



1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-012		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 410	Street (name) Superior Street
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/ 395175.53E/ 4355124.92N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Superior No. 2 Spring		9. Present/other name (if known): Superior Park (present), Superior Springs Bottling Company, White Sanitarium, Excelsior Springs Hospital	
10. Ownership: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility	11b. Current use: HEALTH CARE/sanitarium

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

12. Construction date: (well) c. 1915 (building) c. 1923, 1925, 1956		15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1915, 1923		16. Builder/contractor:	19. On National Register? <input type="checkbox"/> individual <input type="checkbox"/> district Cite nomination name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
14. Area(s) of significance: HEALTH/MEDICINE		17. Original or significant owner: Lillie White	20. National Register eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> individually eligible <input type="checkbox"/> district potential ( <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> NC ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input type="checkbox"/> not determined
21. History and significance on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Sources of information on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

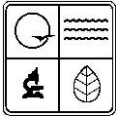
23. Category of property: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object		30. Roof material:	37. Windows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement: 1/1
24. Vernacular or property type: 2-story flat roof masonry institutional building		31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:		32. Structural system: masonry	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addition(s) Date(s): 1925, 1956 <input type="checkbox"/> Altered Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by:
26. Plan shape: L		33. Exterior wall cladding: brick	
27. No. of stories: two		34. Foundation material: Concrete	
28. No. of bays (1 <sup>st</sup> floor): 14		35. Basement type: unknown	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): N/A
29. Roof type: flat		36. Front porch type/placement: N/A	41. Further description of building features and associated resources on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**OTHER**

42. Current owner/address: DST, Inc. 410 Superior Street Excelsior Springs, MO 64024		43. Form prepared by (name and org.): Deon Wolfenbarger Three Gables Preservation 320 Pine Glade Road, Nederland, CO Deon@threegables.net	44. Survey date: 2012
			45. Date of revisions:

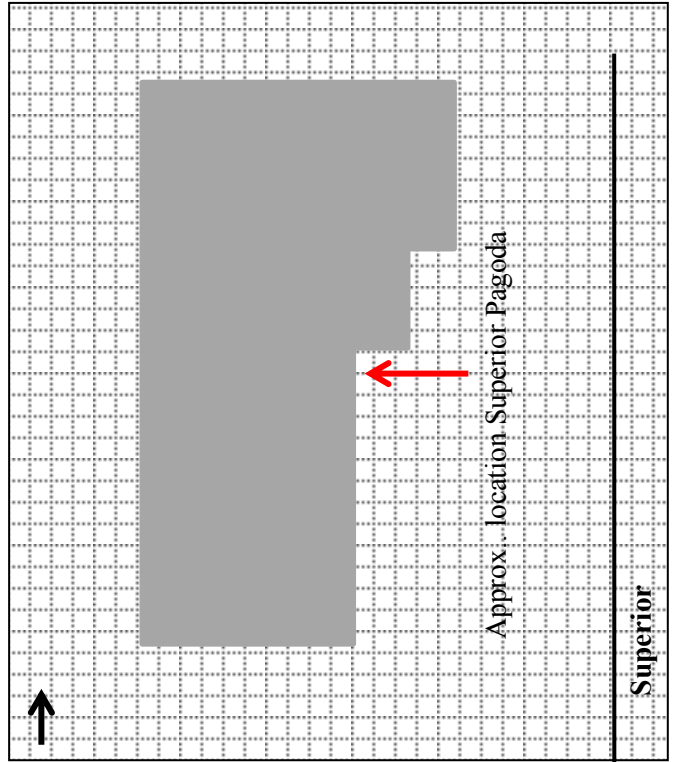
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Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district Name: <input type="checkbox"/> pending listing <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (individually) <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (district) <input type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input type="checkbox"/> not determined	Other:	



**LOCATION MAP (include north arrow)**

**SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)**



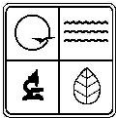
**PHOTOGRAPH**

Photographer:  
Kerry Davis

Date:  
2/03/2012

Description:  
(left) Looking southwest at east elevations; (right) looking northwest at east elevations



