

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Grainger	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 13 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Tate Springs Spring House (Representative John J. Duncan)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

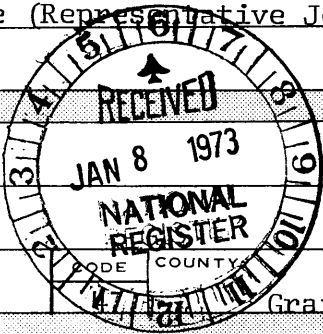
STREET AND NUMBER: *E of Hwy 11W*
U. S. Highway 11W

CITY OR TOWN:
Bean Station

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE COUNTY:
Grainger

CODE
057



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Located on school property</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Kingswood School

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Highway 11W

CITY OR TOWN:
Bean Station

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Grainger County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Rutledge

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tate Springs Spring House is an octagonal wood structure with two levels surmounted by a sloping red roof. Cement blocks and floor have replaced the original foundation. An uncovered opening on the ground level exposes the spring water which is now stagnant. A series of bracketed arches encircle the spring. Between the arches and the exterior foundation wall is a narrow angular stairway leading to the second level. The bracketed archways are repeated on the second level which is enclosed by a balustrade.

No early drawings or photographs of the spring house were located. In the late 1930's, a visitor to Tate Springs wrote that there was "the spring house, with its pagoda roof, its medicinal water in a glass-covered well, and winding stairs." Now clearly visible from Highway 11W, the spring house is next to a narrow dirt country road in an overgrown, occasionally mowed, rural setting.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Goodspeed's 1887 History of Tennessee, Chattanooga County had an abundance of mineral springs, "and some of the most famous summer resorts in the South." Apparently, Tate Springs was one of the most popular.

Although the exact date when Tate Springs (also called Tate Spring and Tate's Spring) began operating is unknown, the WPA guide to Tennessee, states that the first hotel at the springs was erected by C. O. Tate, and that soon after the Civil War, Captain Thomas Tomlinson purchased the property and built another hotel. By 1880, it was listed in a railroad guide to summer resorts and watering places in East Tennessee. The waters were advertised as being "wonderfully beneficial in all the forms of diseases of the stomach, bowels, liver and kidneys," and helpful "in functional disorders of the nervous system, induced by overwork, imprudent and exhaustive habits, and other influences incidental to modern life." Proprietor Tomlinson welcomed visitors all year round and had accommodations for hundreds for \$25 to \$35 per month. Other attractions were a brass and string band for the lawn and ballroom, and its proximity to other springs. Visitors were instructed to take the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia railroad line to Morristown, where they would be met by a hack which would drive them the remaining ten miles to Tate Springs.

An updated 1882 guide added that Tate Springs had a resident physician as well as a "large enclosure around buildings containing over 800 trees." Tomlinson, who had been joined by a Mr. Ragsdale, advertised that waters from Tate Springs would be bottled and shipped to all parts of the country.

The only description of the resort located was written in 1938, when a visitor described Tate Springs as having a "hotel, perhaps a hundred yards long, ... in a grove. There were cottages, a dormitory with a ballroom floor, a barn where swallows nested; and the spring house, with its pagoda roof, its medicinal water in a glass-covered well, and winding stairs."

The resort was sold some years ago to Kingswood School, an orphanage or "residential school." Sometime in the sixties, the hotel burned.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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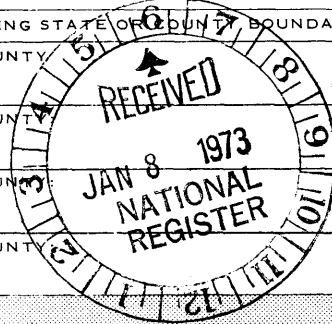
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



HIS 1/1/73 289480

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: **Tennessee Historical Commission** DATE: **1-3-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Michael J. Smith
 Title: Executive Director Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 1-5-73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 APR 13 1973

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: April 9, 1973

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