

Welcome to Your New Home



History and Venue

This home was designed by an engineer (not just an architect), and built by the same design engineer as his own residence. This is a single-owner home, having been built and maintained solely by its designer.

During 1989 this Country Traditional house was constructed amid five acres of woodland north of Atlanta. The project took about one year to plan and approximately nine months to execute. It is completely self sufficient with a 200 foot drilled well, underground propane storage for heating and cooking, a septic field, and an eight kilowatt two-phase 120 VAC, 60 Hz electrical generator which runs on propane. Of course under normal conditions, all electricity is supplied from the commercial power grid.

Until the 1930s, this land was used for cotton farming. After that, it was allowed to lay fallow and a southern pine forest grew up. Some of the pines are four feet in diameter and 100 feet tall. In the woods one can find the remnants of the farmer's terrace walls made of natural stones plowed from the fields. The terraces form gentle slopes surrounding a spring-fed stream having a reliable 13 gallon-per-minute flow even during drought conditions.

A 635 foot asphalt paved road winds through the woods from the Cherokee County-maintained asphalt street (Mondi Drive) to the house. Along the way it crosses a stream over a stone bridge with planters along each side, and terminated with automatically-timed coach lamps at each end. The stream is spring-fed and supplies a three acre lake on an adjacent property that has catfish, brim, bass, and crappie. An assortment of other wild life including great blue herons, king fishers, softback turtles, frogs, and microfauna populate this lake and its stream sources.