

## Harper Home

This modern office space was previously a home for the Harper family sisters in 1937. The Harper family was well known in Toccoa due to their 5 and 10 Cent Store that was downtown for over thirty years. The home was also a Bed & Breakfast and was used as such for 10 – 15 years, serving food on Sundays.

The home is a prime example of California Arts & Crafts style, also known as the American Craftsman style, bungalow which was popular in 1910 – 1925. With the intention of steering away from Victorian style architecture, the bungalow focused on raw materials, simplicity in design, and visibility of handicraft. The Craftsman bungalow started a movement for those in the American middle class to own more 'noble' homes. Unique to the Craftsman style is locally handcrafted wood, glass, and stone. As such, in this particular bungalow, the fold-in doors from the Bed & Breakfast are still intact and as well as original crystal doorknobs.

Today, the architectural design has mostly stayed the same with some Plexiglas additions, an added HVAC system, and storage rooms incorporated upstairs. The offices of Attorney Dan Pressley take residence and Main Street is glad to have his services as a part of downtown.



Harper Home side view facing Hill Street



Harper Home after façade renovations in 2011

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Main Street Toccoa

