

## The Haight Building



This building probably has some of the most checkered building history in Blue Ridge. Originally the Haight Building, it was completed in 1895 and housed the Fannin County Bank and Blue Ridge Pharmacy. The insert photo shows the inhabitants in the 30's, including the pharmacy, Dr. Daves' office above the pharmacy, an electric and phone company, a lawyer's office, the insurance company and the post office. In the 40's, the Fannin County Bank moved across the street and the post office moved to its current location. The large photo shows the building in the early 1940's after the Blue Ridge Pharmacy had moved out and the Central Store had taken its place as a sundry, OTC "pharmacy" store. Due to extensive leakage of the roof, the entire top floor had become structurally unsound and it was removed. The adjacent original Blue Ridge Hotel burned to the ground in 1917 and was immediately replaced by the Butt Inn. This burned in 1926. This photo shows the "Wilson House" and, some time later, Annie Gaitrell replaced it with the Blue Ridge Hotel. Unfortunately, Annie's hotel also burned