

\* Nat. War -  
Tombstone (Memorial in  
Winston Memorial Park  
in Boiling Springs, S.C.  
a mile out of Boonville, S.C.)

Joseph Brabham  
1818

md \* Flora McPhail  
(11 children)

5 Mar. 18 (1st)  
\* Joseph Brabham Jr. md Sarah Clarke Kirkland - Elizabeth  
1 March 1835 - 3 Nov. 1875 (40 yrs. old) 12 Nov. 1790 - 17 June 1844  
Dr. Seaborn Fairman Brabham md Susan Holly  
20 Sept. 1832 - 23 Apr. 1873 (46 yrs. old) 24 Feb. 1833 - 25 Sept. 1875 (37 yrs. old)  
Edis Brabham md Eunice House Malone  
1 Aug. 1861 - 4 June 1937 5 Aug. 1870 - 12 Jan. 1937  
Effie Brabham md John Morrall Cater  
7 May 1843 - 30 Sept. 1969 30 June 1915  
Eunice DuPont Cater md Harry English Robinson  
22 Sept. 1917 - 24 Dec. 1937 Nov. 1889 - 6 Jan. 1930  
25 April 1914 -

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and  
back  
McPhail Kears  
1790-1844

Nancy Brabham md Jacob Kears  
25 Oct. 1821  
Oliva B. Kears md John Jacob Folk  
1803-1886 1802-1881  
John Francis Folk md Mahala Elizabeth Platts  
1822-1861 1844 1829-1897  
John Jacob Folk md (1st) Margaret R. Durr  
1845-1918 2nd Oct. 1866 1844-1870  
Nancy Oliva Elizabeth Folk md Ellison Caper Folk  
1866-1895 (McPhail) 1869-1934  
Margaret Anna Folk md Robert Rhodes Peoples  
1894-1983 1890-1947  
Robert E.H. Peoples md Cora McKensie  
13 Jan. 1918 - (8 Dec. 1948)

(Why is my line 2 generations shorter than yours?)

Thomas Cater B.V.A.  
1751-1802 (of "Cater Hill")

1773  
Rachel Miles  
22 Dec. 1759 - 30 Jan. 1802

21 Jan. 1805  
Thomas Miles Cater md (1st) Sarah McPherson Postall  
24 Oct. 1796 - 30 Jan. 1819 23 May 1786 - 8 Feb. 1815  
John James Cater md Cynthia Ann Peyton  
29 May 1809 - 30 Nov. 1872 (1842) 20 Aug. 1827 - 14 June 1857  
Deaton Miles Cater md Frances H. Anderson  
14 Nov. 1855 - 2 Aug. 1904 1857 23 Dec. 1862 - 10 June 1927  
John Morrall Cater md Effie Langhorne Brabham  
29 Nov. 1889 - 6 Jan. 1930 30 June 1915 7 May 1843 - 30 Sept. 1969  
Eunice DuPont Cater md Harry English Robinson  
22 Sept. 1917 25 Apr. 1914 -

Mary Elizabeth Cater md Thomas Rhodes  
1799 (1st) 1775-1804  
George Rhodes md Eliza gave Robert  
17 Jan. 1862 - 2 Oct. 1881 25 Dec. 1828 (2nd) 30 Jan. 1810 - 1867  
Eliza Jane (Nila) Rhodes md John Williamson Peoples  
8 Jun. 1915  
Robert Rhodes Peoples md Margaret Anna Folk  
1890-1947 1894-1983  
Robert E.H. Peoples md Cora McKensie  
13 Jan. 1918 - 13 Dec. 1948

McPhail md

Nat. War Hero

Rev. John McPhail  
Flora McPhail  
md  
Joseph Brabham -



- **Idis Brabham** -  
 (Grandfather) of *Ermine Cater Robinson*

By **N. L. WILLET**

Introducing Mr. Idis Brabham, Country Gentleman and Prosperous Farmer and Trucker of Hattiesville, S. C.

