

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

**2. Location**

street & number 6 Slater Street Avenue | | not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
 city, town Saranac Lake (town of North Elba) | | 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 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.

[Signature]  
 Signature of certifying official  
 Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation  
 State or Federal agency and bureau

3/31/92  
 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/Health care

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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 Victorian: Queen Anne

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Materials(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete block  
walls Concrete block

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

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Marquay Cottage at 6 Slater Avenue is located on an average-sized lot in the southern section of the village of Saranac Lake, Essex County. The two and one-half story single family dwelling faces east in an open grass-covered lot with a single large pine tree on the north side of the house. A low masonry wall runs the length of the Slater Avenue property line with stairs leading up to the front door. A driveway along the south side of the property leads to a one-car contributing masonry garage in the rear corner of the lot. The house is at the edge of a residential neighborhood of single-family dwellings from the late Nineteenth century and early Twentieth century. A modern bank is located on the opposite end of the same block, and the commercial strip development of River Street extends westward from there.

The rectangular two and one-half story residence at 6 Slater Avenue is one of the few local examples of twentieth century concrete block construction. The foundation and walls are completely built of rusticated cast concrete blocks, with an asphalt-shingled gable roof, cross gable, and octagonal corner tower. An open veranda extends across the front facade with a pedimented front entrance and grouped fluted concrete columns. The front door retains its original oval beveled glass window. A concrete block chimney is located on the southern facade. The sash on the first floor have been recently replaced, but the windows on the upper floors retain their original six-over-one sash.

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The structure displays typical Queen Anne style features such as the octagonal corner tower with pyramidal roof, bay window, exaggerated classical lintels with keystones, and paired square windows in the gable end bordered in geometric pattern glass. The side hall plan house has French doors between its living and dining rooms and retains its original stair balustrade and newel post, plaster walls and maple floors. Many of the original light fixtures and switches have also been retained. An open porch with columns extends across the rear facade of the house, supporting a second story cure porch. The cure porch, the only one on this structure, is 12 by 6 feet in size, and is reached through the bedroom on the southwestern corner. It is glazed with grouped sash windows on the southern and western exposures.

**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.1914-c.1940</u>	<u>c.1914</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Significant Person	Architect/Builder
<u>n/a</u>	<u>John Marquay</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

The house at 6 Slater Avenue is architecturally significant as an intact and representative example of early twentieth century residential architecture, which incorporated cure-related features into its design. The structure is unusual in the area for its extensive use of rusticated concrete block. Blocks for this house were manufactured locally by John Norman at the masonry business operated in 1902 by Elihu W. Norman at 15 Lake Flower Avenue.

6 Slater Avenue was one of the first structures to be built in the subdivision that John W. Slater made out of a section of his hundred acre farm on the eastern edge of the village. The house was built c.1914 by John Marquay, a local guide whose daughter Mildred was a nurse. The substantial second floor cure porch integral to the structure is a strong indicator of the use of the building by a tubercular individual for curing purposes, although there is no documentation of commercial curing activity. The house was never registered with the Tuberculosis Society, but a 1917 health survey of the village of Saranac Lake indicated that a tubercular individual was living at 6 Slater Avenue at that time.

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 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 building has retained a high degree of architectural integrity from its original construction through to the modern day. 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

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Marquay Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Marquay 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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organization N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date September 1991

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city or town Albany state New York zip code 12238

THE MARQUAY COTTAGE, ESSEX COUNTY, NY.

