

will be upon you always; so prays your affectionate father and grandfather. Amen and Amen. JOHN SPEED.\*"

In a letter written by Joseph Speed, his son, to Joseph's brother, Captain James Speed, in Kentucky, dated April 18, 1784, he says: "Our old father is as hearty as I have known him to be for a long time past."

In a letter written by Sarah Hansard, his daughter, to Captain James Speed, dated August, 1786, upon the subject of religion, she reminds him "of the many kind reproofs and admonitions you have had from your aged father, whose lips are now cold in the clay, and can never give a word of fatherly advice again."

John Speed was a man of considerable fortune, and his estate, though divided among nine children, gave each one a handsome share.

He died March 8, 1785, aged seventy-one years.

John Speed and Mary Taylor had seven sons and four daughters:

1. John, born August 3, 1738.
2. James, born March 4, 1740.
3. Henry, born March 28, 1742.
4. Sarah, born February 14, 1743.
5. Lewis, born January 25, 1745.
6. Martha, born August 11, 1748.
7. Joseph, born May 27, 1750.
8. Lucy, born April 11, 1752.
9. Mathias, born June 18, 1754.
10. Son, died young.
11. Mary, died young.

As all the Speeds in this country are descended from these nine children, each is considered as the head of a branch of the family.

Four of the brothers served in the Revolutionary war, and, perhaps, the others also. John, James, Lewis and

\*In this postscript the old man's feelings found expression in calling the names of his grandchildren and their mother, who had gone to the far West, and he knew he would never see them again.