

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS HISTORIC RESOURCES

Resource No. 113

1. Property name, present

Property name, historic Cole Residence

2. Address/location

415 Concourse
Excelsior Springs, MO

3. Owner's name and address

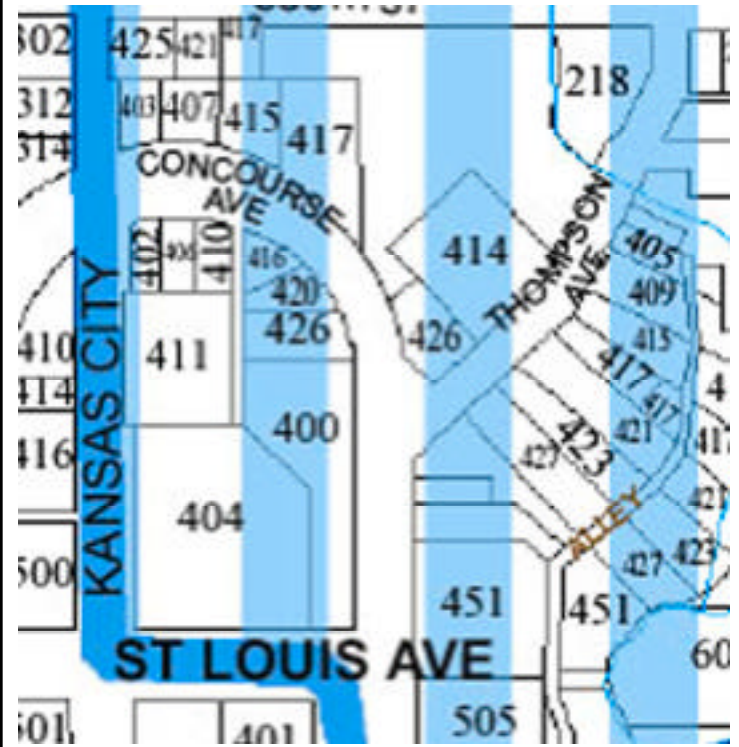
415 Concourse
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

4. Building Structure
 Site Object

5. Use, present Residence

Use, original Residence

6. Location Map



7. Date of construction (or estimate) ca. 1904

8. Changes

Altered Addition Moved

9. Architect/engineer/designer

10. Contractor/builder/craftsman

11. Style: High Style Queen Anne
 Elements
 Vernacular

12. Plan Shape Rectangle

13. Number of stories 2

14. Roof type and material Cross gable/composition shingle

15. Type of construction Frame

16. Exterior material(s) Aluminum siding

17. Foundation material(s) Not visible

18. Porch(es) Full-length, one-story

19. Additional physical description

This Queen Anne house has suffered some loss of integrity due to the application of artificial siding and the porch alterations. However, the distinguishing multiple rooflines and round tower are remaining indicators of the building's original style. The main portion of the house is side gable, with a lower, front-facing gable over a second-story bay on the front, and a rear facing gable. The house faces south onto Concourse, and there is a two-story, round tower at the southwest corner. A full-length, one-story, shed roof porch has wrought iron supports. Above the porch is the projecting two-story bay, with gable roof and a shallow mansard section forming a pediment. This bay has two windows. All windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash. The front entry door is off centered. There is a rear one-story addition. The entire house is clad with wide, horizontal artificial siding, except for the round tower, which is covered with vertical, shiplap artificial siding.

20. Description of environment and outbuildings.

The house is located on a curving residential street, just north of a commercial district. Adjacent on the east is a church. The brick-paved street is lined with shade trees.

21. History and significance

Originally part of the Central Park Addition platted in 1887, the Concourse Park Addition was subdivided on October 8, 1903 by the McLain Investment Company. Only four lots north of Concourse were included, but the alignment of Concourse was altered. Previously, it had formed an entire oval around the Elms Hotel complex. The four lots were quickly built upon, so that by the 1905 Sanborn map, all had been completed. In 1909 and 1913, this building was shown as a rooming house. In 1917, S. B. Cole lived here with his family, Marie, K.T. and A.G. Cole. He remained the owner/occupant in 1922. Maybelle Bennett resided here in 1940. The change in siding and porch alterations detract from the building's integrity from its earliest period. However, it does reflect the desire for owners of boarding houses to keep their buildings "up-to-date", as Excelsior Springs remained a popular destination spot up to the 1960's.

22. Sources of information.

Sanborn maps; city directories; 1940 Excelsior Springs Telephone Book

23. Prepared by

Deon Wolfenbarger
Three Gables Preservation
9550 NE Cookingham Drive
Kansas City, MO 64157

24. Date of survey

May, 1993

25.

On National Register

Eligible for listing

Individual

✓ District

Local designation

✓ Eligible for local designation

24. Negative: roll# H frame# 43





Work that is being done is on the porch enclosure on the east side of the house. Originally an open wrap-around porch, this area was closed in prior to the historic district designation. The current owner is gutting the interior and remodeling for kitchen. Outside changes include removing three windows in the back area of the porch enclosure and replacing with a single window and a door.