



Parker Newman Drugstore & Soda Shop

Built in 1907 around the same time as the construction of the Stephens County Courthouse, this building has housed various types of businesses over the years, including several drug stores, Gilberts Drugs, and the Parker Newman Drug Store & Soda Shop.

Specifically, the Parker Newman Drug Store was originally operated by Mr. Newman alone until Mr. Parker came in with him. The soda fountain was a staple in the 1950s and served as a popular “hang-out” for middle and high school kids.

After its stint as the Parker Newman Drug Store, the building housed the Georgia Credit of Toccoa and specialized in local finance and small loans. Later, it served as storage until opening as B.J.’s Restaurant, known throughout Stephens County and beyond for its wonderful breakfast, lunch, and dinner items!



Snapshots of Toccoa’s History