History of South Carolina's Springs

A spring is a place where ground water naturally flows from rock or soil onto the land. These have historically been believed to have healing properties due to the minerals present in the water such as Magnesium and Calcium.

Many towns and communities were founded near springs because they were important sources of drinking water as well as used for industrial purposes, such as with textile mills or bottled for drinking water. Many also had resorts built up around them for people to enjoy swimming in the mineralized water.

Cold spring water was used for preserving food before refrigerators were created. By building a springhouse, containers of food could be cooled by sitting in the water on the floor. These springhouses were partially underground.



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