

into business in Louisville. His remarkable capacity for business was at once recognized, and he has steadily progressed until his standing is such that it may be said he never had a superior in the city of Louisville.

He is the president of various large corporate enterprises, among them the Louisville Cement Company and the Louisville Street Railway System and the Ohio Valley Telephone Company. He is director in various others, including banks, besides being the head of the firms of J. B. Speed & Co., dealers in cement, lime, salt, etc., and Byrne & Speed, dealers in coal. Any one of these enterprises would tax the powers of an ordinary man, but he has the capacity to take active management of them all with singular success. In addition to these labors he attends not only to his own private estate, which is very large, but to others intrusted to his care as trustee.

With a steady energy and a strong intellect he has built up enormous business enterprises, given employment to thousands of persons, and everything in which he engages is solidly founded. He is entirely devoid of every semblance of ostentation, and generous with his means without a thought of publicity. With all his devotion to business he finds time to travel for health and pleasure in this country and abroad; is social in his nature, and has a warm attachment for his friends and those allied to him by the ties of kinship.

In 1867 he was married to Cora Coffin, daughter of Mr. Geo. W. Coffin, of Cincinnati.

Their children are Olive, William and Douglas Breckinridge. Douglas died young.

AUSTIN P. SPEED, son of William P. Speed, married Susan P. Jeter.

Their children: Lloyd J., William P., Stella M., Cora J., Mary J., Laura E., Susan P.

Austin P. Speed died July 8, 1889.

LAURA T. SPEED, daughter of William P. Speed, married John S. Elliott.

Their children are Ruth B. and John S.