

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORIC INVENTORY FORM

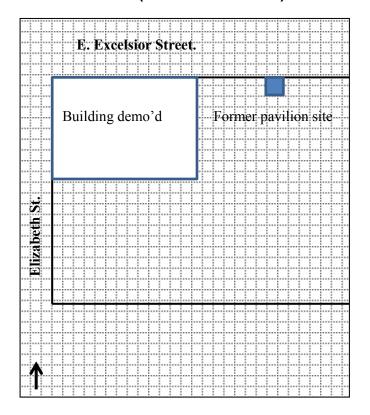
1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-022		Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs			
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 207	Street (name) E. Excelsior Stree	Street (name) E. Excelsior Street	
5.City: Vicinity: Excelsior Springs		6. UTM: 15 S/ 394711.35E/ 43	55528.04N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1	
8.Historic name (if known): Peerless Lithia Spring; Leonar		9. Present/other name (if known): Peerless Mineral Spring, Peerless Mineral Water Co.			
10. Ownership: ☑ Private ☐ Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility		11b. Current use: VACANT/not in use	
HISTORICAL INFORMA	TION				
12. Construction date: 1913		15. Architect:		18. Previously surveyed? Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)	
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1913-1920		16. Builder/contra	actor:	19. On National Register? individual idistrict Cite nomination name in box 22 cont. (page 3)	
14. Area(s) of significance: HEALTH/MEDICINE		17. Original or significant owner: Leonard		20. National Register eligible? ☐ individually eligible ☐ district potential (☐ C ☐ NC) ☑ not eligible ☐ not determined	
21. History and significance or	tion page. 🛛	22. Sources of information on continuation page.			
ARCHITECTURAL INFO	ORMATIO				
23. Category of property: ☐ building(s) ☐ structure ☐ object		30: Roof material N/A	:	37.Windows: ☐ historic ☐ replacement Pane arrangement:	
24. Vernacular or property type:		31. Chimney plac N/A	ement:	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? ⊠	
25. Architectural Style:		32. Structural sys N/A	tem:	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): Addition(s) Date(s): Altered Date(s):	
26. Plan shape: N/A		33. Exterior wall on N/A	cladding:	☐ Moved Date(s): ☐ Other Date(s):	
27. No. of stories: N/A		34. Foundation m Concrete	aterial:	Endangered by: new construction	
28. No. of bays (1 st floor): N/A		35. Basement typ N/A	e:	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): N/A	
29. Roof type: N/A		36. Front porch ty N/A	/pe/placement:	41. Further description of building features and associated resources on continuation page. ⊠	
OTHER		·		•	
42. Current owner/address: Villas Downtown, LP 1414 E Primrose ST STE 100		43.Form prepare Deon Wolfenbarg Three Gables Pre		.): 44. Survey date: 2012	
Springfield, MO 65804-4283			Road, Nederland, Co	45. Date of revisions:	
FOR SHPO USE					
Date entered in inventory:		Level of survey	intensive	Additional research needed? ☐ yes ☐ no	
National Register Status: ☐ listed ☐ in listed district Name:		Other:			
□ pending listing □ eligible (individually) □ eligible (district) □ not eligible		ally)			



LOCATION MAP (include north arrow)



SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)

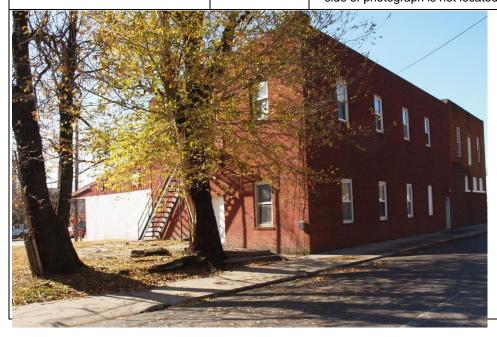


PHOTOGRAPH

Photographer: Deon Wolfenbarger Date: 11/09/2011

Description:

(left) Looking southwest onto north boundary of vacant lot (building on right side of photograph is not located on this parcel)



