

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 Peyton Clark Cottage
 other names/site number "Woodthorpe"

2. Location

street & number 9 Rockledge Road | | not for publication
 city, town Saranac Lake (town of St. Armond) | | 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>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> 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.

Julia A. Stok : 4/9/92
 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.

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)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Domestic/single dwelling</u>	<u>Domestic/single dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description	
Architectural Classification enter categories from instructions)	Materials(enter categories from instructions)
<u>Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals:</u>	foundation <u>Stone</u>
<u>Tudor Revival</u>	walls <u>Stucco</u>
_____	roof <u>Asphalt</u>
_____	other _____
_____	_____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Number 9 Rockledge Road is located in the Town of St. Armand in Essex County about one mile northeast of Saranac Lake in Rockledge Park. The house is situated on the highest point of a large parcel of land. It stands on flat ground above a rock ledge. Adjacent land is rocky with a single glacial erratic standing in the back of the house on the sloping lawn and woods going down to Moody Pond. The sparsely settled neighborhood is residential. Nearby woods include deciduous and evergreen trees, some of a massive size. Mts. Baker, Scarface, and Haystack are visible from the house. The house is approached from Rockledge Road up a gentle hill in a northeasterly direction. A circular drive existed until 1984 when it was replaced by a straight driveway heading east past a side door and into the contributing garage.

This two and one-half story cottage is based on a rectangular plan. It is set on a stone foundation and is surmounted by a gable roof. The siding is stucco with green wood trim in Tudor style. Windows are varied including double and triple sets of two-over-two, four-over-four, and six-over-six sash, an eight-over-eight light bay, modern casement windows, and six lead paneled windows in two rows of three over the entrance. The large gable roof has no windows. A fire in 1971 destroyed five bedrooms and the roof, as well as all original windows. Two large over-under cure porches run the entire width of the house on the south side. The formal entrance to the cottage is a vestibule in the center of the front of the house. The residence is covered with grey stucco and trimmed with green Tudor-style wood.

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The interior of the cottage features a large central foyer and grand staircase with center balcony. The foyer runs the full width of the house. The stairway is an open-string staircase with simple brackets, plain balusters and handrail, and two small landings at each turn before arriving at the upstairs balcony and hall. On the south wing of the house, off the foyer, the living room is entered through French doors. The ceiling is trimmed with molding. A large fireplace in this room features a detailed wood mantle and is framed by columns. It is set between two sets of French doors leading to a first-floor cure porch. The dining room and kitchen have undergone modernization over the years.

The first-floor cure porch is entered through two sets of French doors, each 45 inches wide. The porch is entirely glazed on three sides, with a central door leading to a set of stairs at the rear. The windows of the cure porch are unusual. Narrow, vertical four-pane stationary windows flank large double windows of eight over one sash. The wall finish is rough, whitewashed concrete. The floor is wood. There is no sill under the door and a call bell is placed near one of the French doors. The second-floor cure porch is identical except for the center door. In place of the door is a mirror image of the window pattern on the north side. There is evidence of a former call bell above the first floor system.

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>1915 - c.1940</u>	<u>1915</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Significant Person	Architect/Builder
<u>n/a</u>	<u>William Scopes</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Number 9 Rockledge Road is architecturally significant as an intact representative example of sophisticated residential cure cottage architecture built in Saranac Lake in the early decades of the Twentieth century. The large cottage is part of an enclave of residences built for well-to-do owners suffering from tuberculosis. It was constructed in 1915 according to a design by local architect William H. Scopes. Typical of cure cottages constructed in this period, the cure porches of 9 Rockledge Road were treated as an integral element of the overall design and are included under the same roof system. The cottage was built for Peyton Clark, a civil engineer, whose wife, Francis, was suffering from tuberculosis. The cottage has been known variously as "The Peyton Clark Place" and as "Woodthorpe".

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.

Number 9 Rockledge Road has undergone considerable alteration over the years and has experienced a major fire. Nevertheless, it retains a sufficient degree of integrity of its cure related features to meet the criteria established for properties associated with the Tuberculosis Cure theme in Saranac Lake.

