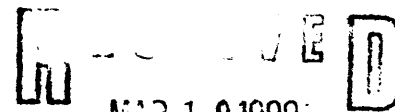


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Marsh and Powell Funeral Home

other names/site number Livingston-Maletta and Geraghty Funeral Home

2. Location

street & number 224 West Spruce Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Missoula

n/a vicinity

state Montana

code 030

county Missoula

code 063

zip code 59802

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- X private
public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property

- X building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, and Total.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historical Resources in Missoula, 1864-1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- X entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain):

Entered in the National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**
 Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
 Funeral Home

 Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
 Funeral Home
**7. Description**
 Architectural Classification  
 (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Neoclassical

 foundation concrete  
 walls brick

 roof asphalt  
 other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Marsh and Powell Funeral Home is a rectangular, two-story, polychromatic brick commercial building with a two-story Neoclassical style pavilion and quoined corners. The building is located in the Missoula central business district on a half block that contains a number of historic one-story residences, some of which have been converted to business use. The building has a sheet metal crown cornice over a six-tiered polychrome header and stretcher belt course and a single header belt course. Front upstairs windows have polychrome flat arches with centered keystones and header sills. Windows are wood frame, double-hung, six-over-one and three-over-one.

The first floor has three wood frame, three-part "cottage" windows, each composed of a large, fixed, wood frame pane topped by a pair of fixed, three-light units. Each window has a flat polychrome arch and centered keystone. The main entryway is wood frame with an anodized metal, modern glass door with upper transom and narrow, flanking glass block panels. Each side door to the building is accessed by concrete steps with wrought iron railings. Vertical polychrome headers run along the base of the building. The monumental wood, two-story pavilion has a pedimented gable roof with a molded crown cornice with dentilation and horizontal, lapped siding in tympanum. Dentilation is also located at the top of the architrave. The upstairs balcony railing within the pavilion is wrought iron. The large Doric order support columns rest on square concrete plinths. A large, metal frame, plastic sign reading "Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty" is located on the second floor of the pavilion. The west side windows to the main building are wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one units.

The rear section of the building is also of polychromatic brick with a flat roof and metal cornice over halved polychrome headers. A raised belt course of header brick over vertical stretchers is located on the west side of the building. A centered entryway is recessed and framed by polychrome quoins and has a multipane wood door. A gable-roofed door-over or hood with side brackets is located above the side entryway. The windows are wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one, opaque with wood frame storm windows. The east side of the rear of the addition has a large, porte-cochere consisting of three, square, brick

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support posts. The porte-cochere shelters two wood frame entryways with multi-light, wooden doors. The rear of the back section has double wooden garage doors with recessed wood panels in the bottom two-thirds of the door and six lights in the upper one-third. The double doors are separated from one another by brick columns. The doors have exterior, side-mounted black hinges and black door handles.

Conifer shrubs are located on the sides of the building. A large parking area is located on the north and east sides of the building.

The building possesses excellent integrity of setting, design, materials, workmanship and association. It exhibits no evidence of exterior alterations. It also possesses generally good integrity of setting, being located in a half block of one-story historic residences.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Commerce  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1930-1940  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1930  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Not known  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The building is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. It was constructed as a funeral home, a new phenomenon during the early twentieth century, which provided complete funeral services. It also is an excellent example of commercial architecture combining elements of Neoclassical design and period commercial architecture using high-fired brick, squared, flattened corners, flattened arches, and polychroming. The building is in excellent condition and carries a strong sense of association with the period in which it was constructed. It is one of the best examples of late 1920s and early 1930s commercial architecture in the Missoula commercial district.

This building was constructed between 1929 and 1932 as a funeral home, when the property was owned by Luther and D. H. Powell. The first occupant was Marsh and Powell, Funeral Directors, which occupied the building through the historic period. The building has been a funeral home since it was constructed. At the time of its construction, it represented a new phenomenon--a building constructed as a funeral home with all the services and facilities needed to prepare the body for the funeral and to perform the funeral services. It is one of the few remaining commercial buildings within the Missoula central business district that was constructed during the Depression.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.

Morris, Neil, Funeral Director, Livingston-Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home. Personal Communication, April 28, 1989.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A 

1	2	2	7	1	8	3	0	5	1	9	5	4	3	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

C.P. Higgins Addition, Block 9, Lots 11-12, W 1/2 Lot 13.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lots upon which the historic building was erected.

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