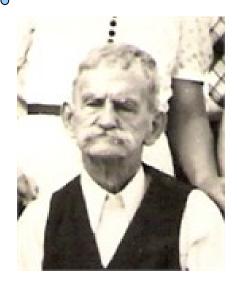
Joseph Brabham Hiers



Born: 3 Jun 1857 SC Married: 5 Jan 1892 Carrie A Priester Died: 13 Jan 1941 Sanford, FL Parents: Wade Hampton Hiers & Sarah Brabham



The two pictures on the right of Joseph were provided by Audrey Hiers, grand-daughter of Joseph & Carrie Hiers.



This picture was taken around 1908. Standing L-R: Belle, George, Joseph, & William Seated: L-R: Otto, Susannah (Carrie's mother),

Bessie, Carrie(Joseph's wife), Harold. At this point the family was living in Hampton, SC.

This picture was taken around 1940, about 20 years after the family moved to Central Florida. Seated front left to right: Carrie Priester Hiers, P-13 and Joseph Brabham Hiers, P-12. Standing behind them are their children. Left to right are:

Bessie Hiers Dobson; William Lee Hiers P-6; George Hiers; Belle Hiers Cauley; Harold Hiers; Pearl Hiers McCormick; Otto Hiers.



This picture was taken the same day as the picture on previous page. Carrie and Joseph are wearing the same clothes and they are all seated in the same spot next to the same house. In this picture are the grandchildren of Joseph and Carrie.

Left to right standing: Louise Hiers, Russell Cleland, Mary David, Hazel Hiers, Mildred Hiers, W L Hiers, and Holden David. Seated are Carrie, Audrey Hiers, and Joseph.



Joseph Brabham Hiers family home in Sanford, FL. Joseph and Carrie moved here from South Carolina. This home is the same one pictured on the previous page with the entire family standing next to it. The above picture was taken on 10/12/08.

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Researchers note:

The question arises, why did Joseph Brabham, his wife, and all of his children, decide to move from Hampton, SC, to Central Florida? I am estimating the move to have happened shortly after 1920 as the 1920 Census shows them all still living together in SC and the 1930 Census shows Joseph B, wife; Carrie, children; Otto, and Harold in the same household but now living in Seminole County, FL. William Hiers, their son and my grandfather, married in 1921 and I have been told that this took place in SC and that they immediately moved down to Central FL. How soon the rest of the family moved is unknown but it had to have taken place before 1930.

I have no information through word of mouth of surviving grand-children of Joseph and Carrie as to why they moved but Joseph, Carrie, and one son, George, ended up living on or near an area called Astor Farms. I do not know for sure where they first lived once moving to Central Florida but from what I have learned farm land called Astor Farms was offered for sale in 10 acre lots by the Produce Land Corporation of Jersey City, New Jersey in the 1930's. I remember as a child visiting our Uncle George, son of Joseph and Carrie, on his large farm. I believe Joseph, being over 60, may have not purchased land to farm but it is certain that his son, George did. The house they lived in is very close to where George's farm was and is still standing. The farm land, however, has been turned into a subdivision called Astor Farms.

In the book, <u>The History of Monroe</u>, by Charlie Carlson & Christine Kinlaw-Best, the following is found on page 38. "Most old timers remember George Hiers as the main resident farmer of Astor Farms." I am not sure if he was considered the main farmer by how much land he owned and farmed, or by how long he continued to farm, or both. George died in 1985.

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Joseph Brabham Hiers is buried in Evergreen Municipal Cemetery, Sanford, FL Picture taken 7/26/08