In going through the South one sees so many worn out, run-down farms. These pathetic thin lands with their pathetic crops and the overtly appearing homes and barns of these farm land owners all make one wonder if this lack of prosperity is the result of necessitous conditions, or whether it comes from sheer improvidence. And perhaps the story I am going to write about Mr. Idis Brabham, who lives near Hattiesville, on the Port Royal strand, some 30 miles below Augusta may help to answer the above questions.

**New Concept.**  
 If the Northwest and Middle West farmers and if the host of newspaper writers in all the North could have spent the day as I did recently in the home and out on the farm of Mr. Brabham, they would have gained new and better concepts of the possibilities and potentialities of Southern agriculture. During 43 consecutive cotton days, Mr. Brabham has offered a big and attractive plan for his plantation, but he refused—has not—this—always seen his home and did he not love country life?

Mr. Brabham's home is a beautiful one and carrying every modern convenience. About it clusters lately lines of Evergreen water-trees while out yonder in encircling stretches lie great fields of tops ripening to their harvest—there was certainly no evidence of poverty in home or in the fields. That more could a man wish or ask than this? For Mr. Brabham not only has all the comforts and refinements of life but he is happy knowing that his profession is earth's best recreator and Earth's best wealth maker—and what more ethical life than this? And in front of his home there runs the new state highway from Augusta to Sanford—its just one hour to Augusta. And how these highways and automobiles have taken all the remoteness and the loneliness out of country life! And truly not all of us love the garrish city with its feverish crowds. Some of us love the green fields and forests and field tops and herds and the starlit nights.

**Farmer and Trucker.**  
 Mr. Brabham is both trucker and farmer. He cultivates with share-croppers, renters and wage hands, some 1,300 acres while he owns thousands of acres more in woods and streams and untilled lands while down in the Savannah river swamps he owns 2,200 acres of virgin timber—the finest timber tract left in its old time amazing timber reservoir. But Mr. Brabham is something more than a mere land owner; his profession he is a continuous success and a money-maker. His remarkable success makes him worthy to be followed as a guide and leader and hence this story.

**Asparagus.**  
 As a trucker Mr. Brabham has linked his name with asparagus. He in middle South Carolina was the pilot in South Carolina's great asparagus industry. Continuously throughout 22 years he has made money in asparagus. He has had 400 acres in asparagus. This is a simple field in the world. But this was too much for his "labor." This year he had 200 acres. Next year he will cut acreage, still more, but will intensify cultivation and increase quality without reduction in output. He thinks that South Carolina and Georgia could double asparagus acreage and not overproduce. The quality of our green asparagus is better than California's, but California's asparagus is bigger and "cans" better than does our. He does not believe in our canning this crop, for it crops the head too closely and lessens the succeeding crop.

**Watermelons.**  
 Mr. Brabham has always grown water melons. He grows nothing but Watson. The crop was a little short this year but he got 33 cars from 80 acres. He got 300 to 400 dollars per car at his depot. He is not a believer in cantaloupe and the honey dew melon, he thinks it an expensive crop and an unreliable one because of the borer and possible wet weather.

**Lucretia Dewberry.**  
 Mr. Brabham has made money from the Lucretia Dewberry. He began with 20 acres but has cut this because it interferes with his farm crops. He sold them easily—probably going into wine. The usual price was \$3.50 per crate of 24 quart baskets. This Dewberry, trained on 5 ft. stakes and the vines cut back each year, is so prolific and so edible and never needing replanting should be a part of Mr. Brabham's thinking of every garden and farm.

**Cotton.**  
 Mr. Brabham has 525 acres in cotton. He has not needed rain a day this year. To date his cotton crop is as fine as he ever had in his life. He plants Cleveland and Big Boll Will Resistant. His crop is pretty well made. He began picking August 3rd. and will be in full blast by August 15th. I never saw finer cotton than is Mr. Brabham's crop. I wonder if all South Carolina can duplicate it.

