



1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-016		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 112	Street (name) S. Thompson Avenue
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15S/394431.92E/4355407.09N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Salt Sea Spring; Excelsior Saline Spring; Keystone Lithia		9. Present/other name (if known):	
10. Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility	11b. Current use: LANDSCAPE/parking lot

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

12. Construction date: Ca. 1908 (historic pavilion)		15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1908-1936 (no longer extant)		16. Builder/contractor:	19. On National Register? <input type="checkbox"/> individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district Cite nomination name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
14. Area(s) of significance: HEALTH/MEDICINE; COMMERCE		17. Original or significant owner: Excelsior Saline Company	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure <input 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: Parking lot		31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:		32. Structural system: concrete	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by:
26. Plan shape: N/A		33. Exterior wall cladding: N/A	
27. No. of stories: N/A		34. Foundation material: N/A	
28. No. of bays (1 <sup>st</sup> floor): N/A		35. Basement type: N/A	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): 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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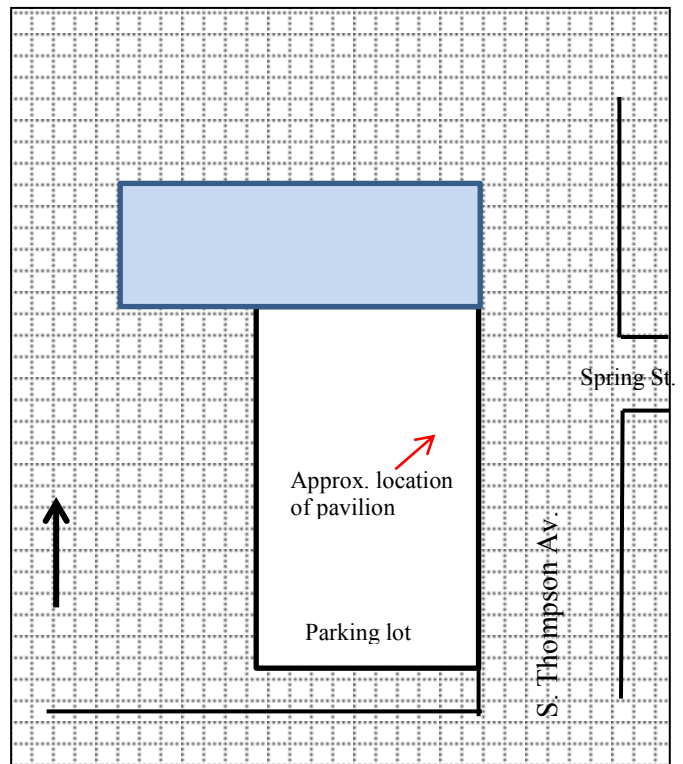
Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district 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)**



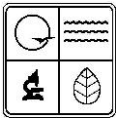
**SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)**



**PHOTOGRAPH**

Photographer: Deon Wolfenbarger; Kerry Davis	Date: 11/09/2011; 2/03/2012	Description: (left) Looking north into parking lot; (right) looking southwest into parking lot
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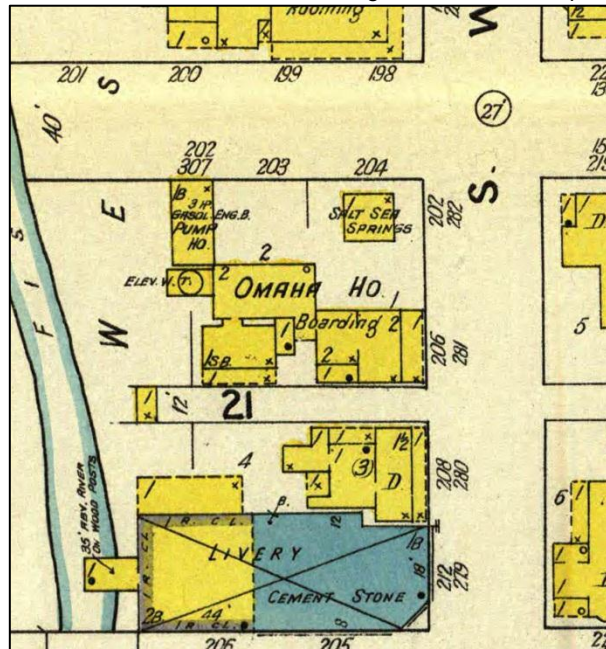


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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

