

fire, John got up and went out upon the porch and began to call Moses (one of the servants). Thomas, hearing him, went out quickly to inquire what he wished. "Oh," says John, "never mind, I don't want to trouble you, brother Thomas, but my 'tickler' is out and I wanted Moses to step into town and get it filled for me." At this Thomas assured him that he need not do that; he was sure "Mary had some about the house, though you know I don't use it, brother John."

They both went in and nothing more was said, but Mary found a bottle of liquor and put it in the room John was to occupy, with sugar and water by it.

The next morning Thomas went into the room and noticed the bottle had not been touched. John, seeing him notice this, laughed out and declared he was only playing a joke at the expense of his brother's temperance views. "Ah," said Thomas, "and a cruel joke it was, brother John, for Mary and I scarcely slept at all last night, grieving to think that you had come to use liquor regularly."

Judge John Speed was twice married. First to Abby Lemaster, who died July, 1807.

The first child of this marriage was named James. It died in infancy. The second was also named James, who also died in infancy.

Two others were born, viz.: Mary and Eliza.

They lived to advanced years in Louisville, and neither ever married.

- ✓ His second wife was Lucy Gilmer Fry, daughter of Joshua and Peachy Fry. She was born in Albemarle county, Va., March 23, 1788. She came to Kentucky when ten years of age with her parents, riding on horseback and walking over the "Wilderness Road." She was one of a large family of children, and this marriage makes an extensive kinship between the Speeds and Frys, Bullitts, Bells and others, which connection appears in another part of this book. John Speed and Lucy G. Fry were married in Mercer county, Ky., November 15, 1808. She died in Louisville, January 27, 1874, aged eighty-five. She possessed many