

Nickel Back Shoe Store

For over 20 years it was known as the Nickel Back Shoe Store. It was first owned by the Collins family, who owned a lot of property on the South side of Toccoa. The last member of the Collins family was Corrie Smith, who was a descendent of the Lithim-Meeks-Collins. Ms. Smith never married and eventually, a man by the name of Walter Button bought the building from her. Mr. Button opened Nickel Back Shoe Store, with one location being here in Downtown Toccoa and the other in Gainesville, Georgia.

When Nickel Back Shoe Store closed, this building became home to two other businesses in the 1990s, "Flower & Candy Basket" and "Falling Water Bakery and Café." In 2002, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy and Cheri Harris purchased the building and have maintained ownership since, operating his business "Harris Communications" and helping his daughter, Ms. Rebekah Harris, to open "Spa and Salon Anastasia."

The Harris family has worked diligently to restore the historical integrity of the building such as the gold lettering marquis above the door and the gold grates on the facade. The structure still has its original wooden floors and bricks that were produced in Downtown Toccoa's brickyard. It is indicative of the early 20th century classical commercial storefront.



Before façade renovations in 2011.

WWII Soldiers walking down Doyle Street in front of Nickel Back and other stores.



After façade renovations in 2012.

SNAPSHOTS OF TOCCOA'S HISTORY