In 1894, there was a frame dwelling at the southwest corner of Spring Street and Thompson Avenue (Spring Street extended west of Thompson [Wyman] at this time). The corner lot was vacant in 1900 and 1905, and a small frame building was located east on Spring. By 1909, the Sanborn shows a small frame pavilion for "Salt Sea Springs" at the southwest corner of Spring & Wyman. A frame gasoline engine pump house was west of the pavilion; likely both structures were associated with the Omaha boarding house, as indicated by the historic postcard below. The waters from the spring were purportedly the saltiest of all saline waters in Excelsior Springs. A 1913 article from *The Daily Journal* claimed that it was the "strongest laxative water yet discovered anywhere. It contains more sodium and calcium carbonate than any similar water, and, it has probably cured as many people as any other mineral water in the entire world today." At that time, the well was owned by the Excelsior Saline Company, S.R. Wilson manager. The water was bottled and shipped throughout the country. By 1913, a small brick addition had been constructed on the west side of the pavilion, and the pumphouse motor was electric. By the time of the 1917 City Directory, the name had changed to Excelsior Saline Spring. The 1922 directory showed two waters: Excelsior Saline and Keystone Lithia. In the 1926 Sanborn Map, the pavilion was still extant, but the pumphouse and the Omaha boarding house were demolished. Excelsior Saline was one of the ten waters piped into the Hall of Waters, and the pavilion was likely demolished at this time, as it was no longer extant by the time of the 1942 Sanborn. One of the laborers on the Hall of Waters was Farris Wilson, grandson and son of the proprietors of Excelsior Saline ca. 1914; Farris Wilson later served as the Mineral Water Manager for the city. The analysis by E.H.S. Bailey of Kansas University is below. Note: the north part of the parcel contains the historic Elks Lodge building, included in the "Hall of Waters West" National Register district. The parking lot was not counted in the nomination.

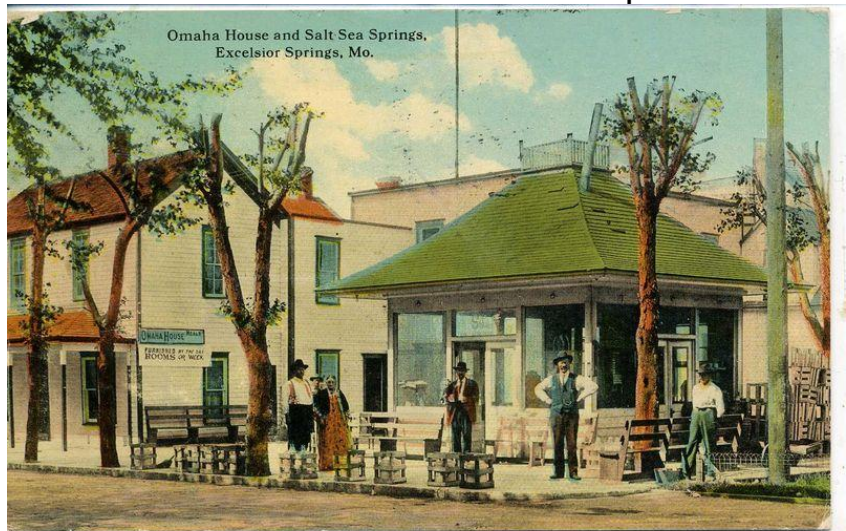
Excelsior Saline Analysis	Salts in Solution in Grains Per Gallon
Calcium Carbonate	16.7987
Calcium Sulphate	23.2297
Magnesium Chloride	15.6397
Silica	0.7242
Sodium Chloride	751.5790
Total Mineral Matter	807.9913



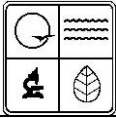
1909 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map



Historic photo of Excelsior Saline pavilion with masonry addition at rear



Historic postcard of Salt Sea Springs pavilion



**ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORIC INVENTORY FORM**

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*

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives, "Excelsior Saline" folder V1.200.115; "Salt Sea Springs" folder V1.200.340

City Directory, 1917, 1922

*The Waters of Excelsior Springs* poster

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

A concrete parking lot with concrete curbs. Two entry drives for the parking lot are on the east side along Thompson – one at the intersection of Spring Street, and another approximately one half block south. There are two parking bays – one each on the east and west sides, and a center aisle. Clay County Parcel ID 12-311-00-31-011.00

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

The historic water sales pavilion (no longer extant) was located at approximately the first parking space on the northeast corner of the lot, just south of the entry drive at the intersection of Spring Street. The well(s) were possible located further west.