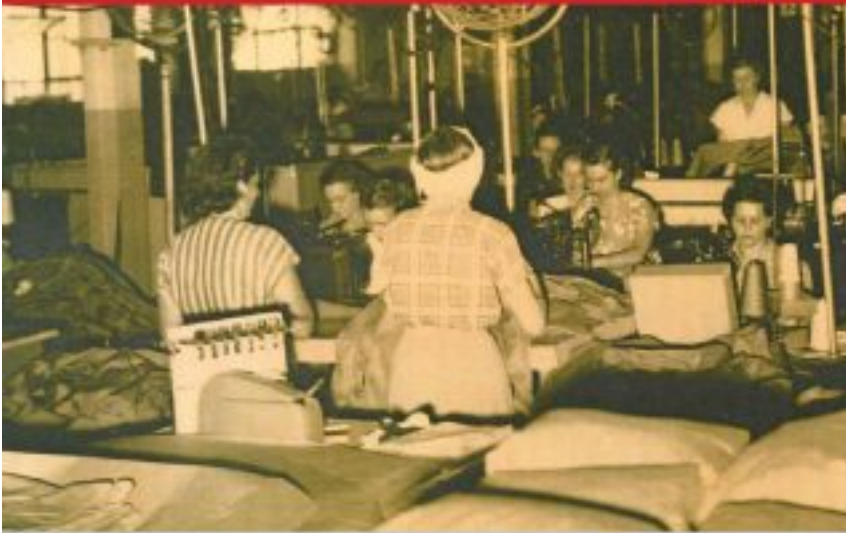


## Historic Downtown Hartwell Ambassador



**Current Business Name:** Shoppe on the Square  
**Current Business Owner:** Connie Carter  
**Address:** 150 W Franklin Street  
**Parcel No.:** 157D124

### History-At-A-Glance

#### Architectural Style:

None on the actual building, but the front entries were updated in the mid-20th century to mid-century modern style.

#### Build Date:

The tax assessor information says the building dates to 1910, but it appears on the 1908 Sanborn map, so it was likely built between 1902 and 1907.

#### Unusual features/uses:

Garages, Tinware Shop, Grocery Store, Armory, and Masonic Lodge

**1900-1910**

Duncan & Temples Woodworking was located directly behind this lot, where Blazer's Hot Wings is currently located.

**1883**

Known as "Lot 44", it was sold at public auction by Sheriff Myers of Hart County to Mr. F.M. Butler.

**1883**

Became known as "Butler's Bar Room".

**1883**

F.M. Butler sold the lot to Mr. J.E. & Mr. O.E. Horton.

**1901**

A wood-framed building with a shingle roof was on this corner, operating as a meat market.

**1908**

The meat market was torn down, and replaced by a two-story brick building with a tin roof. This building is labeled "The Horton Building" on maps. It was split into three stores: a tinware/crockery shop, a vacant shop, and a grocery store that faced Elbert Street.

**1917**

The tin/crockery shop and the grocery store were both vacant by this point. The formerly vacant store had become a garage. The upstairs was an armory.

**1924**

The building still contained three downstairs stores and an upstairs. The downstairs featured two garages and one shop. The upstairs was a Masonic Lodge Hall.

**1950**

The front of the shop was updated in the mid-century modern style, evidenced by the aluminum framing and black tile work. This was very common during the 1950's and 1960's.

**1930-1970**

The Gallant Belk Building was located here. During the 1940's, there was also a sewing shop on the second floor that had wool contracts for World War II. Coffins were sold in the basement.

**1990**

An Antique shop was located here.

**2001-2018**

Shoppe on the Square was located here.



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