

He loved religious conversation, and among his friends was Rev. Dr. Humphrey, who often came to his office and talked with him. He also talked on such subjects with his brother Smith, whom he respected as much as he loved, but his views were of an independent order and he never united with any church.

He had a warm affection for all his brothers and sisters and their families, and others of his kin. He was the originator of the family reunions at Louisville, and was always present. He was fond of dancing, and would enter into all the sports of the young people at the family picnics with as much heartiness as any of them.

He loved to go on fishing excursions, and went often with his brother, J. Smith Speed, and others.

He was a very successful and prosperous man in his business. Though extremely liberal with his money, he accumulated a handsome fortune.

The last twenty years of his life he lived at a country place about two and one-half miles eastwardly from the city of Louisville, driving into the city every day in his buggy. This life kept him in vigorous health up to his last year, when he began to fail. About a year before his death he made an argument in the Sherley will case, of about four hours' length, and it was regarded as the best effort of his life.

Less than two months before his death he attended a meeting of the Society of the Loyal Legion, of which he was a member, at Cincinnati, when he responded to a toast to Abraham Lincoln. This was the last work he attempted.

He died June 25, 1887, at his country home, and was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery. A handsome monument marks his resting-place.

BAR MEMORIAL.

Upon the death of James Speed the lawyers of Louisville adopted a memorial which was a beautiful and just tribute. It has the additional interest of having been prepared by one to whom Mr. Speed was tenderly attached. When he was a partner of Henry Pirtle, as stated, Mr. Pirtle named