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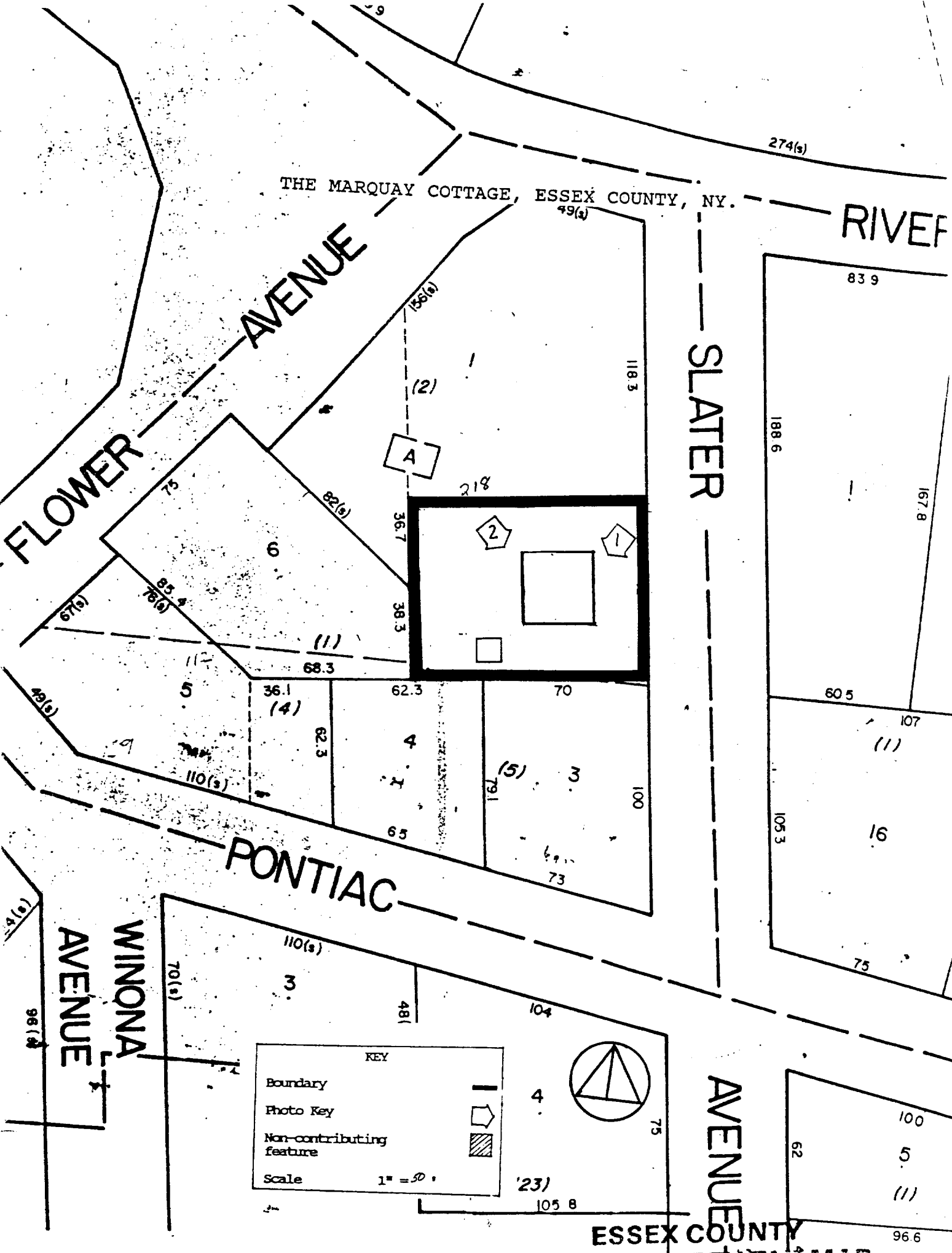
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