

Toccoa Train Depot

In 1873, a railroad was built in the town of Dry Pond, later to be known as Toccoa. The community would forever change as a major railroad center and this would soon be the most significant event in the history of Toccoa-Stephens County. The first depot built to facilitate the railroad burned down in 1890. The current station was built in its place in 1915 and around the 1940s, the depot experienced renovations.

Since the early 1980s the City, supported by the City Commission, had tried to purchase the old depot from Norfolk Southern Railway. In 1997 they succeeded, and the City purchased the building and two acres of property from Norfolk Southern. In 2000, the City applied for and received federal and state funding assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for a renovation project. In 2005, project renovation began, and following a recommendation from the State Historic Preservation Division, a focus of architectural design that was reminiscent of the 1940s was created.

Now the depot houses the Chamber of Commerce, the local Welcome Center, the Stephens County Historical Society, Currahee Military Museum, and Amtrak. Historically the train depot was a vital part of the community, and it played an important role in revitalizing the entire downtown area.

The Depot has served as a central hub for Toccoa for over one hundred years and continues to do so by greeting travelers, tourists, businesses, and social groups.



Soldiers in front of depot entrance, c. 1945.



Train Depot today, with renovations reflective of 1940s era.

SNAPSHOTS OF TOCCOA'S HISTORY

