

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS HISTORIC RESOURCES

Resource No. 56

<p>1. Property name, present Prichard-Bross & Spidle Funeral Home & Cremation Services</p> <p>Property name, historic Prichard Funeral Home; Foley House</p> <p>2. Address/location 217 W.. Broadway Excelsior Springs, MO</p> <p>3. Owner's name and address Prichard-Bross & Spidle Funeral Home 217 W. Broadway Excelsior Springs, MO 64024</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site Object</p> <p>5. Use, present Funeral Home</p> <p>Use, original Boarding house</p>	<p>6. Location Map</p>
<p>7. Date of construction (or estimate) ca. 1890's</p> <p>8. Changes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addition Moved</p> <p>9. Architect/engineer/designer</p> <p>10. Contractor/builder/craftsman</p> <p>11. Style: High Style Neoclassical Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>12. Plan Shape Rectangle</p> <p>13. Number of stories 2</p> <p>14. Roof type and material Hip/composition shingle</p> <p>15. Type of consruction Frame</p> <p>16. Exterior material(s) Stucco</p> <p>17. Foundation material(s) Limestone</p> <p>18. Porch(es) Full-length, two-story</p>

19. Additional physical description

This two-story, hip roof stucco building has had numerous additions to the rear, and a one-story addition on the east connecting it to 209 W. Broadway. The main portion of the building is a rectangular, two-story block with a steeply pitched hip roof, with widely overhanging enclosed eaves. The full-length, two-story front porch has a flat roof. The upper deck of the roof has a wooden balustrade with massive, square short posts. The porch supports are square wooden columns. The front facade and porch are divided into three bays; full-length concrete steps lead up to the concrete floor porch. Each bay of steps is divided by metal stair rails. The central entry has double wood doors with a single glass transom above. The window above the entry door is a single, 6-over-6, double-hung sash with metal storms. All windows on the side elevations (east and west) are identical. The windows flanking the central bay on the front (north) facade are paired, 6-over-6 double hung sash. All windows have a pair of black shutters. The window surrounds are wood with a shallow entablature above. To the rear is a

two-story, shed roof addition, with stucco exterior on the first story, and aluminum siding on the second. Other rear additions are one-story with stucco cladding. To the east, set back from the plane of the front elevation, is a one-story, flat-roof addition, connecting with the building on the east. Corbelled details accent the cornice line.

20. Description of environment and outbuildings.

The Prichard-Bross & Spidle Funeral Home is on the southeast corner of W. Broadway and Thompson Avenue. Trimmed evergreen hedges line the building's west elevation and the sidewalk. The set-back addition on the east has trimmed evergreen shrubs and hedge.

21. History and significance

The original building, constructed as a boarding house, was built sometime before 1894. Through 1942, there was a one-story, hexagonal bay on the northeast corner of the building, and a central bay, one-story porch. South-east of the boarding house, there was a one-story outbuilding, which was at first connected to the rear of the house by a wrap-around porch. The rear porch was eventually enclosed (between 1913 and 1926), and the two buildings connected. From 1894 to at least 1926, this building was a boarding house. The 1905, 1909, 1913, and 1926 Sanborn maps refer to it as the "Foley House". However, the 1917 city directory lists this address as the McGaugh House, and the 1922 directory shows it to contain the "Bluebird Rooms". By 1940, it was the Prichard Funeral Home. This business has remained here through the present day. The Prichard Funeral Home was damaged when the Baptist Church across the street burned. Historic photographs reveal the one-story porch; Italianate brackets; tall, narrow windows; and corner one-story tower. The present front porch is a recent addition. Therefore, the building does not retain its architectural integrity from the historic period, although it is an important local landmark, located at the edge of the historic commercial district.

22. Sources of information.

City directories; Sanborn maps; phone directories.

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24. Date of survey

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20. Description of environment and outbuildings.

The building is set directly on the north property line, filling the lot to the sidewalk. It is attached to 217 W. Broadway by a connecting wing on the east. Trimmed shrubs are on the east, and a vacant lot on the west.

21. History and significance

This building was first constructed sometime after 1946 as separate commercial building, housing Forister's Market ca. 1960. Its appearance from photographs of this period show it to have much the same appearance as today, except that the transom windows had multiple square panes, and there were numerous signs. It later became an adjacent wing to the Prichard Funeral Home at 217 W. Broadway. Prior to its construction, the lot was vacant, but from the 1890's through the 1920's, it was the site of a one-story frame building which served as doctors' offices. The building's design is compatible with the adjacent commercial district, but the building itself has no association with the historic period.

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