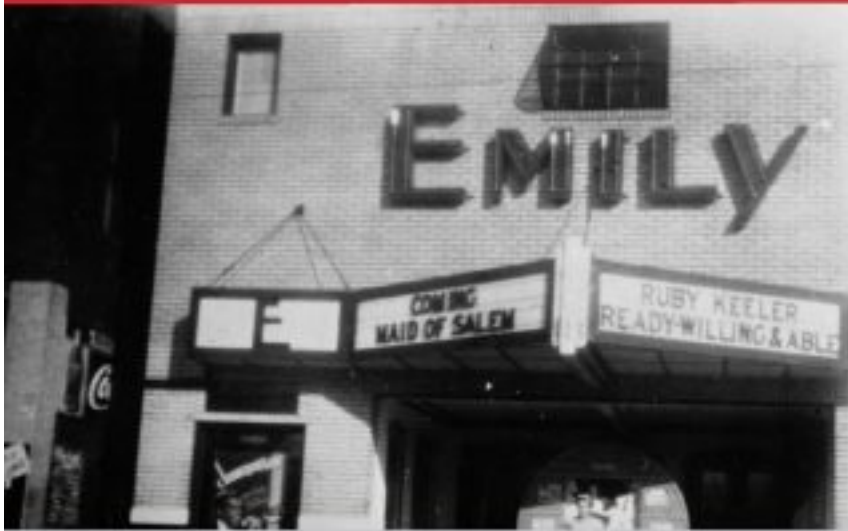


## Historic Downtown Hartwell Ambassador



**Current Business Name:** G's Southern Traditions  
**Current Business Owner:** Gina Temple  
**Address:** 36 Forest Avenue  
**Parcel No.:** 157D171

### History-At-A-Glance

**Architectural Style:**  
Elements of Art Deco

**Build Date:**  
1925

**Unusual features/uses:**  
Emily Theatre

**1901 -  
1924**

This lot was vacant on all the Sanborn maps. There were exterior stairs attached to both of the buildings beside this lot, which led to Masonic Lodges on the second floors of those buildings.

**1925 -  
1935**

Owned by the Matheson family.

**1935 -  
1957**

Owned by William and Emma Julia Yarborough.

**1925 -  
1950**

Emily Theatre, theatre in town where African Americans were allowed (in the balcony, during segregation). It was the largest theatre in town, owned by William Yarborough and named for his daughter, who looked like an actress. It had a Victorian feel and an organ used for shows. People could purchase tickets for 15 cents and Monday nights were deal nights. It was very popular. People would spend their Saturdays there, and most everyone had their own seat. William Yarborough had money and theaters were his business. He promoted outside Hartwell to bring in out-of-town visitors. The back mural of the Emily featured Gane with the Wind

**1950**

J.C. Poole's Clothing.

Maret's Grocery.

Consignment Shop,  
Antique Shop.

Children's Clothing Store.

**2017**

G's Southern Traditions was established.



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