



1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-014		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 914	Street (name) S. Marietta Street
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/394865.00 E/4355568.73 N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:12
8. Historic name (if known): Empire Twin Wells		9. Present/other name (if known):	
10. Ownership: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility	11b. Current use: VACANT/not in use

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

12. Construction date:	15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: C. 1880s	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:	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 type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	30. Roof material: N/A	37. Windows: <input type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement:
24. Vernacular or property type:	31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:	32. Structural system: N/A	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): <input type="checkbox"/> Addition(s) Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Altered Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by:
26. Plan shape: N/A	33. Exterior wall cladding: STONE	
27. No. of stories: N/A	34. Foundation material: N/A	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): N/A
28. No. of bays (1 st floor): N/A	35. Basement type: N/A	
29. Roof type: N/A	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: City of Excelsior Springs 201 E Broadway St. Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-2564	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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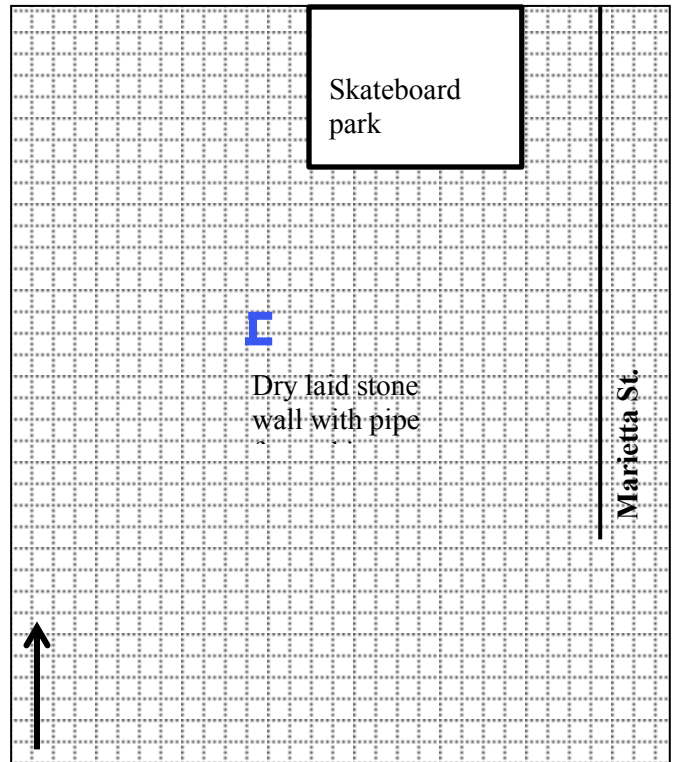
Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district 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: 2/02/2012	Description: (left) Looking northeast at west & south wall; (right) looking east at detail of pipe
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

The Empire Twin Wells were purportedly located south of the Elms Resort along the banks of the Fishing River. Little is known about these wells, although in *A Souvenir Guide-Book of Excelsior Springs* (1912) Dr. Gaines, they were listed as mild soda waters. Gaines also noted that the Empire Twin Wells were "Mild Soda" and were in the "valley near Regent." In *The Waters of Excelsior Springs*, the "Empire Twin" is listed in the "soda bicarbonate" water group, and was "near Regent," but no other additional descriptive information was provided. The principle content of the soda water group is bicarbonate of calcium, commonly prescribed as a diuretic and solvent. It is alkaline in reaction and was considered a valuable part of the "Springs Treatment."

However, another explanation given in *Excelsior Springs: Haunted Haven* is that the Empire Twin Wells were renamed the Regent Spring and Soterian Spring (hence the "twin" wells). As the Regent was originally named "Empire," this is a plausible explanation for the lack of information about "Empire Twin" wells.

The resource is located in Regent Park, which was acquired by the city in 1935.

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

Clay County Assessor's Office

The Waters of Excelsior Springs: Valley of Vitality

"Excelsior Springs Mineral Water Springs and Wells," *The Idle Hour*, accessed 20 February 2012 <http://theidlehour.com/springs.html>

"The Waters," Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives, accessed 20 February 2012 <http://www.exsmo.com/museum/water.html>

Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives; V1.200.116, in file V1.200.100 "Springs Misc."

Janet R. Reed, *Excelsior Springs: Haunted Haven* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing) 102.

John J. Gaines, M.D., *A Souvenir Guide-Book of Excelsior Springs* (1912) 24.

40. (cont.) Description of environment and outbuildings. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

Regent Park is a neighborhood park at Marietta and Richmond streets. It contains gravel parking, tennis court, basketball court, skate park and playground equipment. It is on the east side of the Fishing River, whose banks are steep and lined with deciduous trees. Clay County Parcel ID: 12-315-00-09-010.00.

41. (cont.) Further description of important architectural features. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

There are three dry laid stone walls forming approximately the sides of a rectangle. There is a horizontal metal pipe coming out of the west wall. It is located southwest of the skate park within Regent park, at the upper edge of the east side of the Fishing River banks within the tree-lined edge of the river. It is unknown if this object was associated with the Empire Twin Wells, as it was demolished during the course of this survey and further examination was not possible. However, it may be been associated with the mineral water system in some manner.