

## WILLIAM T. SPEED.

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All that is known of William T. Speed, the third son of James Speed and Mary Pulley, is the date of his birth, which has been preserved, and the letter already mentioned. The fact that the date of his birth is preserved shows that even in the times of the early colonial days this family preserved its record. The date of the birth of James in England, also of his wife; the date of their marriage, and that the ceremony was performed by Rev. John Cargill, of Surrey county, Va.; the date of the birth of their children, and then the recording of the dates of their death, all go to show a due and commendable regard for such matters.

The letter of William T. Speed was written September 4, 1787, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine. It was addressed to his grandnephew, Thomas Speed, who had moved with his father, Captain James Speed, to Kentucky. He says:

"I have heard by thee and thy father that thou art getting learning, and middling for accounts; but Oh! son, wilt thou remember the giver? Was it God or man? Surely all blessings come from God. Therefore, remember the giver, thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, before the evil day comes. May the Lord bless thee in thy youth with vigor to do his will, for there is nothing else can make thee happy, so that at last, thou mayest enjoy eternal felicity, through Christ Jesus our Lord. I am thy affectionate uncle,

" W. T. SPEED."