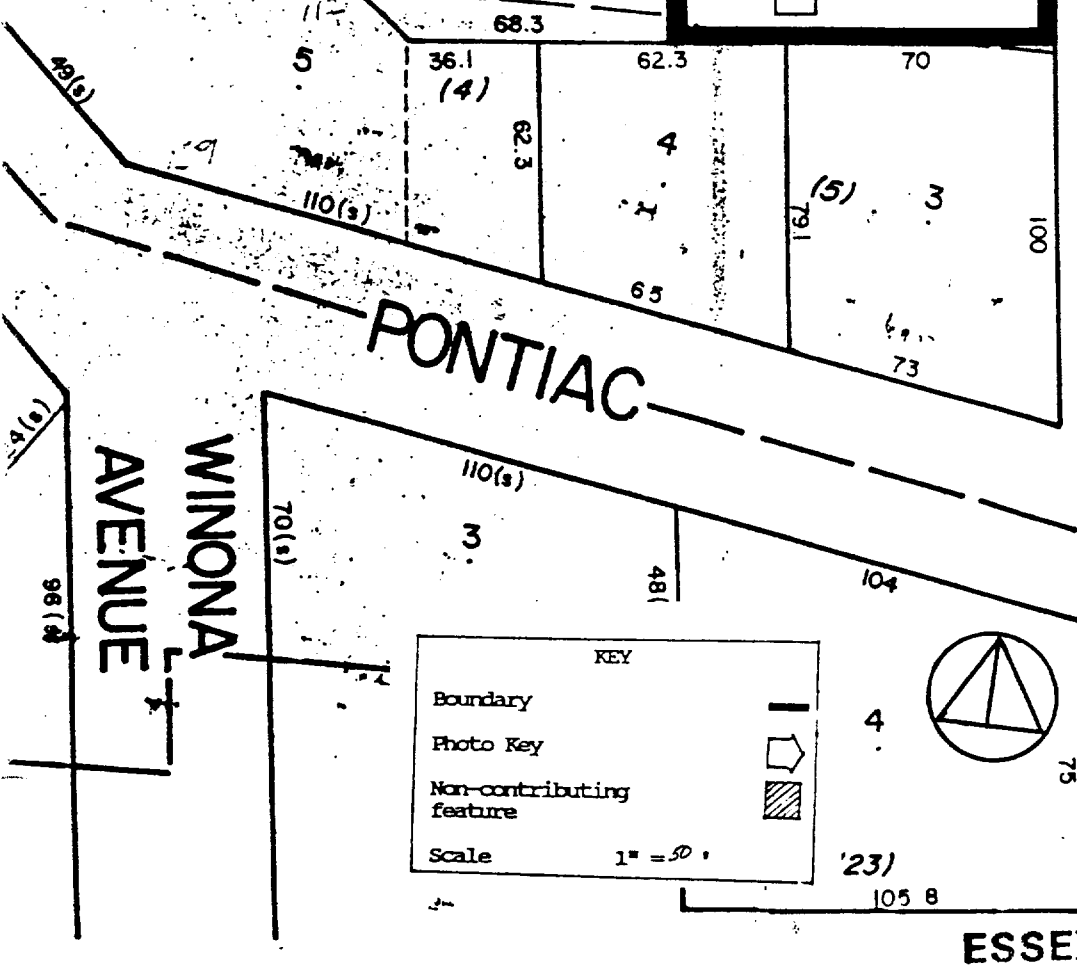
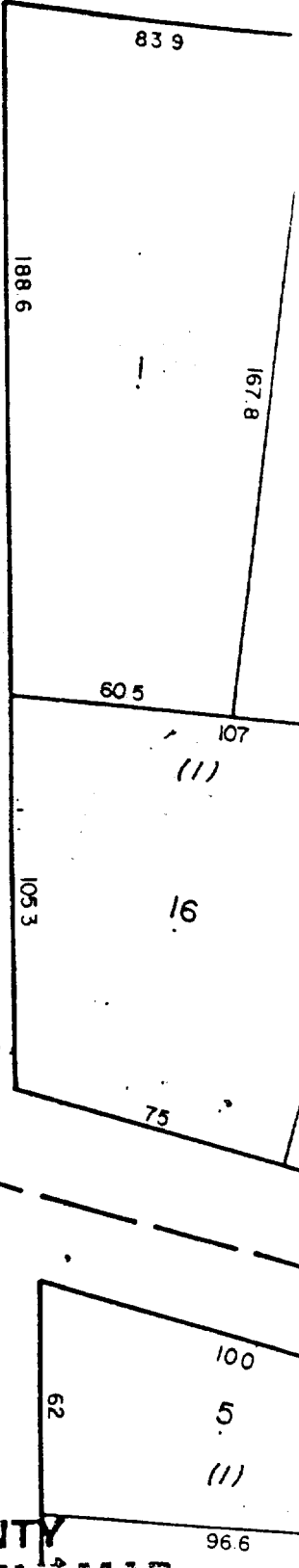
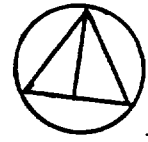
