

did it extend to his friends and kinsfolk in unlimited numbers, but displayed itself to the magnitude of entertaining an army! When the volunteers from Kentucky, in the War of 1812, began to assemble at Louisville, coming in from the interior over the Bardstown road, he took them to his house, whether they were passing in companies or larger bodies, footmen and horsemen, and fed them and supplied them with food to carry away.

Although he was a slaveholder, he was an Emancipationist. He deplored the existence of slavery, but, under the laws regulating the institution, he could not do otherwise than he did, which was to treat his slaves humanely and make them comfortable and as contented as possible. His views upon this subject will be seen in the "Recollections" of James Freeman Clark published below. Those who knew Judge John Speed speak in the highest terms of his great capacity, and the influence he exerted. He was a man of strong masculine characteristics, methodical and systematic in his business. He received the title "Judge" because he was appointed one of the Judges of the Quarter Sessions Court. He was not a member of any church. His religious views appear in the following extract from a letter he wrote to his brother, Thomas, dated December 9, 1834:

"My confirmed opinion of true religion, after having read somewhat, and reflected and observed with all the capacity I am master of is, it consists in the conscientious performance of our duties as men in all our relations to each other and all sentient beings, under a cultivated and habitual sense of future responsibility to God, that Being who made us and gave us our feelings, passions, reason, judgment, etc."

John Speed served with the volunteer forces in the service of the United States against the Indians, in 1791, under the command of Brigadier-General Charles Scott. The details of this service can not be given.

He did not serve in the War of 1812 on account of his physical condition, which incapacitated him for a journey of any distance, either on foot or horseback; but he very actively and liberally assisted in the equipment of the troops and in furnishing supplies. The following extract from an