

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
<b>Habersham, Richard Wyly</b>	b. Dec 1786 - d. 2 Dec 1842	56 yrs.	<b>R54/137 ©</b>

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*The National Intelligencer, December 15, 1842*

The *Augusta Chronicle* some days ago reported the death of the Hon. Mr. Habersham, the highly esteemed Representative in Congress from the State of Georgia; but to this moment we are in doubt of the fact. He is said to have died on the 2d instant. Our letter announcing his being "extremely ill" was from one of his sons, and was postmarked at his post-town (three miles from his residence) Dec. 4, the letter itself being without date, but, when received by us, was presumed to have been written on the day it was mailed, or at least on the day previous. If this supposition be correct, the report of his death is of course unfounded. It is credited, however, we observe, at Savannah, on the authority of the *Augusta paper* already referred to.

*The National Intelligencer, Tuesday, December 20, 1842*

The announcement of the decease of the Hon. R.W. Habersham, one of the Representatives in Congress from the State of Georgia, induced the adjournment yesterday of both Houses of Congress without proceeding with the ordinary business. In the House of Representatives Mr. Gamble, and in the Senate Mr. Berrien, paid the tribute due to the highly estimable and excellent character of the deceased, whose universal personal popularity in his own State was the best evidence of his private worth and of the confidence of the People in his political integrity.

Until yesterday, we had hoped that yet the newspaper report of the death of Mr. Habersham might prove untrue; and to this moment we have seen no evidence of the fact sufficient to outweigh the presumption of the report being at least premature. Letters have, however, been received by Members of Congress from Members of the Legislature of Georgia, now in session, affirming the fact, which the Proclamation of the Governor authorizing a special election to fill the vacancy thus created seems finally to settle.