

Mrs. Katherine Brabham, Former Bamberg Newspaper Owner, Dies

BAMBERG

Mrs. Katherine Free Rhoad Brabham, 75, former owner and associate editor of the *Bamberg Herald*, died Monday at Bamberg County Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Bamberg, she was a daughter of the late Charles Benjamin and Elizabeth Jenkins Free. She was twice married, first to the late William Duncan Rhoad and then to the late P. Eugene Brabham.

Mrs. Brabham was also former owner and operator of the Herald Book Store and Gift Shop.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, the Missionary Circle and the administrative church board. She was also a member of the Camellia Garden Club, the U.D.C., the D.A.R. and the Gov. Robert W. Gibbs Colonial Dames, 17th Century.

Mrs. Brabham was a member of the Bamberg County Historical Socie-

ty, South Carolina State Historical Society, the First Families of South Carolina, 1670 to 1700, the South Carolina Pioneer Families, the Huguenot Society and the Rivers Bridge Executive Committee and was chairman of the Bamberg County Election Commission.

She was a 1927 graduate of Columbia College.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. J.B. (Katherine) Ness of Bamberg; a son, William D. Rhoad III of Bamberg; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Trinity United Methodist Church, with burial in Bamberg County Memory Gardens.

The family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church or Columbia College.

Cooner Funeral Home is in charge.