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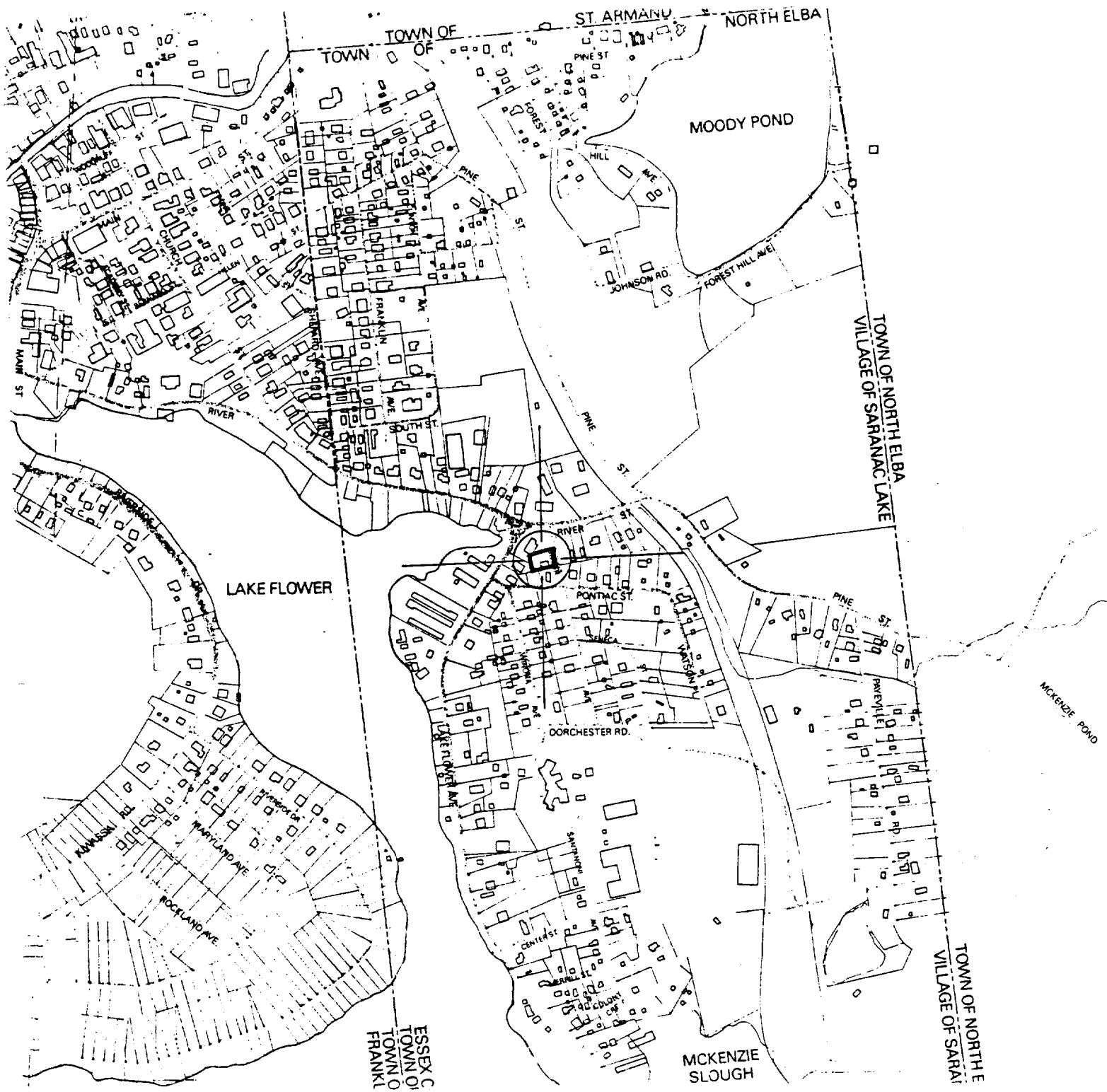
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**KEY**

