

1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-013		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.)	Street (name) North side of Isley at intersection of Regent, west bank of river
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/ 394411.29E/ 4355100.13N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): White Sulphur Spring		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: VACANT/NOT IN USE

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

12. Construction date: Ca. 1915; 1936		15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1915 - 1936		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

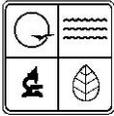
23. Category of property: <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object		30. Roof material: N/A	37. Windows: <input type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement:
24. Vernacular or property type:		31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:		32. Structural system: Concrete	39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): <input 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: N/A		33. Exterior wall cladding: N/A	
27. No. of stories: N/A		34. Foundation material: Concrete	
28. No. of bays (1 st 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 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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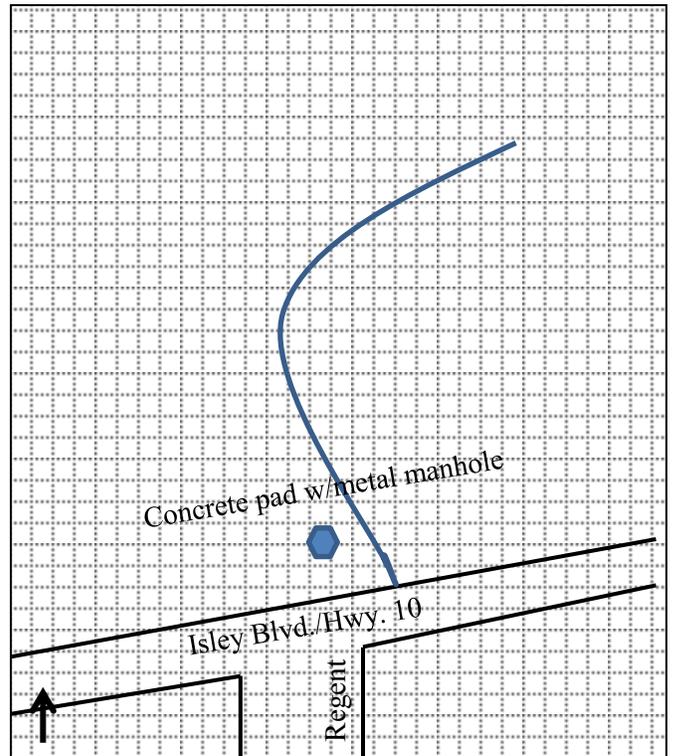
Date entered in inventory:	Level of survey <input type="checkbox"/> reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> intensive	Additional research needed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district 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)



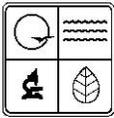
SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)



PHOTOGRAPH

Photographer: Deon Wolfenbarger	Date: 11/09/2011	Description: (left) Looking southeast towards Isley Blvd.; (right) looking north/northeast from intersection of Isley & Regent
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

The 1908 Blue Book and City Directory do not have a listing for the White Sulphur Well, and the 1913 Sanborn map does not show a well or spring house on this location. By 1917, under the listings by street, the "White Sulphur Spring" is shown as being east of Elms Blvd. on Regent. The 1926 Sanborn maps shows a small spring house/sales pavilion was located on lot 6 of the Elms Addition, and a well and pump house to the east (a portion of the well/pump house is seen on the right side of historic photo below). As this general location has historically been noted as the site of the White Sulphur Spring; it is likely that both the spring house and well/pump house were associated with the same water. White Sulphur Spring was one of three springs owned and operated by the Salt Sulphur Water Company. The waters were in the *saline & sulphur (sulpho-saline) laxative* mineral water group, and in a promotional brochure published by the company, were said to "have proven highly beneficial in the successful treatment of a great variety of diseases. For indigestion, it gives almost immediate relief. . . White Sulphur water was found to be an invaluable remedy for the treatment of constipation in most cases. Constipation probably causes as much suffering as any other ill to which the body is heir, and which produces numerous other serious and often fatal diseases." This unique water was black until it was exposed to air, when it turned clear. The three waters owned by the Salt Sulphur Water Company - White Sulphur, Salt Sulphur and Blue Rock waters – were sold at two locations: the White Sulphur pavilion, and Harr's pavilion at 206 W. Broadway. Both locations "sold Hot or Cold over the counter at one cent per glass." White Sulphur was one of the ten waters purchased by the city and subsequently piped into the Hall of Waters. It was also used in the swimming pool. Newspaper articles written during the construction of the Hall of Waters described a new well building constructed for the White Sulphur Well, "reconditioned" as part of the PWA project. The plans called for the pump mechanism to be mounted above the surface of the concrete slab, and sheltered by a metal housing. Underneath the slab, a manhole provided access to a pit in which the connection and valve to the pipeline is housed. As the water would no longer be sold privately, it is likely that the sales pavilion was demolished at this time. The extant concrete slab likely dates from the 1936 PWA construction.



1926 Sanborn Map: "Spring Ho." on lot 6, "Well & Pump Ho." on the lot to the east

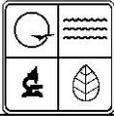
White Sulphur Analysis	Salts in Solution in Grains Per Gallon
Alumina	0.12
Bicarbonates	26.33
Calcium	14.02
Chlorides	120.50
Iron	0.11
Magnesium	6.62
Potassium	0.47
Silica	0.84
Sodium	88.87
Sulphates	61.49
Total Solids	494.42



Historic photograph of sales pavilion (well house on right)



Historic photograph of sales pavilion



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; "White Sulphur Spring, V1.800.500

"White Sulphur Well Nearing Roofing Work," *The Daily Standard* (18 November 1936).

"Work Nearing Completion on White Sulphur," *The Daily Standard* (25 November 1936).

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

The small, irregularly shaped parcel is on the west bank of the river, just west of the bridge and north of the intersection of Isley Blvd. and Regent Av. There are two small planting beds, one of railroad ties and the other marked by concrete paving stones. The planting beds have shrubs, and the remainder of the lot has small deciduous trees lining the river bank. There is also a small wood planter for annuals adjacent to the bridge. Clay County parcel ID: 12-311-00-46-014.00.

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

The hexagon-shaped concrete slab and well manhole cover for the White Sulphur well are located on the east side of the alley behind 505 Elms Blvd. Each side of the slab is approximately six feet long, and the slab is less than a foot above grade.