

# Dahlonega, Georgia, A Quintessential Character Town.

*Lumpkin County was created in 1832, the City was chartered shortly thereafter. As of the 2020 United States census, there were 7,537 people, 1,873 households, and 1,086 families residing in the city.*



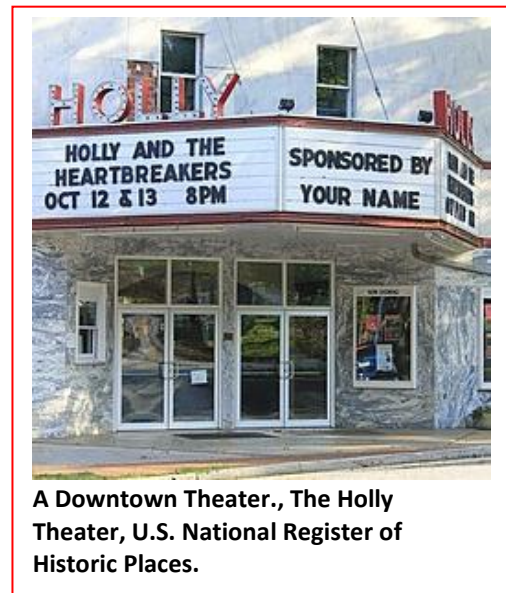
**CHARACTER.** The City's visitor-based economy depends on being and remaining an interesting, pleasant and prosperous place for residents, businesses and visitors; a character town.

## NAMING THE CITY.

The city was named "Talonega" by the Georgia General Assembly on December 21, 1833.[19] The name was changed from Talonega by the Georgia General Assembly on December 25, 1837 to "Dahlonega",[19] from the Cherokee-language word Dalonige, meaning "yellow" or "gold".[18][20]

## LOCAL ECONOMY... wine and tourism.

**From Wikipedia and Google we find:** "In recent years, Dahlonega and Lumpkin County have been recognized as 'the heart of the North Georgia Wine Country'. The historic Dahlonega Square is a popular destination, with gift shops, restaurants, art galleries and studios, and wine-tasting rooms. In 2015, Senator Steve Gooch introduced Georgia Senate Resolution 125 officially recognizing Lumpkin County as the Wine Tasting Room Capital of Georgia. Tasting rooms offering wines from regional vineyards cluster around the 19th-century Public Square and the Dahlonega Gold Museum in the 1836 courthouse. The Museum chronicles mining in the area from the discovery of gold in 1828. Consolidated Gold Mine includes an underground mine from around 1900. Waterfalls, including towering Amicalola Falls, dot the mountains of north Georgia."



**A Downtown Theater., The Holly Theater, U.S. National Register of Historic Places.**

## SPECIAL FEATURES.

- Dahlonega is home to the Holly Theatre.
- Multiple vineyards and five licensed wineries that attract many tourists.
- "Bear on the Square", an annual three-day festival held the third weekend in April, marks the day that a black bear wandered onto the square. It features bluegrass and old-time music.
- "Gold Rush Days", an annual two-day event third weekend in October, attracts over 200,000 people.

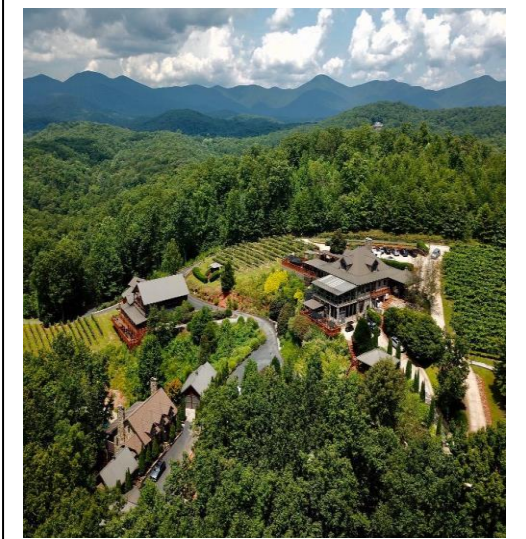
**CHARACTER ASSETS.**

The Town has:

- A well-preserved town square that hosts the historic Gold Mine Museum in the 1836 Courthouse.
- Lodging at the historic Smith House located downtown.
- The Holly Theater on the National Historic Register.
- Shops, restaurants, wide sidewalks, seating areas and decorative street lighting. A great place to live or visit.
- City Hall and the Public Library are not located in or near downtown.



The Smith House Historic Inn has 16 rooms on property, plus 23 rooms in our new Lodge, 4 villas located right on the historic town square and 2 cottages - all located indowntown Dahlonega. The Smith House with 22 rooms opened to visitors since 1899.



Wolf Mountain Vineyard, one of five licensed wineries.



Downtown Dahlonega, Ice Cream and Fudge.

