

cross, of Louisville, a daughter of Captain John Shallcross, prominent and well known in Louisville, and whose descendants constitute one of the leading families of the city.

Of this marriage was born James B. Speed, a sketch of whom will be given.

William P. Speed removed from Louisville to Boonville, Mo., and was again married to Ardell Hutchinson.

The children of this marriage were two, Austin P. and Laura.

William P. Speed continued to reside at Boonville, Mo., until his death, June 28, 1863. He was a man of first-class ability, having great natural quickness of intellect. He was exceedingly bright and jovial in his temperament, and combined with this disposition he had a strong, intelligent judgment. His early death prevented his coming to that greater prominence to which his talents would have inevitably carried him had his life been prolonged.

The following is an extract from the obituary notice at the time of his death in a Boonville paper :

"William P. Speed died at Boonville, Mo., June 28, 1863. In his large and variously endowed nature were happily combined qualities and capacities which made him one of the most delightful companions and manliest of men, keen perceptions, flashing wit, rich, racy humor, as genial as it was original; warm, tender affections with principles deep and immovable; with filial piety that united the memory of the departed with the presence of the remaining parent in loving reverence; with open, frank affection for brothers and sisters, devotion to wife and children."

JAMES BRECKINRIDGE SPEED, son of William P. Speed, was educated in the schools at Louisville, and first engaged in business as a bank clerk in Louisville. He went to Chicago with his cousin, John Speed, and they were both clerks in the banking house of Badger & Co. Both entered the Union service at the outbreak of the war, Jas. B. Speed becoming the adjutant of the 27th Kentucky Infantry, of which Charles D. Pennebaker was First Colonel; afterward it was commanded by Colonel John H. Ward. He saw service with this regiment in all the campaigns in the West, remaining with it until the spring of 1865. He then went