



1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-019		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 304	Street (name) E. Excelsior Street
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/394765.52E/43555558.48N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Mee Soda Spring		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: Ca. 1915		15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1915		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: Mrs. Mee	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

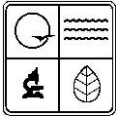
23. Category of property: <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object		30. Roof material: N/A	37. Windows: <input type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement:
24. Vernacular or property type: Parking lot		31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by: new construction
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 st floor): N/A		35. Basement type: N/A	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.):
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: Villas Downtown, LP 1414 E Primrose ST STE 100 Springfield, MO 65804-4283		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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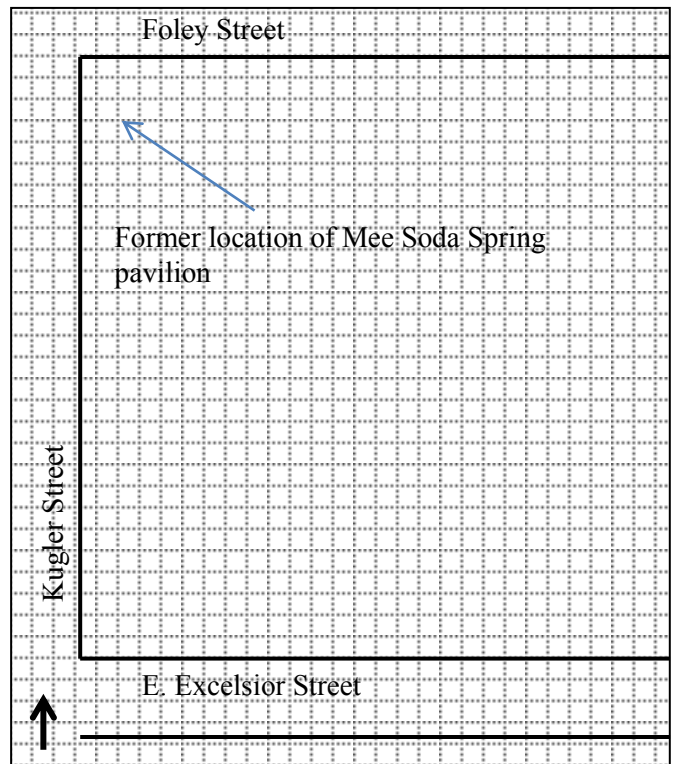
Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district 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	Date: 7/29/2011	Description: Looking south from E. Excelsior towards rear of lot (along Foley)
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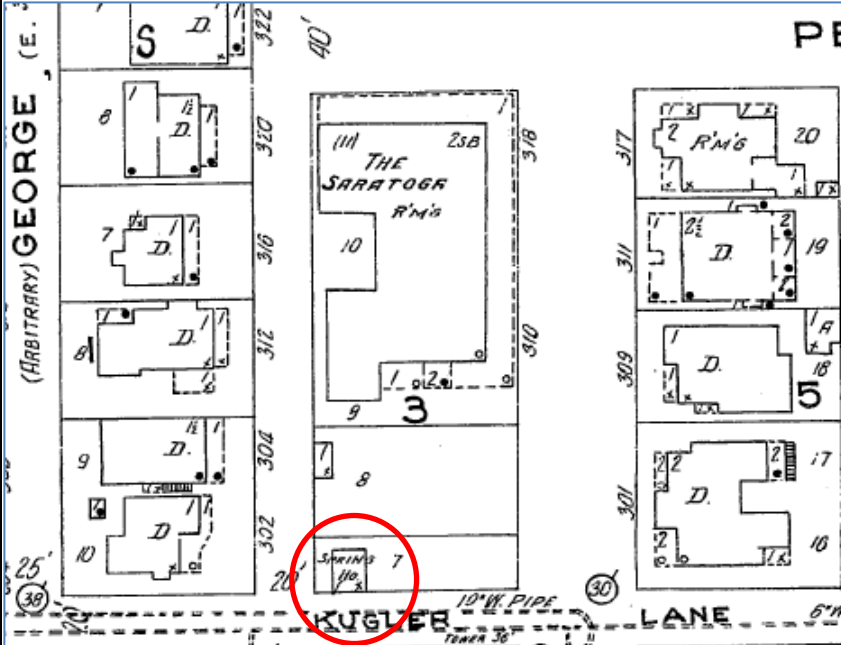




ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

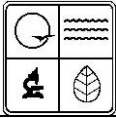
The Mee Soda Spring was operated by Mrs. Mee, who also ran the Saratoga rooming house. Although the Saratoga was shown in the first Sanborn map from 1893, a dwelling was east of the building on lot 7, Block 3, Kugler's addition (the eventual location of the Mee Soda Spring pavilion). From at least 1900 through 1913, lot 7 was vacant. Mee's Soda Spring is first listed in the 1917 City Directory at 302 E. Excelsior (erroneously transcribed in various springs lists as 204 E. Excelsior); the Saratoga rooming house was located east of the pavilion at 310 - 318 E. Excelsior. The first Sanborn to show the spring house was the 1926 map, where the building is located on the northwest corner of the lot. However, Mee's Soda Spring is not included in the 1922 City Directory, possibly indicating that the building remained but the business was no longer in operation. The pavilion was still extant in the 1942 Sanborn map. In the historic postcard below, the small framed cottages on Bluff Avenue are seen in the background. There are some local references (lists of wells compiled by residents) that the waters were lithia, instead of soda.



1926 Sanborn Map



Historic postcard



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 Museum & Archives; "Mee Soda," folder V1.200.293; "Springs Misc.," folder V1.200.100

1917 City Directory

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

The Waters of Excelsior Springs poster

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

The lot slopes up from E. Excelsior towards Foley Street on the north. There is a low squared ashlar retaining wall with concrete bollards on the south boundary. The lot is grassed, except for some gravel parking in the northwest quadrant. Deciduous shade trees line the north and south boundaries. (description of property dates from 2011, see section 41 below). According to the Clay County Assessor's map, this property is part of land vacated for a city street, but based on Sanborns and the historic postcard, the survey photograph represents the approximate location of the Mee Soda Spring House.

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

During the course of this survey project, the ground was disturbed through grading for new construction. The historic location for the spring house was on the northwest corner of the lot (southeast of the intersection of Foley and Kugler).