



The east elevation, facing Elizabeth Street, has two entries. One window on the 1st floor has been partially closed with concrete block, and filled with glass block. Also on the 1st floor is a small, square window opening. On the 2nd story, there is an oriel on the north end, identical to those on the front facade. The other 2nd story windows are also like those on the front elevation.

A stone belt course separates the 2nd story from the cornice area. Set within this are two rectangular stone panels on the front. Damage of some sort has rendered one of the panels unintelligible, but one can barely discern "Kennedy 1902" on the other. Above the stone belt course on the south and east is decorative brick corbelling.

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20. Description of environment and outbuildings.

116-120 E. Broadway is part of a continuous block of historic, two-part commercial block structures. It is on the main traffic street through the historic commercial center of town. Across Elizabeth Street to the east is a community parking lot, and across E. Broadway to the south is the Hall of Waters.

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21. History and significance

As indicated by the stone panel on the front, and corroborated by historic maps, this structure was built in 1902. In 1905, 116 was a furniture store, 118 was a grocer, and 120 was a drug store. By 1908, 116 was also a grocer - S.G. Johnson & Sons. 118 E. Broadway was A.G. Arnold, Grocers, and 120 was H.C. Tindall Drugs. Upstairs, Craven & McRorey Real Estate and Insurance had an office, as did Bell Central Telephone. Also it now housed C.S. Wilcox & Sons Grocers, and 116 was the Knox Bath House. It remained there through at least the 1920's, but in 1922, 118 E. Broadway became the offices of Dr. C.P. Bartley. In the 1950's, the building housed the Lodwick Law Offices, which has remained in 120 E. Broadway since that time. 116-120 E. Broadway has retained its integrity on its upper story, but has lost some original design features in the storefront areas. In spite of that, it is in a key location across the street from the Hall of Waters, and is part of a continuous block of historic commercial structures. Some of the historic tenants have clear association with the mineral water history of Excelsior Springs. Other businesses are reflective of the general services and trade necessary to meet the needs of a community whose economy is based on the health industry. While not individually eligible, it would probably be considered a contributing element to a potential National Register or local historic district.

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22. Sources of information.

Sanborn maps. City directories. *America's Haven of Health*, Excelsior Springs Chamber of Commerce, 1930.

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24. Date of survey

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On National Register

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Individual

District

Local designation

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26. Negative: roll #

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