

MG 259 E. & G. BROOKE LAND CO.

With the entrance of the Brooke family into the iron business and general milling enterprises in Birdsboro, just before 1800, it took an increased impetus and soon forged to the front rank. Of the Brooke family it may be stated that the father and pioneer settler of his name in this part of the country was Matthew Brooke, who had sons Edward and George Brooke. These sons, between 1837 and 1878, at the death of their father in 1878 managed the business successfully. At the passing of Matthew Brooke the real management fell to the son George, who became leader in the vicinity.

Reading and Berks County Pennsylvania @ A History, by Cyrus T. Fox, 1925.
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History of Berks County In Pennsylvania, Morton L. Montgomery, 1886,
p. 894 ff.

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