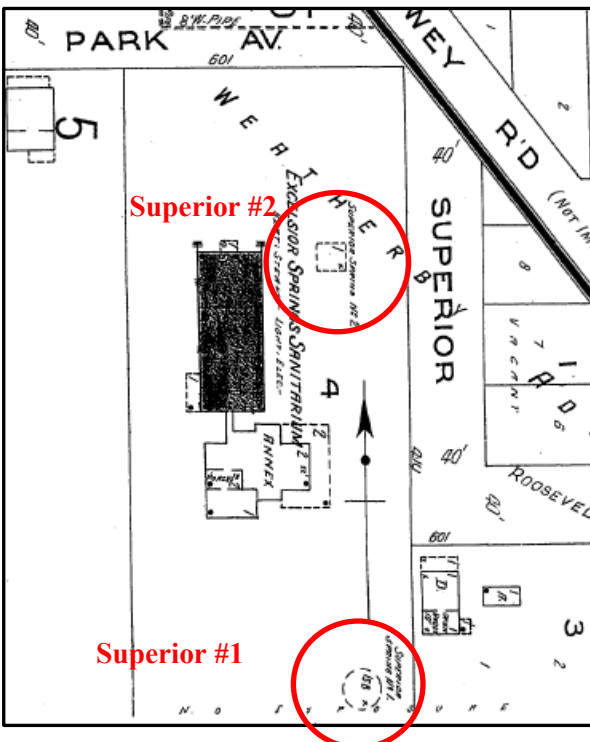


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

21. (cont.) History and significance. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

There were two springs or wells with the name "Superior" in Excelsior Springs; they were usually distinguished as either Superior or Superior No. 1 and Superior No. 2. Because they were in the same general location, the two springs have been confused over the years although they produced different waters. For this survey, the numbers assigned in the Sanborn maps will be used; accordingly, this spring (#2) was located on the grounds of the Excelsior Springs Hospital (formerly Old White Sanitarium in Superior Park), while Superior #1 was located on the north bank of the East Fork Fishing River (see Sanborn map below). Chemical analysis of the two Superior wells in *The Waters of Excelsior Springs* lists No. 2 as an iron manganese well and No. 1 containing saline & sulphur laxative mineral water, but historical records in the "Superior" folder at the Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives provide a different chemical analysis for the Superior springs waters. In the 1917 City Directory, an advertisement for the two springs also contains analyses.

The two Superior Springs were owned and operated by Lillie White. A single spring was listed in the 1908 Blue Book and City Directory, but by the time of the 1917 City Directory, White operated two separate springs, as well as the Superior Springs Bottling Company at 410 Superior Street. The Sanitarium property was purchased by the Excelsior Springs Hospital in 1922. It opened a year later when a new brick wing was built. Other additions were built in 1925 and 1956; the historic frame White Sanitarium building was demolished at this time. In order to maintain accreditation, another building was completed in 1977 in a new location. The property is presently used as a senior assisted living facility.



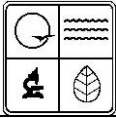
1926 Sanborn Map



Ca. 1923 photograph of pavilion on hospital grounds

22. (cont.) Sources of information. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

- Clay County Assessor's Office
- "A Brief History of the First 50 Years," *The ESMC Vision* (Winter 2004, Special 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Edition) 1-3.
- The Waters of Excelsior Springs: Valley of Vitality*
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives; V1.200.430
- "The Excelsior Springs Museum," *The Idle Hour*, accessed 11 January 2012 <<http://theidlehour.com/hospital.html>>
- City Directories – 1908, 1917



40. (cont.) Description of environment and outbuildings. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.  
The large, irregularly shaped lot is level around the building with grass lawns, planting beds, and concrete walks along Superior Street. There are two parking areas – a smaller one located southeast of the building, and a larger lot to the rear (west). There are vehicle entries on the south side of the property from Superior Street, and another entry from the north along Park Avenue. There are a few deciduous shade trees along Superior Street, and several trees in the undeveloped western portion of the lot adjacent to the park. Clay County parcel ID: 12-312-00-28-012.00.

41. (cont.) Further description of important architectural features. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.  
The southernmost portion of the building was built in 1923. Today painted white, this two-story, flat roof, unadorned brick building has 1/1 double-hung windows. Along the east elevation, a one-story shed roof addition partially covers the first-story windows. A two-story L-shaped 1956 addition on the north is primarily clad in red brick, except for a small portion that adjoins the 1923 building, which is tan brick. In the junction formed by the ell wing, a one-story flat roof addition serves as the main entry. Based on historic photographs and Sanborn maps, the pavilion for Superior Spring No. 1 was east of the northeast corner of the 1923 two-story brick hospital wing, and may lie either underneath the shed roof addition or just east of that.