

## Joseph Habersham House



The Joseph Habersham House sits right beside the highway just north of Clarkesville. It's beautiful, historic and well maintained. Habersham County was named in honor of the famous Revolutionary leader (and later Postmaster General) Joseph Habersham.

Notes for the Photographer: A good perspective is from the opposite side of the highway and up the bank. You will want to make the exposure on a cloudy day to keep from getting heavy shadows under the porch and roof overhang.

Directions: From the square in Clarkesville, travel north 2.3 miles on Old Historic U.S. 441. The house will be on the left.

GPS Coordinates: 34°37'31.4"N 83°29'29.4"W

Interesting Fact: Although the historical marker in front of the house plainly proclaims the house to be the summer home of Joseph Habersham, there are some other opinions. An early writer about the county (Addie Bass) said that Joseph did not reside in Habersham County but visited his son who built a home near Clarkesville. Joseph died in 1815; the county was formed in 1818. Another source, The New Georgia Guide (University of Georgia Press) states this: "The home of Richard W. Habersham...a stone house on U.S. 441 north of Clarkesville, was traditionally considered eighteenth century but of late has been proved to be early- to mid- nineteenth century in origin." Either way, it's a pretty place.