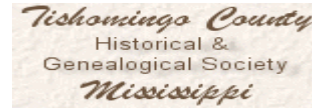




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Source: *Tishomingo County News (Iuka, Miss.)*, about April 1969

The clipping, donated by Jerrell McNutt of Auburn, Ala., was not dated. However, an advertisement on the back side of the clipping was dated April 3, 1969. This clipping was transcribed by RaNae Vaughn on July 20, 1969.

The following caption was under the photo:

THE FAMOUS BOTTLE—This bottle was found by Ray Hill of Route 1, Russellville, Alabama, on the table in a n old house there. Molded into the glass were the words “Mineral Springs Park, Iuka, Mississippi.” This is proof that the famous water was at one time bottled and shipped, providing a source of revenue for Iuka.

Bottle Tells History of Springs Fame

Mr. Ray Hill of Route 1, Russellville, Alabama, dropped by the Mayor’s Office while passing through Iuka last week to show us a bottle he had found on a table in an old house near Russellville. It was about the size of a coke bottle and about the color of the old time blue canning jars. Molded into the glass were the words, “Mineral Springs Park, Iuka, Mississippi.”

We were unable to find who was responsible for the bottling and selling of the mineral waters from the Iuka Springs.

Mrs. Lyla Merrill McDonald’s “Iuka History” verifies the fact that Mineral Water was sold. The following were her words: “In former years, hotels, soda fountains, cafes, and stations in cities and towns served Iuka Mineral Springs water and the bottling and shipping of the water was a source of revenue.”

Also, there were no dates that we could pinpoint as being the specific time when this water was sold. Some older people seem to think that Mr. Van C. Ramsey was the dealer. We do know from his advertisements in the local newspaper, "The Reflector," that he ran a General Merchandise Store in 1888.

This store was probably the frame building which other old-...[text is missing].
