

in the war of the Revolution. His grandfather went to Illinois early in the present century and took a leading part in organizing the Territory into a State, becoming one of the first members of the State judiciary after admission into the Union. The eldest son of this Judge McRoberts was United States Senator from Illinois. The youngest son, Samuel, was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was also a judge in Illinois for a period of twenty-five years. Two members of the present Mr. McRoberts' mother's family served in the Civil war; one as colonel of a Michigan regiment, the other as major of an Illinois regiment, and was killed at the battle of Franklin, Tenn.

§ THOMAS A., son of Philip Speed, married Amelia Harrison, of Louisville. He was educated in the schools in Louisville, and for several years was clerk in the Kentucky National Bank. He then went into business as an iron merchant, and is now vice-president of the Todd-Donigan Iron Company. He is a fine business man, and has the esteem and confidence and friendship of all who know him.

He has a warm heart and friendly nature which shows itself in his countenance and manner. He inherits the noble traits of his father to a marked degree; like him he is polished and refined in his tastes. He is not only admired but loved by every member of the family, and he has the hearty and cordial friendship of all who make his acquaintance.

His children are Meta DuPont and Mary Tuley.

J. SMITH SPEED.

J. Smith Speed was the youngest of the sons of Judge John Speed. He was born at the old Farmington homestead January 1, 1821. He was educated in the schools in Jefferson county and in Louisville, and spent the first years of his manhood in farming. He lived for a time in that part of Jefferson county known as the Pond Settlement, on a farm near to that of his brother Joshua. *Afterward he lived on the Breckinridge place, not far from Farmington. From that place he removed into the city of Louisville and engaged