

pendence. They moved to Tompkins county, N. Y., early in the present century. Grandmother died beloved by all. In 1847, grandfather, feeling his end drawing near, started for Virginia, saying he wished his bones to lie in his native soil. But he only lived to reach Baltimore, Md., where his eldest son lived, and there he is buried. He left seven children, but one of whom is now living (1876), William. Two of his sons were lawyers, two farmers, two died unmarried. Henry married his cousin, Maria Speed, and left no children. William has nine children, and there are six of us—father's children."

Her father was the youngest child of Dr. Joseph Speed—James Richard.

The following obituary of Dr. Joseph Speed was written by Hon. B. G. Ferris, one of the ablest lawyers of Ithaca. It was furnished for these memoirs by Miss Sallie P. Speed :

"The announcement of the decease of our fellow-citizen, Dr. Joseph Speed, at the residence of his son in Baltimore on the 23d instant (December, 1847), though not wholly unexpected, is received with no ordinary emotion. He had, indeed, reached an advanced age in the journey of life and we could not, in the usual course of mortality, hope for a much longer sojourn with us, but he belonged to the generation of great men, and we feel that the world of mind suffers a void in his absence.

"Dr. Speed has filled a large space in the estimation and affections of his widely-extended acquaintance, possessing an intellect acute, philosophical and commanding, which was continually exerted in efforts to promote the good of his fellows. He has left an influence which must long survive his mortal remains.

"Dr. Speed was a native of Virginia, and early in life was married to a sister of the celebrated Robert Goodloe Harper. On account of the unhealthiness of the climate of his native State, he and other Virginia families removed to the town of Caroline, this county, in 1805, where he continued to reside until his death. For a time he continued the practice of his profession as a physician, but his tastes led him into extensive agricultural pursuit and his profession was eventually laid aside except occasional visits of benevolence.

"His marriage relationship furnishes one of those beautiful instances of mutual attachment, continuing through a long life and outliving youth and mere personal attractions, which we read of but seldom see. This connection was terminated, so far as time is concerned, by the decease of Mrs. Speed about two years ago, an event which produced a marked effect upon the survivor, so much so that an allusion to the subject would often break down the stoicism natural to a strong understanding and melt him to tears.