

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	<u>03347.00017</u>
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

YOUR NAME: Mary B. Hotaling/Phil Gallo DATE: 9/21/83

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Historic Saranac Lake

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): MARINE MIDLAND BANK, N.A.
- COUNTY: FRANKLIN TOWN/CITY: HARRIETSTOWN VILLAGE: SARANAC LAKE
- STREET LOCATION: 70 MAIN STREET now 75 Main St.
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: MARINE MIDLAND PROPERTIES ADDRESS: 1 MARINE MIDLAND CENTER BUFFALO, NY
- USE: Original: BANK BUILDING Present: BANK BUILDING
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain DURING REGULAR BANKING HOURS

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

1959 COMPLETE RENOVATION EXTERIOR FRONT AND INTERIOR

12. PHOTO:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: _____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
 In the Berkeley Square Historic District.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1906 - 1907

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: Adirondack National Bank

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

SEE ATTACHED.

21. SOURCES: Franklin County Clerk's records, Malone, N.Y.

22. THEME: Pioneer Health Resort



Adirondack National Bank

On the northern portion of the Reuben Reynolds lot, the Adirondack National Bank, which had been operating out of a storefront in the Coulter Block, built its own building in late 1906 and early 1907.

In the early 1950's, Adirondack National was acquired by Northern New York Trust Company; and that institution was acquired by Marine Midland Bank in 1962.

The Adirondack National Bank had been the gem of Main Street. The most beautiful commercial facade in the Adirondacks was covered top to bottom and edge to edge with an absolutely flat, featureless wall of brick --- featureless except for an internally lit sign thrusting the bank's name and logo five feet out over the sidewalk. There is a possibility that the facade was not ruined and that, with a removal of the wall, it could be restored at a reasonable cost. But the original interior was destroyed and replaced by a windowless example of early 1960's modernity.

The Marine Midland building stands today, a hole in the smile of Main Street, a reminder of what can happen when a community forgets to guard its treasures.

Phil Gallos

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