

Stillinger Family Funeral Home ~Pasco Chapel

Founded: ca. 1912

Location: southeast corner of Main and Mount Streets; 312 E. Main Street; 1780 West Main Street

Stillinger Family Funeral Home ~ Pasco Chapel was originally purchased by Chancy Filmore Pasco in 1912 from Flanner & Buchanan. At the time of purchase the funeral home was Morrison & Son and was located on the southeast corner of Main and Mount Streets. Algernon and Catherine Pasco sold their farm in Warrick County, Indiana and moved to Indianapolis to assist their son Chancy with the purchase and operation of the funeral home. John "Jack" Pasco moved from Evansville in 1913 and attended the Askin School of Embalming. The original funeral home was named Pasco Brothers with both Chancy and Jack as licensed embalmers.

The funeral home located in downtown Greenfield, Indiana was a storefront building. In 1912 most deaths, embalming and wakes were held at family homes. Funeral services were held either at home or at the church. The purpose of the original building was to store caskets and motor or horse drawn equipment. The building did have an operation room but it was seldom used.

In the mid 1920's the Pasco Brothers purchased the Quigley residence at 312 E. Main in Greenfield. By this time more requests were being made to hold funeral services at the funeral home. The transition to the new location was also prompted by a new state law that required that all embalming procedures be completed in a "room subject to inspection". Chancy Pasco of Pasco Brothers Mortuary also assisted in the funeral of James Whitcomb Riley, The Hoosier Poet.

Charles Pasco, a third generation Pasco graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1935 and entered into the family business with his father Chancy and Uncle Jack. They changed the name to Pasco Funeral Home. In 1950 Chancy and Charles purchased John "Jack" Pasco's interest in the funeral home. Chancy F. Pasco died in 1953 and Charles Pasco changed the firm's name to Pasco Memorial Mortuary in honor of his father. Charles continued to operate the business until his son Dick Pasco joined the family firm in 1971 and graduated from Indiana Mortuary College in 1973. In 1976

Charles other son Dave Pasco joined the business and graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1978.

Charles Pasco died in 1991 and his sons continued operating the family firm. In 1999 the funeral home moved from their location of 75 years on East Main Street to a new state of the art facility at 1780 West Main Street. In 2001 the Pasco Family sold the business to the Stillinger Family of Wilkinson, Indiana. Both families have been friends and colleagues for many generations. Dick and David Pasco continued to work in the funeral home until their retirement in the late 2000's. In 2007 the Stillinger Family changed the name of the facility to Stillinger Family Funeral Home ~ Pasco Chapel David Stillinger and his staff continue to proudly serve the families of Greenfield and Hancock County.

Many changes in the funeral business have transpired over the past 100 years, yet Stillinger Family Funeral Home ~ Pasco Chapel will continue to uphold the traditions and Integrity of the Pasco Family for several generations to come.