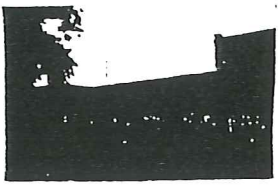


1 City, Village or Town: Waukesha		County: Waukesha		Surveyor: HNTB		Date: 2/10/82		Street Riverview Avenue Number 500 Town Waukesha Range Section Map Name Waukesha City Map			
Street Address: 500 Riverview Avenue				Legal Description: Addendum		Acreage: 77.2					
Current Name & Use: Waukesha County Office Building				Current Owner: Waukesha County							
Film Roll No. WK 43				Current Owner's Address: 515 Moreland Blvd.							
Negative No. 9				Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: Zone 16 Easting: 399520 Northing: 4763680 USGS Waukesha Quadrangle/Scale: 1:24,000 Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No				500			
Facade Orient. S											
2 Original Name & Use: Grand View Health Resort		Source A		Previous Owners		Dates		Uses		Source	
Dates of Construction/Alteration C. 1911		Source A									
Architect and/or Builder:		Source									
3 Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Is a visual landmark in the area <input type="radio"/> Other: <input checked="" type="radio"/> None				4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: Assoc. w. Commercial Development of Waukesha <input type="radio"/> None							
Architectural Statement:  This large health resort building consists of an H shaped block with a large wing extending to the rear. The majority of the building is two stories, however, one arm of the H block has been increased to three stories. A one story frame porch consisting of fluted columns supporting a denticulated cornice, joins the end pavilions. A similar cornice appears on the brick building, and contributes to the Classical Revival flavor of the design.				Historical Statement:  The Grand View Health Resort or Moor Mud Baths is significant as a rare remaining example of the resorts developed during the Springs Era as well as significant in its own right for its use of mud for therapeutic treatment.							
5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Waukesha Daily Freeman, Section K, pg. B Waukesha Freeman, June 30, 1970 C Waukesha Freeman, May 13, 1972 D E F				6 Representation in Previous Surveys 8 <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> NAER <input checked="" type="radio"/> WHIP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> landmark <input type="radio"/> other:							
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Architectural Statement: continued

The building has been converted to county offices and entirely remodeled on the interior. Modifications to the exterior include enclosure of the porch with glass.

Historical Statement

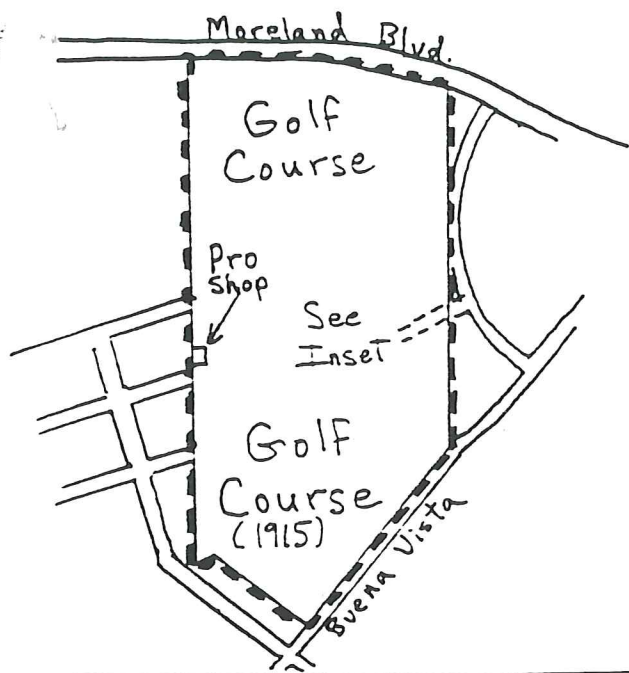
Its period of significance is from 1911 to 1961, the years in which it operated as a hotel.

Although the resort is a reminder of the Springs Era, its founding in 1911 almost postdates that period. In 1902, real estate agent John Weber came into possession of 200 acres of land on top of the Prospect Avenue Hill. He had the land on the market from that time until 1907 but was unable to sell it for development due to the large area of black mud on the property. In that year a visitor familiar with the mud baths of Europe suggested that use for the land. In February, 1911, Weber opened a thirty-room health resort specializing in the application of mud baths. The hotel prospered and eventually grew to 200 rooms. John Weber invented a couch for giving mud baths which became an industry standard. In 1915 a golf course was added which is still operated by the County as Moor-Downs Golf Course. From 1925 to 1947 over 130,000 people received Weber's mud treatment and Waukesha became known for its unorthodox medical center. Weber sold the hotel in 1946 and after several other owners, the mud baths finally closed in 1961, victim to more sophisticated medical practices. The Moor Mud Baths was the first and largest of several such spas in the City and remained as an example of the health resort industry spawned by the Springs Era. (B, C)

In 1962, the hotel became Mt. St. Paul College and in 1972, a County Office Building.

While part of the college, a three story brick structure was added to the east side of the original hotel. A modern, metal-sided garage and a single-story frame clubhouse are also on the grounds; however, none of these modern buildings contribute to the significance of the nominate property.

Addendum: Legal Description  
Sec SE34 T7N R19E & Kimball's Sub Blk Z North West Ad: Bg S1/4  
cor N1576.44' SW 1.22' N1022'E 425.65' SE913.78' S1882.1' SW41.82 &  
659.3' W10.23' SW 246.08' NW 131.92' SW 119' NW 122.9' SW75' NW100'  
SW150'SW150' NW 346.8' E55' bg R 22/663



# MOOR MUD BATH

--- Nominated Property

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Scale: 1" = 1000'

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