

years, being twice Speaker of the House, and being four years in the Senate. Among the members at the time was Major Thomas Speed, of Bardstown, for whom he had great admiration and personal friendship. Although a large slave owner, he was a Unionist, and at the beginning of the Civil war raised a regiment for the Union service, which he maintained in camp several weeks at his own expense. Before arms could be obtained he was taken prisoner and carried South. His experiences in the early stages of the war would fill a volume. In 1865 he made Louisville his home, where he practiced law, and for twelve years held the office of Collector of Internal Revenue by appointment of President Grant, with whom he had a personal friendship dating from the earliest days of the war.

He was a man of great force of character and a fine public speaker. The range of his information was very wide, and his memory of men and events remarkable. He was very warm in his friendships, and a brotherly intimacy existed between him and the elder members of the Speed family in Louisville, particularly Joshua and James. One of the "reunions" of the family occurred at his house on the occasion of the visit of Sallie Speed, of New York, to Louisville, in 1878.

The children of Thomas Speed and Lucy Buckner Speed are two: James Buckner and Mary Whitney.

SPENCER HAWKINS SPEED, son of Thomas S. Speed, was educated in the schools at Owensboro. At an early age he went to Texas, and from thence into Mexico. He is a man of fine character. He prefers to live in Mexico, and has never married.

AUSTIN P. SPEED, son of Thomas S. Speed, of Bardstown, was well educated in the schools at Owensboro, Ky. Studied engineering and assisted in locating the railroad from Louisville to Cincinnati, under the distinguished engineer, General St. John. He afterward went into the coal business in Louisville, and is a member of the firm of Byrne & Speed. He has made a fine reputation as a business man, and is a director in several corporations, among them the Ohio Valley Telephone Company.