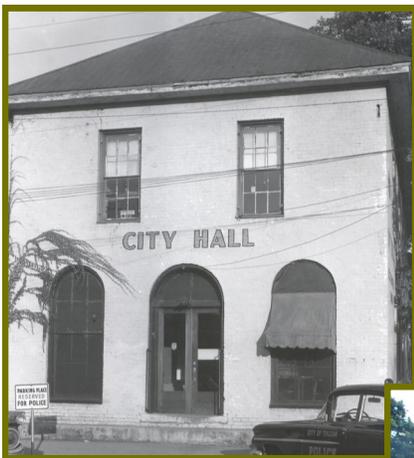


# City Hall

The Toccoa Municipal Building, a former US post office, was built in 1932 and is a one-and-a-half story Neo-Classical Revival brick building. After World War II, a big change came to Toccoa. A business boom occurred, pulling businesses away from downtown and instead to Big A Road. The post office continued to stay in this location until the early 1960s, when it moved to its existing location further down Alexander Street. The move was most likely connected to the volume of mail -- particularly business mail -- that grew significantly nationwide from the 1930s to the early 1960s. This increase subsequently created a need for a better and more efficient system, and the need for a more modern facility. The new post office location had previously been the original site of the Toccoa Clinic. A new structure was constructed to replace the building with a modern facility that could accommodate growing postal services. It was during this time of renovation and vacancy that the City moved into the old building. The first city services to be housed in this location were the police department, bill payments, municipal court and jail. Additionally, in response to the start of the Cold War in the late 1940s, the basement area had previously been designated as one of two fallout shelters in town by the 1950s.

The building continued to house all municipal services until the 1990s, when the three floor addition was added to the rear of the facility. This allowed for a growth in departments and personnel, including the Main Street Program.



To the right: City Hall, c. 1960 before move; location uncertain.

To the left: Toccoa's Old Post Office, date unknown.

Below: City Hall, today.



## **SNAPSHOTS OF TOCCOA'S HISTORY**