**Corn.**  
 Mr. Brabham plants 500 acres in corn. He plants velvet beans in the middles—never in the drill. His corn crop is most excellent and it is safe. It is a treat to look at—just as his cotton crop. He turns under his velvets and plants cotton on this land the next season. By this turning under of legumes he has increased the fertility of his land so that frequently he does not need more than 200 pounds of guano per acre for his cotton. One sees maximum crops on Mr. Brabham's farm because he has no poor thin lands—and he says every other farmer can do just as he has done. He has no respect for nor confidence in the agriculture that does not plant legumes in corn. He plants some cowpeas too in corn and after watermelons he plants cowpeas for hay. Next year he is going heavily into soy beans.

**Woodlands.**  
 Mr. Brabham has 2,200 acres in the swamp of the Savannah river—virgin timber—ash, poplar, cypress, oak, cottonwood and pine. He has sold the stumpage at a good figure. Ash stumpage easily brings \$15 per thousand. His sale was a big transaction in timber. No cutting will be allowed under 16 inches in diameter! Mr. Brabham deplores the reckless slaughter of baby timber—so universal now. He says that in 18 or 20 years his woods, cutting only to 16 inches, will be as good as they are today; whereas if cut to 8 inches it would take for renewal 50 or 60 years. Neither sawyer nor the owner he says gets anything out of trees cut to 8, 10, 12 and 14 inches in diameter.

**Machinery.**  
 Mr. Brabham bought a \$2,200 tractor and necessary plows to use for his asparagus but gave it up for it hurt the roots. He does not use a tractor on his farm for this would put into idleness his negroes and mules. He does not use riding plows for his negroes he says go to sleep and plow up a cotton row. He has about a dozen of walking cultivators. While he employs very many families of negroes only two negroes at migration time left him, and one of these came back. He treats his negroes right. The tenants and share croppers on the farm make money because the farm makes money.

One who goes to look over Mr. Brabham's plantation and his country home comes away with inspiration and hope within him. In his hands agriculture is not a hopeless poverty stricken thing. But this man is a technical man. He is a student. He knows crops and soils. I wish that the whole North and West could see his plantation for there would be here a basis for immigration. To the northwest farmer especially it should be an irresistible appeal.

N. L. W.

## PROMINENT S. C. LANDOWNER DIES

Idis Brabham, Father and Brother of Well Known Augustans, Passes 1937

Ellenton, S. C., June 4. — Idis Brabham, 75, of Hattiesville, prominent landowner of South Carolina and a leading citizen of Barnwell county, died at his home this morning at 8:30 o'clock after a brief illness. He had been a resident of Barnwell county all of his life, and was the son of the late Dr. James C. and Mrs. Susan Holly Brabham. He married Miss Ermine Louise Malone of Quincy, Fla., in 1890 and since that time had resided at Hattiesville. His wife died last January.

For 12 years Mr. Brabham was a member of the board of directors of the county and was held in high esteem. He was a devoted member of the Methodist church. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence with Rev. C. O. Shuler of Ellenton officiating. Interment will follow at Magnolia cemetery, Augusta.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the board of directors of the county and Edgar A. Brown, Dr. A. D. Patterson, Tom Wilson, W. T. Hankinson, J. B. Kirkland, D. C. Bush, J. B. Goodwin, A. E. Wise, Horace Dicks, T. S. Dunbar, Dr. Paul H. Culbreath, Dr. S. T. Brinkley, Dr. J. H. Butler, Dr. H. Goodrich, J. J. Carswell, M. D. Ellis and Ralph Dunbar.

Active pallbearers will be C. C. Meyers, Robert Peoples, Perry E. Bush, H. M. Cassels, W. E. Asinley, Joe A. Patterson, Charles Sweet and Jim Dunbar.

Mr. Brabham is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Effie Cater and Mrs. Ellet Walker, both of Augusta, Mrs. J. S. McIlwaine of Varnville, S. C., Mrs. P. H. Buckingham of Ellenton, and Mrs. W. G. Bush of Hattiesville; a sister, Mrs. Oretta Dunbar of Augusta, and 10 grandchildren.