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):

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 Peyton Clark Cottage is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Peyton Clark 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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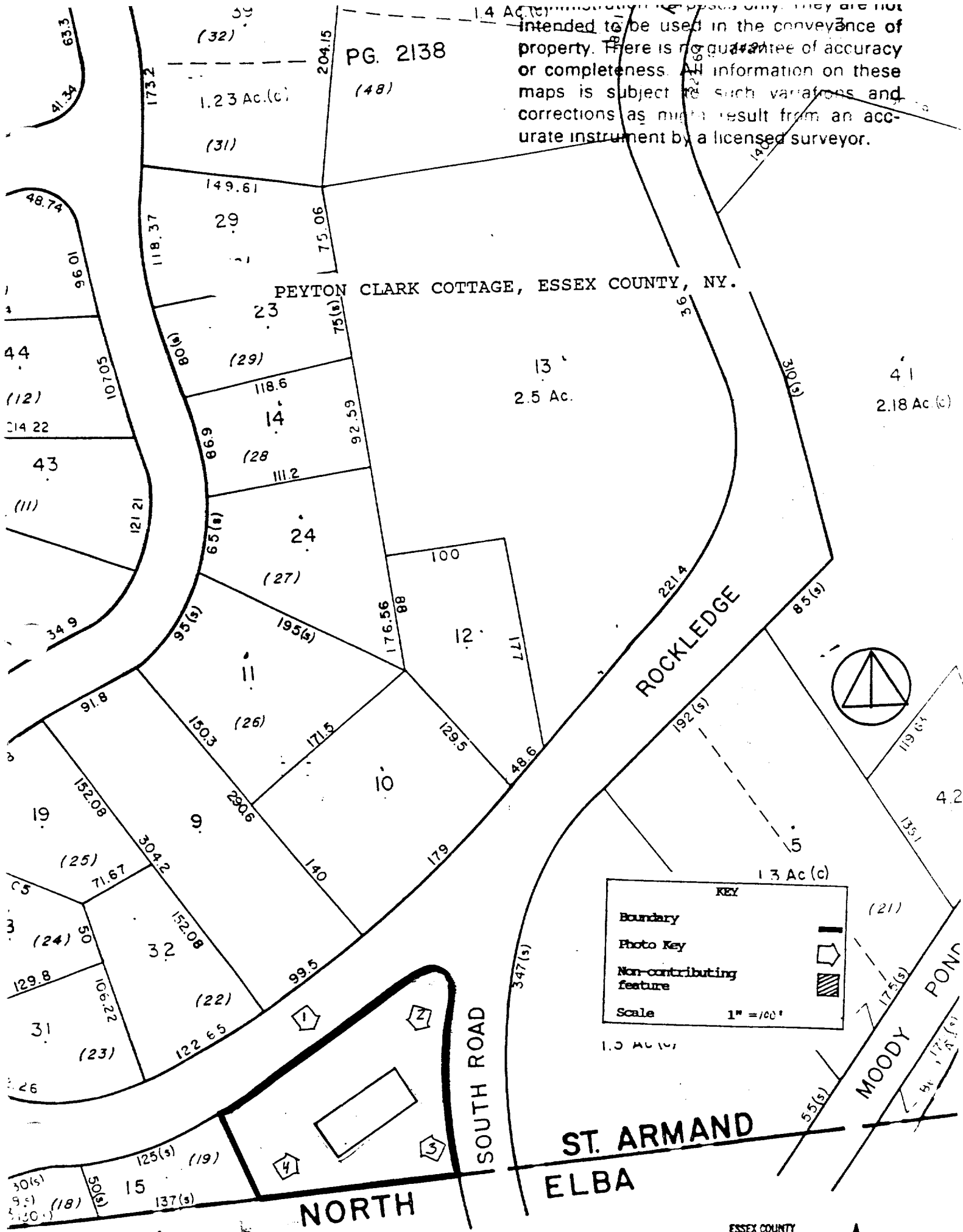
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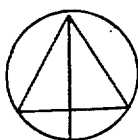
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