

# HELEN HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT FACT SHEET



D'Aigneau Cottage, 1983. Historic Saranac Lake Collection

## **Do you live in a cure cottage?**

Cure Cottages are a specific building type that developed in Saranac Lake for the treatment of tuberculosis. The main feature of a cure cottage is a cure porch, where TB patients sat outside to breathe the fresh air. The Helen Hill National Register District was created in 2015 to encourage preservation of the neighborhood's many cure cottages.

## **What is the National Register of Historic places?**

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of properties deemed worthy of preservation for their historical significance.

## **What does the National Register mean for homeowners?**

Property owners may be eligible for a historic preservation tax credit to help support the cost of home repairs. The National Register does not restrict homeowners from making changes to their properties.

## **How does the tax credit work?**

To be eligible, you must own and live in the house. The repair costs must exceed \$5,000, and you must spend at least 5% on exterior work. All the work must be approved by the Division for Historic Preservation before you begin.

## **How to find out more?**

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