

## Historic Downtown Hartwell Ambassador



**Current Business Name:** Hang It Up Gallery  
**Current Business Owner:** Diane Geiger  
**Address:** 30 N Forest Avenue  
**Parcel No.:** 157D172

### History-At-A-Glance

**Architectural Style:**  
Elements of Queen Anne

**Build Date:**  
1900

**Unusual features/uses:**  
Assignment store, Masonic Lodge

#### Quote from notable Hart Countian/Hartwellian about the building:

"Vickery Hardware became one of the busiest stores in Hartwell and was a gathering place for the county's farmers. Despite the fact that hardware is often dirty and smelly, Isham Vickery (pronounced Isom) wore a suit complete with bow tie. His philosophy was that if you're the management you should look the part. He felt that his store was there to serve the public regardless of time of day. Isham earned a place of recognition in Hartwell. He became a member of city council and served as mayor pro-tem, a member of the Hart County Board of Education, and many other places of service for the county. He was a member of First Baptist Church, serving many years on the board of deacons and as Sunday School superintendent." - Mrs. Wassie Vickery



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**1901 -  
1924**

Ground floor was a general store. The second floor was a Masonic Lodge, accessible by a set of outside stairs.

**1908**

A wooden shed was attached to the back of the general store (this was torn down by 1917).

**1917**

An iron awning and a skylight were added on the second floor of the interior rear section.

**1930 -  
1980**

Isham Parker Vickery established Vickery's Hardware in 1933. His son, Maurice Vickery, took over management in the 1960s. He served in a dual role as the volunteer fire chief and was able to reach his fire truck from the back door of the store. The fire station was also right behind the building. Vickery's Hardware was known for a beautiful window display of different colors and textures made of garden seeds. The establishment was a cornerstone in the agricultural community.

**2008**

Hang It Up Gallery was established.