

As his brother James said of Abraham Lincoln: "Truth felt assurance in his presence and falsehood quailed."

He was a man of fine sense and judgment. He attended closely to his own business affairs, and was esteemed by all who had dealings with him.

For a number of years preceding his death he managed the affairs of the Talmage Ice Company. In every way that he came in contact with business men he won their respect and good-will.

About a year before his death it was my pleasure to make a visit with him to the old Farmington homestead. The occasion was that a Mr. Drake came to Louisville from New York to obtain pictures to illustrate the *Life of Lincoln*, by Hay and Nicholay.

It was plain to see the emotions with which he went over the place of his birth and childhood. Mr. Drake said: "You seem to enjoy this visit, Mr. Speed." "Yes," said he, "it has been a number of years since I was here, and many things are just as they were when I was a boy." He went into all the rooms of the house, looked into the out-buildings, went into the old orchard, the garden and to the spring-house. He showed where his father used to sit on the front portico and on the large back porch, and the favorite places of his mother. He told incidents and stories of his youth, about his father and mother, brothers, sisters and visitors. Several pictures were taken. Some of them are in the *Century Magazine*.

His death was sudden. Feeling unwell at his office, he went home, and died a few minutes afterward. The children of J. Smith Speed, and his wife, Susan Phillips:

1. Elizabeth Williamson.
2. William Phillips.
3. Joshua Fry.
4. Archie Cochran.
5. Mary Ellen.
6. J. Smith.

The eldest of these, ELIZABETH W. SPEED, married Richard Jouett Menefee, son of the Kentucky orator and