

1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-034		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 528	Street (name) Caldwell Avenue
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/ 394443.72E/ 4355808.80N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Sulphur Salt-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: DOMESTIC: single dwelling

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

12. Construction date: Ca. 1906	15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1906	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 type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input checked="" 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**

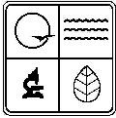
23. Category of property: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	30. Roof material: Asphalt shingle	37. Windows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement: sash 1/1, 6/6
24. Vernacular or property type:	31. Chimney placement: Offset right	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style: LATE VICTORIAN/folk Victorian	32. Structural system: concrete	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addition(s) Date(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date(s): Endangered by:
26. Plan shape: irregular	33. Exterior wall cladding: Cast concrete blocks	
27. No. of stories: 1	34. Foundation material: stone	
28. No. of bays (1 <sup>st</sup> floor): 2	35. Basement type: none	40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.): N/A
29. Roof type: Hip with center gable	36. Front porch type/placement: Open, partial, side, 1-story	41. Further description of building features and associated resources on continuation page. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**OTHER**

42. Current owner/address: Rose Land & Finance Corp 241 E Saginaw St. East Lansing Mi 48823-2739	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:

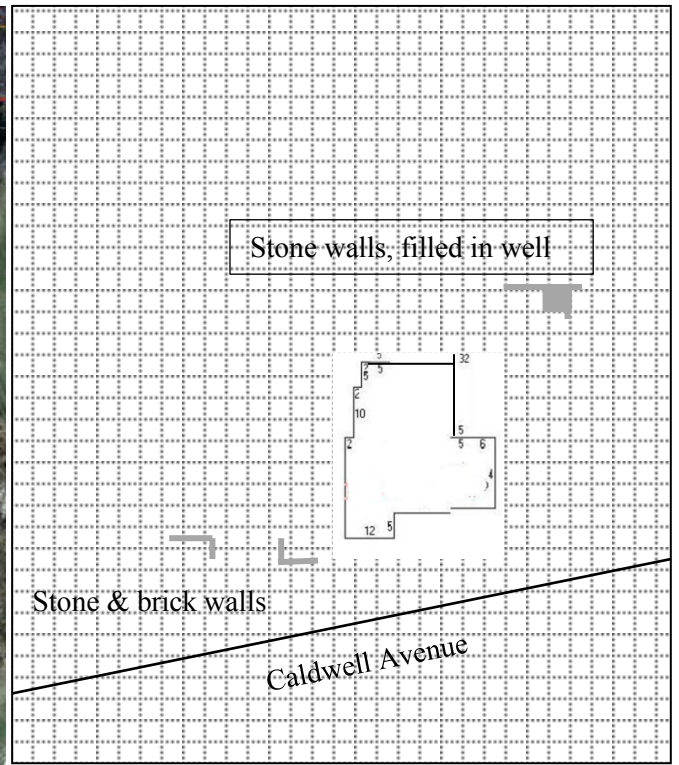
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Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> 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)**



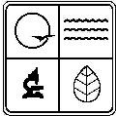
**PHOTOGRAPH**

Photographer:  
Kerry Davis

Date:  
2/03/2012

Description:  
(left) Looking west at east & north elevations & former pavilion site next to road; (right) looking northwest at east elevation, former pavilion site





**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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

The Sulphur Salt-Soda Springs was discovered in July 1906 at a depth of 126 feet. It was located in the Sunnyside addition, which was platted in 1904 (possibly indicating development of the area occurred immediately following platting). It was located just north of the Relief Spring on Caldwell Avenue; the historic photograph below shows the large two-story frame house that was purportedly associated with the spring [this house is no longer extant on Caldwell]. The waters belonged to the *Soda Bicarbonate* group, and purportedly could be drunk in generous quantities and had a general tonic effect on the entire system. Miss M. Bierman was the owner of the spring, and for the first few months after its discovery, it was offered free. However, the well does not show up on any historic maps or in the available city directories. In 1908, M. Bierman is not listed at any address on Caldwell, and both 526 and 528 Caldwell (north of Relief) were vacant. Oral interviews with residents revealed a well, recently filled in, at the back of 528 Caldwell; and one resident had heard that a larger boarding house was formerly at 528 Caldwell. Examination of the property indicated remnants of possible foundation for a larger building that may have predate the extant house. There are also extant historic foundations on the vacant lot to the south: the location of this well is thus an estimate of either 526 Caldwell (vacant) or 528 Caldwell (where the recently filled in well was merely a personal well serving the residents only).



**Historic photograph of building associated with Sulphur-Salt Soda Spring**

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

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Clay County Recorder of Deeds

*The Waters of Excelsior Springs: Valley of Vitality*

Excelsior Springs Museum & Archives; "Sulphur Salt Soda Spring," V1.200.425

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

The lot slopes upward from the sidewalk to the front of the house, and again behind the house in a heavily wooded area. There is shared concrete sidewalk with metal railing triangular between 528 and 530 Caldwell. Remnants of a stone foundation or retaining wall are southeast of the SE corner of the house. Clay County parcel ID: 12-311-00-11-010.00.

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

Although items 23-40 on this survey form pertain to the house, the well feature is located at the rear of the house adjacent to the property boundary between 528 and 530 Caldwell. A drywall stacked limestone retaining wall extends part way along this property line. Adjacent to this retaining wall are ruins of a small building, featuring a short mortared rubble limestone structural wall one the east with a small opening (door or window) with interior wood supports. The well was in front of this stone ruin, and was filled in during 2011.