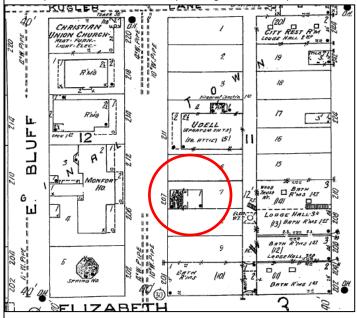


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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

The Peerless Mineral Water company, which sold three waters at a stone pavilion at 207 E. Excelsior, operated for a brief period during the 1910s. Lot 7, block 11 of Original Town, contained only a residence in 1909, which was demolished by 1913 (the Sanborn map reveals that the entire south side of the 200 block of E. Excelsior was vacant in 1913 except for the Montezuma Hotel on the westernmost lot.) Newspaper clippings indicate that a pavilion was likely constructed later in 1913. A public notice stated "We wish to notify the public, that owing to the continued dry spell, and the enormous run on our well, known as the Leonard Well on East Excelsior street, which will hearafter be known as the PEERLESS MINERAL SPRING or well, that we are compelled for its protection, to place the water on sale commencing tomorrow, August 20. We have figured out rates for home consumption, low as consistent for its maintenance." Another notice dated December 1913: "To the Public:--The management of the PEERLESS LITHIA, Manganese Spring, have arranged to serve this famous water both Hot and Cold at their fine new pagoda" (photo included). There were two wells drilled at this location: the first was 23.5 feet deep and produced the Peerless Lithia waters (analysis by Professor C. C. Young, Kansas University, below). The other was so strong in minerals that it purportedly paralyzed the muscles of the throat. The 1917 City Directory contained an advertisement with photograph for the Peerless Mineral Water Company that listed the different waters available at the pavilion. "Three Great Waters. Peerless Saline (Laxative) for Constipation and all diseases affecting the alimentary canal. Peerless Lithia. Dieuretic; good in all forms of Kidney, Bladder and Urinary ailments. Peerless Soda for neutralizing acidotic bloats, and accumulating gases from the stomach. Nature's own remedies. All waters fresh from the deep wells to you at the pavilion." In the street listing of that same directory, Arnold & Leonard were listed along with the Peerless Lithia Spring. Another advertisement (below) lists J. H. Sims as the manager, and notes that the water was available for shipping. By the time of the 1922 city directory, however, 207 E. Excelsior was vacant, indicating a short period of operation for the Peerless Mineral Water Company and well. However, the stone pavilion was still extant up through the 1942 update to the Sanborn maps.

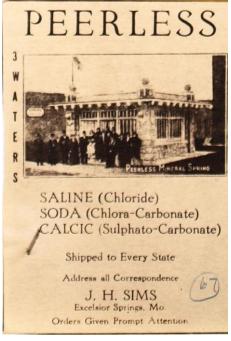


1926 Sanborn Map



Historic photograph of sales pavilion

Peerless Lithia Analysis	Salts in Solution in Grains Per Gallon	
Calcium Bicarbonate	34.8000	
Calcium Chloride	6.4800	
Calcium Nitrate	3.3550	
Calcium Sulphate	13.9500	
Magnesium Sulphate	3.4100	
Silica	0.6310	
Sodium Nitrate	6.0800	
Fe and Al Oxide	0.0020	
Mineral Matter	68.7080	



Historic advertisement



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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; "Peerless Lithia," V1.200.303

1917 City Directory

The Waters of Excelsior Springs poster

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

At the time of the initiation of this survey, the parcel included lots 6 & 7, block 11, Original Town, and was addressed 000 E. Excelsior Street (during the survey project, the land was graded in preparation for new construction; description covers the conditions existing in 2011). A vacant lot containing grassed lawn except for small paved patio areas near the building on the adjoining lot to the east. Two large deciduous shade trees on the north boundary of lot 6; lot 7 (original location of pavilion) was empty. Clay County parcel ID: 12-311-00-22-007.00

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

Sanborn maps indicate that the original pavilion, and likely the well, was located on the north boundary of lot 7, adjacent to the sidewalk on E. Excelsior. Prior to the grading which occurred during this survey, the lot was vacant and no visible sign of pavilion foundation.