

1. Survey No. CL-AS-010-018		2. Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs	
3. County: CL		4. Address (Street No.) 245	Street (name) E. Broadway Avenue
5. City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. UTM: 15 S/394760.45E/4355451.80N	7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1
8. Historic name (if known): Lithia No. 1 Spring		9. Present/other name (if known): Lithia Spring gazebo	
10. Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public		11a. Historic use (if known): HEALTH CARE/resort facility	11b. Current use: RECREATION & CULTURE/monument

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

12. Construction date: Ca. 1909	15. Architect:	18. Previously surveyed? <input type="checkbox"/> Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1909 - 1936	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	17. Original or significant owner: Thomas McMullin	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 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**

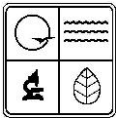
23. Category of property: <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	30. Roof material: asphalt	37. Windows: <input type="checkbox"/> historic <input type="checkbox"/> replacement Pane arrangement:
24. Vernacular or property type: gazebo	31. Chimney placement: N/A	38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25. Architectural Style:	32. Structural system: Wood	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: Polygonal	33. Exterior wall cladding: N/A	
27. No. of stories: 1	34. Foundation material: Concrete	
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.): 1 (structure: stairs)
29. Roof type: pyramidal	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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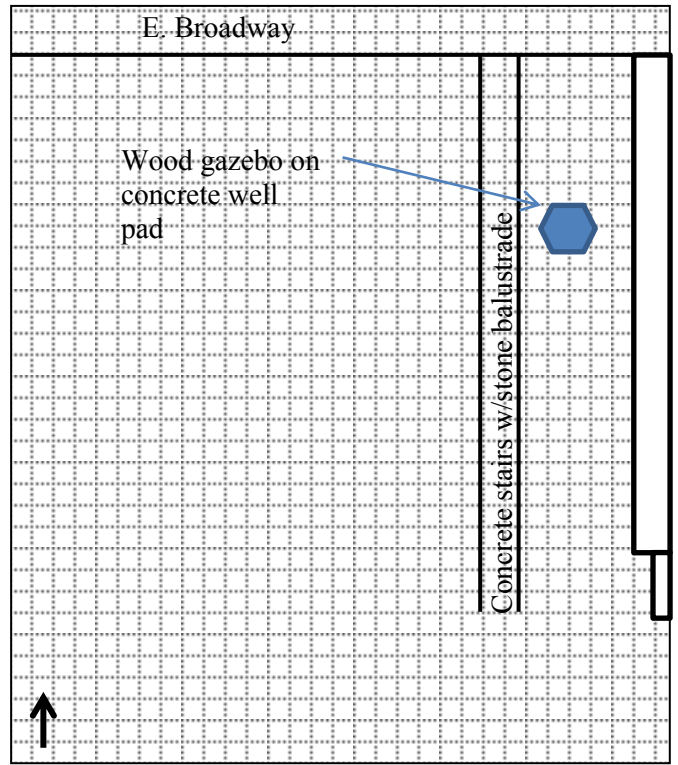
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National Register Status: <input type="checkbox"/> listed <input type="checkbox"/> in listed district Name: <input type="checkbox"/> pending listing <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (individually) <input type="checkbox"/> eligible (district) <input type="checkbox"/> not eligible <input type="checkbox"/> not determined	Other:	



**LOCATION MAP (include north arrow)**



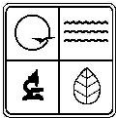
**SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)**



**PHOTOGRAPH**

Photographer: Deon Wolfenbarger	Date: 7/28/2011, 7/29/2011	Description: (left) Looking south towards gazebo from E. Broadway; (right) looking north towards gazebo & E. Broadway
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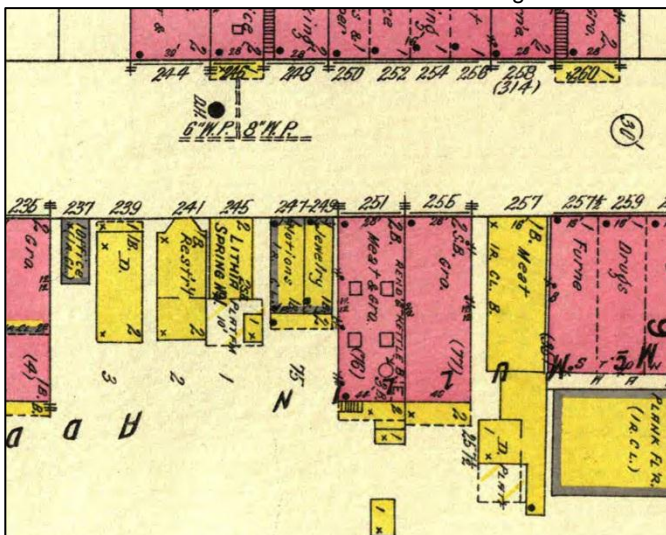




