

Walters Barber Shop
112 and 114 South Main Street Huntersville



The Walters Barber Shop was built in 1920 by Huntersville businessman John Henry Walters. The storefront on the right (now 112 South Main) served as the barber shop where Mr. Walters cut hair and employed two additional barbers. The barber shop also offered shoe shines and a public shower, which was in demand as many of Huntersville's dwellings did not have in-door plumbing in the 1920s. The left storefront (now 114 South Main) was built as a "notions" store operated by John Henry's wife Annie.



With the death of John Henry Walters in 1934, the property passed to his son Tommy Walters who continued to operate the business. During the Great Depression the notions store closed and Tommy Walters converted the second storefront into an apartment and moved his family into the space beside his barber shop around 1940. The building continued to operate as a barber shop until Tommy Walters death in 1974.



The Walters Family at the rear of the building around 1944. The door to the right led to their apartment. The door on the left led to the barber shop.

Despite alterations to the façade, the Walters Barber Shop has retained much of its historic character. The majority of the exterior is essentially intact. Interior features include a pressed-metal ceiling, plaster walls, concrete floors, woodwork, and the intact original floorplan.