



# Harper's 5 and 10 Cent Store

The Harper's Row building is comprised of four storefronts that were modified in the 1930's for Harper's Five and Dime Store. After Harper's closed in the mid 1980's, design modifications again occurred due to tenant requirements. In 2009 Main Street Toccoa partnered with Historic Preservationist Chip Wright and property owner Robert White to develop building renovation plans. Design drawings were based on historic photos captured in the book Images of America: Toccoa. In 2012, contractor DeerCourt Enterprises was chosen for the construction work. Mr. Wright provided façade renderings, detailing the specific restoration of the rusticated stucco veneer, arches, windows, doors, and alcoves. Architecturally historic details were recreated, such as the three step corbeled banding along the upper parapet wall and on the lower façade and the lunette transoms in the arches above the entry. The corbeled arches above the windows and entry alcoves have a thin layer of stucco applied and then stained white to compliment the wood paneling seen beneath the lower shop windows and doors. The windows in the upper façade have been painted white to match the decorative white ornamental details below. Façade renovations were completed in April 2013.

Long seen as one of the most ionic buildings in downtown Toccoa and located directly across from the historic courthouse, Harper's Row is more than just an architectural testament to downtown's growth. For generations, residents had frequented the building and, to this day, continue to tell stories of the candy booth, pressed tin ceiling, rows of clothing, and other fond memories. The repair work done to this building sparked a renewed interest in the history and investment for downtown.



Harper's 5 and 10 Cent Store 1940's



After the canopies were removed



After façade renovations in 2012

**Snapshots of Toccoa's history**