

About the beginning of the Civil war, a client of James Speed, the lawyer, of Louisville, Ky., took to him a copy of a will made and probated in London. He wanted an opinion concerning some point in it, in writing. It was written and signed by James Speed, and mailed to London. Some days after, the same client called again at James Speed's office, and showed him an opinion just received by mail from London, concerning the same will and signed James Speed.

The hand-writing was so similar to that of James Speed, of Louisville, that upon its being shown to different persons they said it was his.

James Speed, of Louisville, often told this story. He said the two opinions were exactly alike, the writing was alike, and the signatures alike. He said they had passed each other on the water, his own going to London, and that of the London James Speed on its way to Louisville.