



Simmons-Bond Inn

Levi Prater was the architect for this house built for James Bollinger Simmons in 1903. This house is an excellent example of the asymmetrical Victorian type of the early 1900's. Mr. Simmons pioneered the furniture industry in Toccoa. The original house had a semi-circular porch on the right side which extended the house closer to the street. In the 1960's the porch was straightened. Ionic columns and banisters surround the porch.

The house features oak paneling in the reception rooms, with Ionic columns and pilasters in oak. The large dining room has a bay window. The frieze on bays and under eaves is of terra cotta. There is wonderful glass work on the house. The front door is leaded cut glass, as are the parlor and foyer windows. The dining room has four stained glasses windows, and upstairs there are four oval "spiderweb" leaded glass windows. There is a beautiful seven foot stained glass window that lights the grand staircase. There are nine curved glass double-hung windows, include two that are arched. The chandeliers are solid brass. This house was the first in Toccoa to have running water and plumbing. This house is one of the most outstanding homes in Toccoa.



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