- Boundary
- Photo Key
- Non-contributing feature
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MOODY POND

LAKE FLOWER

MCKENZIE SLOUGH

MCKENZIE POND

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA  
VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

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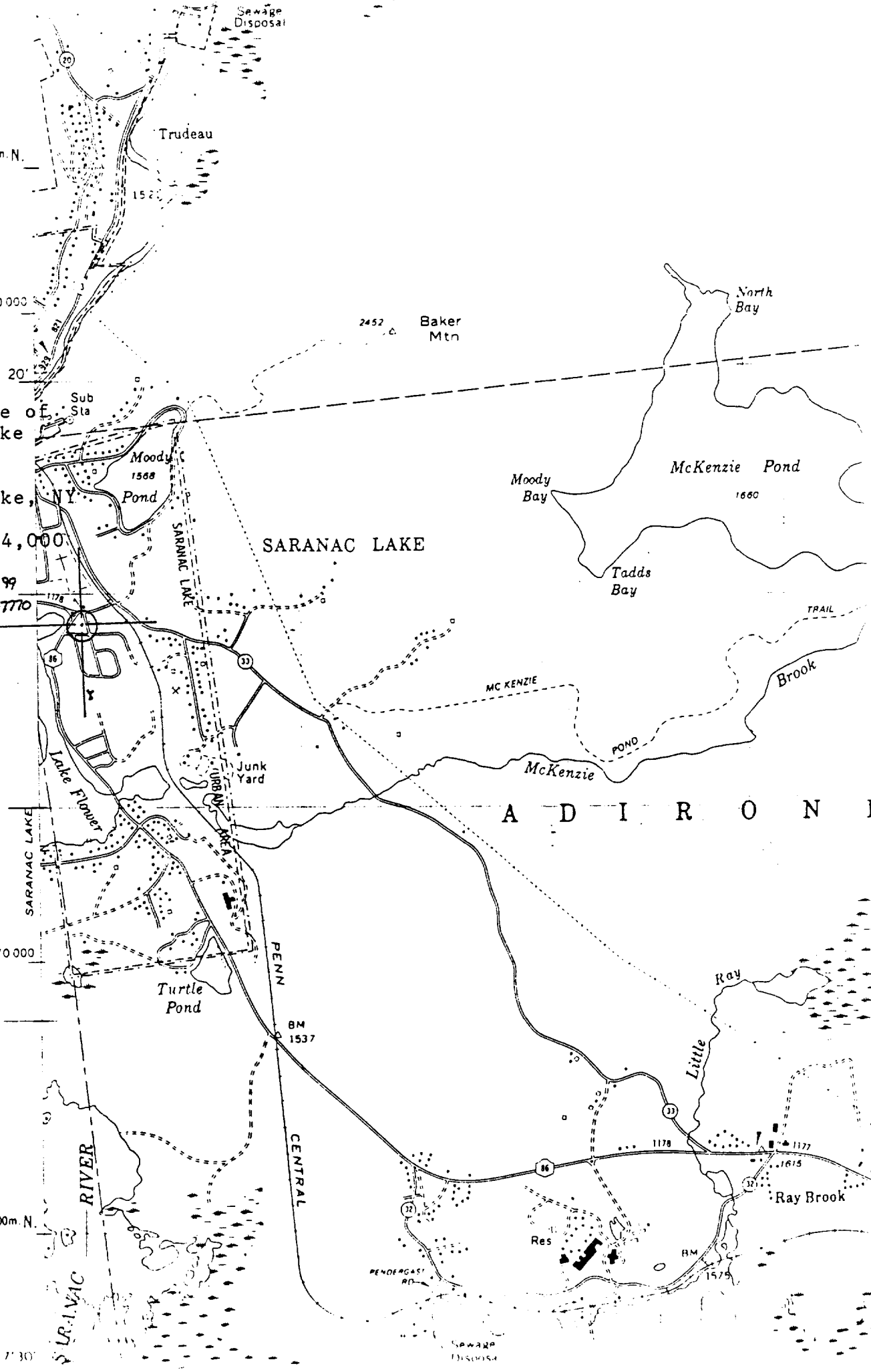
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