

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-010-029		Survey name: Mineral Water Resources of Excelsior Springs				
3. County:		4. Address (Street No.)		Street (name)		
CL		339		E. Broadway Avenue		
5.City: Excelsior Springs	Vicinity:	6. UT 15	S/ 394896.87E/ 4355456.66N		7. Township/Range/Section: T: 52N R: 30W S:1	
8.Historic name (if known): Saratoga Springs pavilion			9. Present/other The Store		r name (if known):	
10. Ownership: ☑ Private ☐ Public		11a. Historic use (if know HEALTH CARE/resort EDUCATION/library			11b. Current use: COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store	
HISTORICAL INFORMA	TION				1	
12. Construction date: Ca. 1880s (well pavilion); 1903 (sales pavilion); 1916 (building)		3	15. Architect: Bates, Cook, Wilson (building)		18. Previously surveyed? Cite survey name in box 22 cont. (page 3)	
13. Significant date/period: Ca. 1880s - 1912			16. Builder/contractor:		19. On National Register? ☐ individual ☐ 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? ☐ individually eligible ☐ district potential (☐ C ☐ NC) ☐ not eligible ☐ not determined	
21. History and significance on continuation pa			ge. ⊠	22. Sources of ir	nformation on continuation page. $oxtime oxtlesup$	
ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION						
23. Category of property: ⊠ building(s) ⊠ site □ structure □ object			30: Roof material: metal		37.Windows: ☐ historic ☐ replacement Pane arrangement: 1/1	
24. Vernacular or property type:			31. Chimney placement: N/A		38. Acreage (rural): Visible from public road? ⊠	
25. Architectural Style: Classical Revival (building)			32. Structural system: brick		39. Changes (describe in box 41 cont.): Addition(s) Date(s): Altered Date(s):	
26. Plan shape: Rectangular			33. Exterior wall cladding: brick		☐ Moved Date(s): ☐ Other Date(s):	
27. No. of stories:			34. Foundation material: limestone		Endangered by:	
28. No. of bays (1 st floor): 3			35. Basement type: full		40. No. of outbuildings (describe in box 40 cont.):	
29. Roof type: Medium hip			36. Front porch type/placement: N/A		41. Further description of building features and associated resources on continuation page.	
OTHER						
42. Current owner/address: Sun Park, LLC			43.Form prepared by (name and org.): Deon Wolfenbarger Three Gables Preservation 320 Pine Glade Road, Nederland, CO Deon@threegables.net		g.): 44. Survey date: 2012	
5301 N Main St Kansas City Mo 64118-4324					45. Date of revisions:	
FOR SHPO USE						
Date entered in inventory:			Level of survey reconnaissance	intensive	Additional research needed? ☐ yes ☐ no	
National Register Status: ☐ listed ☐ in listed district Name:			Other:			
☐ pending listing ☐ eligible eligible (district) ☐ not eli	ally)					

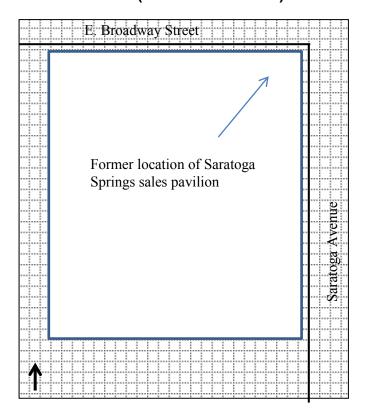


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LOCATION MAP (include north arrow)



SITE MAP/PLAN (include north arrow)



PHOTOGRAPH

Photographer: Deon Wolfenbarger Date: 7/29/2011

Looking south from Linden Av. towards front (north) facade



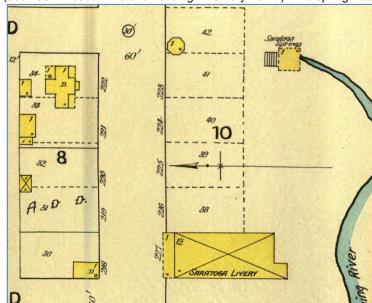
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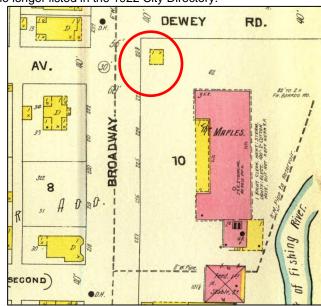
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