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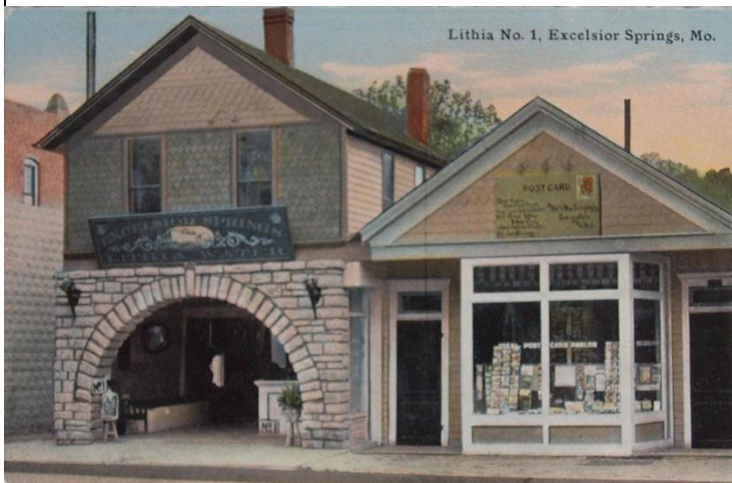
21. (cont.) History and significance. Expand box as necessary, or add continuation pages.

From the 1893 through the 1905 Sanborn maps, a two-story frame dwelling was located on this property. The water was purportedly discovered by the property owner, Thomas McMullin, in 1833-'84, and was first used as his family's private water supply. In 1902, the city clerk certified the water's analysis completed by P. Schweitzer, chemist from the University of Missouri (listed below). In 1906, Thomas McMullin subdivided a portion of the Original Town plat as "McMullin's Addition," likely with plans to develop the property commercially. By 1909, a new two-story frame commercial building had replaced the dwelling. In April of that same year, the *Daily Call* reported on the opening of McMullin's Lithia springs pavilion. McMullin converted the store room into a pavilion by adding a stone veneer arch to the first floor of the frame commercial building. The office building/pavilion is shown below in the 1913 Sanborn. A ten foot platform/deck had been built on the rear of the building, facing the Fishing River, likely for the spring water customers. The "Lithia Spring No. 1" well at 245 E. Broadway was listed in the 1917 and 1922 City Directories. The water was in the *Calcium Bicarbonate (lithia)* group. Postcards advertised that it was "Absolutely Pure. Cures rheumatism, kidney, stomach and prostatic trouble. Shipped to any part of the world." Lithia #1 Spring was one of the ten waters purchased by the city and subsequently piped into the Hall of Waters. The building was destroyed by fire in the 1930s, and the lot has been vacant since that time. The city recently constructed a frame gazebo to commemorate the site of the Lithia #1 spring. The concrete & limestone stairs and well pad were listed as contributing resources in the Hall of Waters East National Register district.

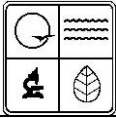


1913 Sanborn Map

Lithia No. 1 Analysis	Salts in Solution in Grains Per Gallon
Calcium Bicarbonate	30.9393
Lithium Bicarbonate	2.3014
Magnesium Sulphate	2.7574
Silica	1.2149
Sodium Chloride	4.0770
Sodium Sulphate	4.4099
Mineral Matter	47.4869
Carbon Dioxide Escaping	5.6600
Fixed Residue	41.8269



Historic postcards



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; "Lithia No. 1," V1.800.270

"McMullin's Spring Open Tonight," *The Daily Call* (24 April 1909).

"Excelsior Springs Hall of Waters Commercial East Historic District," National Register of Historic Places nomination

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

The sloping lot is bounded on the west side by concrete steps leading down towards the Fishing River. The stair balustrade is squared ashlar limestone with a concrete coping. The historic well pad is beneath the gazebo, which is approximately 30-35' from the sidewalk edge. Between the gazebo and the sidewalk are raised planters set within a stone terrace. The ground drops off steeply to the south below the gazebo. The narrow lot is currently addressed as 000 E. Broadway by the county assessor's office, Lot 1 McMullin's Addition, Clay County parcel ID: 12-311-00-23-008.00

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

The octagon shaped wood gazebo is set on a concrete foundation, and is reached by wood steps on the northwest. The bellcast pyramidal roof is supported by turned spindle posts and has spindle-work frieze with flat brackets beneath the eaves. The square wood baluster rails have flared caps and bases.