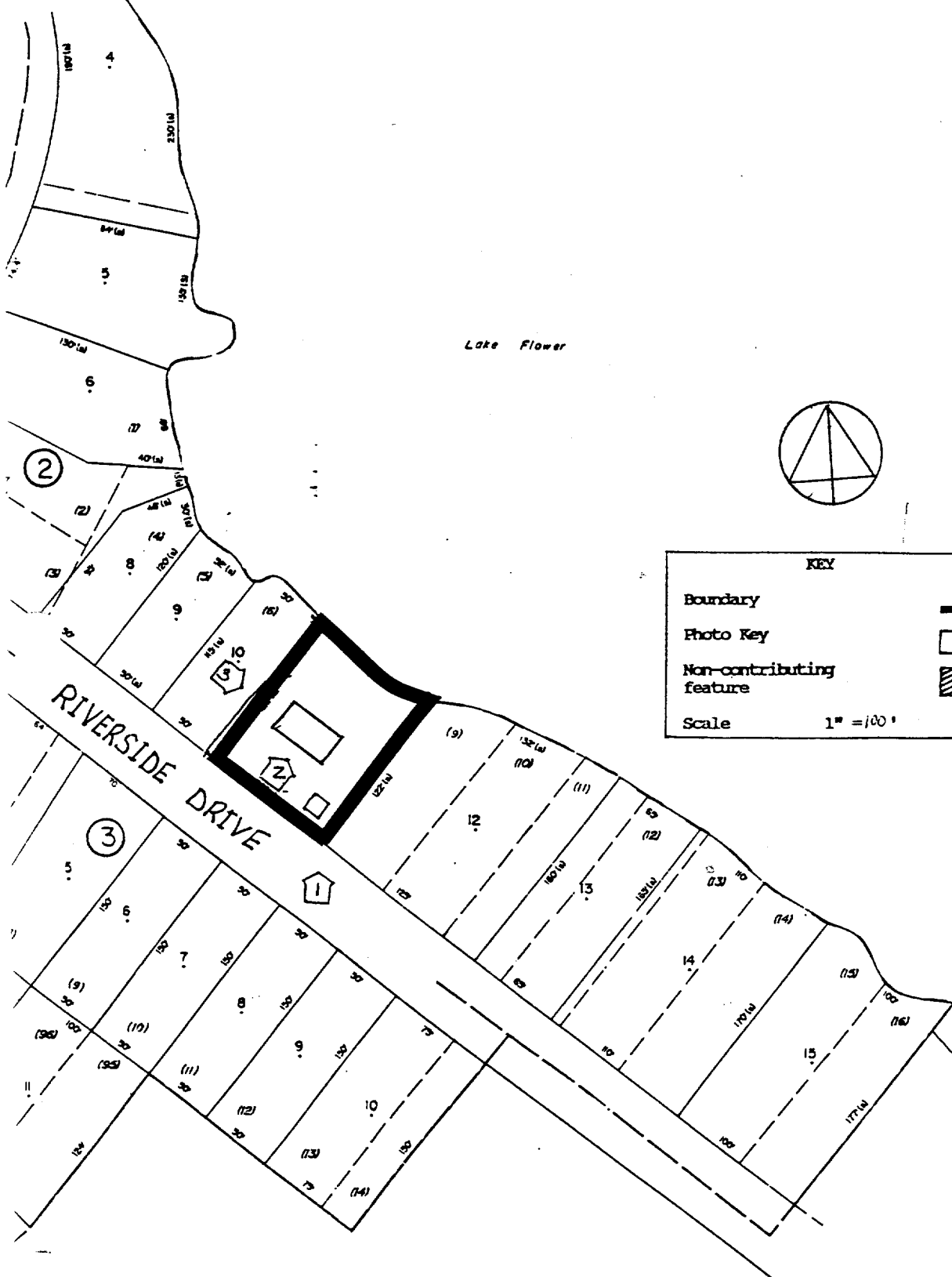
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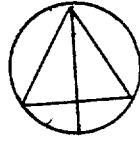
THE MAGILL COTTAGE, SARANAC LAKE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

ESSEX CO. NY.
VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

DRIVE
RIVERSIDE
59 Riverside



Lake Flower



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 569580
Northing 490750

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