The Saratoga Spring was one of the earlier springs discovered in Excelsior; the springs were considered a prominent enough landmark that it was one of the few shown in Sanborn maps on the index pages in various years. It was also one of the few springs not owned by the General Realty and Mineral Water Company that were nonetheless included in George Kessler's 1905 map prepared for the company's prospectus – another indication of its relative importance in Excelsior Springs' mineral water history. Its waters belonged to the *Calcium bicarbonate (Lithia)* group; an analysis from the 1880s is below. Historic brochures noted that "Since the iron waters were too heavy for late drinking, Saratoga was found to be ideal. . . after the days rounds had been run, the visitor always went to the Saratoga for a last goodnight whiff. The quieting effect the water had on the nerves gave to it the title—sleepy springs." In other advertisements, "In a delicate and weak stomach . . . , the Saratoga is at once acceptable and agrees till the system becomes built up for the use of the more powerful waters. In certain nervous diseases it has hundreds of devotees. . . It is good for children and especially good for those generally tired from the pressure of duties of life."

The original spring and pavilion was located on a branch of the Fishing River, approximately 105" south of Broadway and 50' west of Dewey Road (later Saratoga Avenue; see 1894 Sanborn below.) By 1903, the Maples boarding house had been constructed, destroying the original well [note: the well would have been located just east of the building's east elevation, approximately midway; see 1905 Sanborn below]. After the Maples was built, visitors still clamored for the waters of the Saratoga, so a new pavilion was built at the southwest corner of E. Broadway and Dewey. The springs are listed in the 1908 Excelsior Springs Blue Book, as well as the 1908-1909 and 1917 City Directories. An advertisement for the Maples in the 1917 City Directory notes that "The Famous Saratoga Springs are at the Maples—TO TRY IT IS TO USE IT." A separate advertisement for the springs in the same directory is below. However, the 1913 Sanborn map no longer shows a separate pavilion on the corner, and the Carnegie Library was built on the pavilion site in 1916 (see 1994 Missouri Historic Building Inventory Form.) The spring was no longer listed in the 1922 City Directory.





1894 Sanborn map

1905 Sanborn Map – The Maples located on former spring site, and new sales pavilion on the corner

Saratoga Springs
One of the oldest and most famous of the group that go to make what Excelsior Springs is noted for. These waters are known as the SLEEPING WATERS, with their quieting effect on nervous cases—Kidney Troubles—Stomach Troubles—and kindred inflammatory diseases.

To try it is to use it. Shipped everywhere.

Advertisement from the 1917 City Directory



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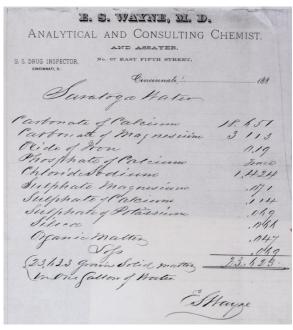






Historic postcard of replacement pavilion & The Maples





Mineral Water Analysis by E. S. Wayne, M.D.

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; "Saratoga Spring," folder V1.200.360

1908, 1908-'09, 1917 City Directories

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

The Waters of Excelsior Springs poster

"Historic Boarding House District Survey," 1994

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

The extant historic library building fills the majority of the small 51.2' x 70' lot, and was described in a previous survey. Sidewalks extend to the building's north and east elevations, and a very small strip of land on the south separates the building from the adjacent property at 106 Saratoga Avenue. Clay County Parcel ID#: 12-312-00-17-003.00.





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

The ca. 1905 sales pavilion for the Saratoga Springs was located at the northeast corner of the lot, which is now beneath the former Carnegie Library building (the building was described in a previous survey). Although the Carnegie Library is likely individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the property no longer retains integrity of association with the Saratoga Springs.