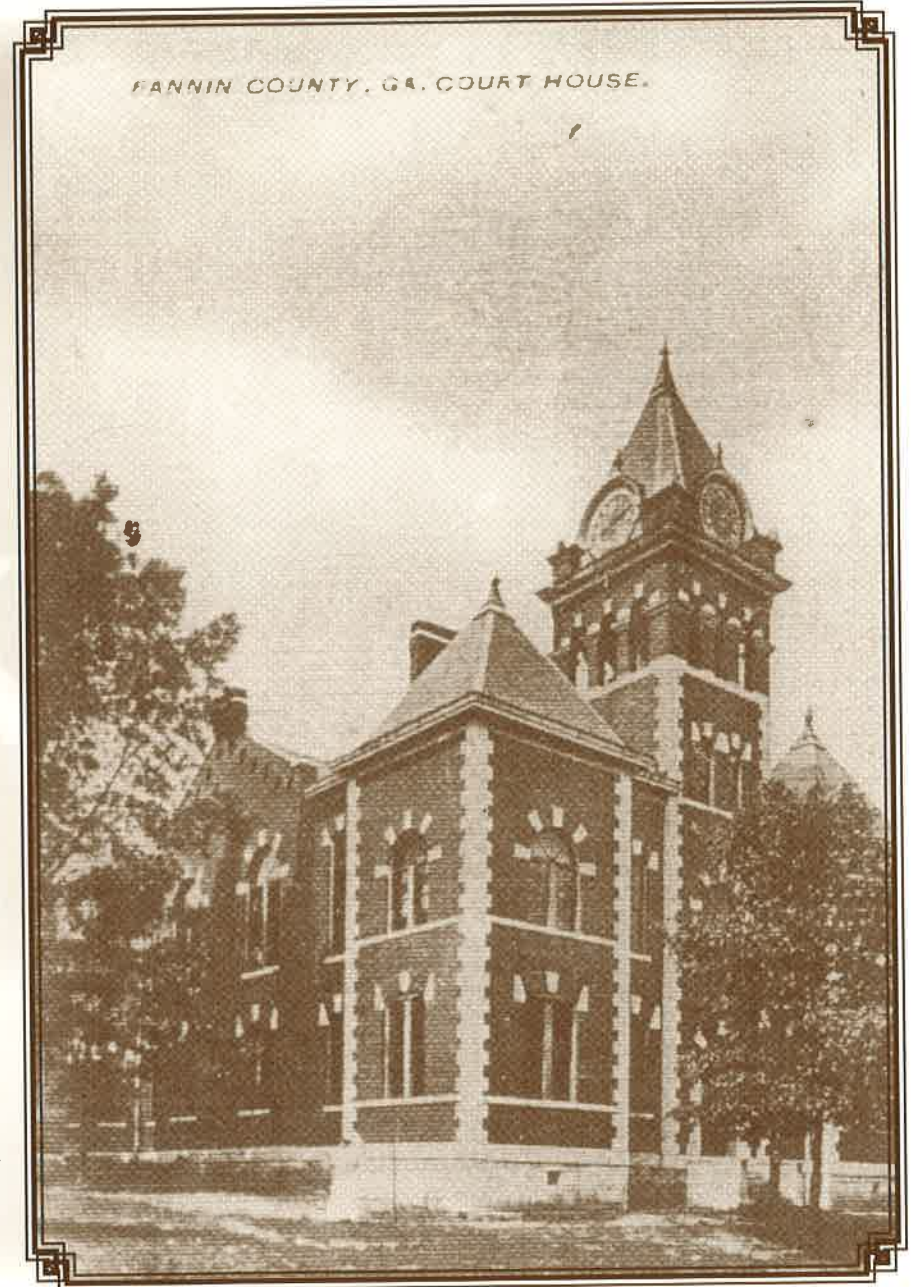


## First Courthouse of Blue Ridge



In 1895, the county seat was moved from Morganton to Blue Ridge which was the end of the rail line. Since many out-of-town attorneys stayed at the hotel in Blue Ridge, their complaints of inconvenience had, obviously, been heard. Featured is the first courthouse in Blue Ridge which was completed in 1901. It burned to the ground on July 3, 1936.

A second courthouse was built in 1937 in an extremely quick turn-a-round time. It now houses the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association and the modern, new courthouse beside it was completed in 2004.



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