

ARCH. C. SPEED, son of J. Smith Speed, resides in Chicago. He has been in the insurance business, connected with the Board of Underwriters both at Chicago and at Denver. At present he is Fire Marshal of the World's Fair, at Chicago, being so situated at the instance of the insurance interests. He is strikingly handsome and a valuable business man. He married Mary Burns, of Chicago. They have one child, Lawrence Drew.

J. SMITH SPEED, son of J. Smith Speed, is an insurance adjuster of the Insurance Company of North America. His duties require him to travel from place to place. His home is Little Rock, Ark. The first years of his business life were spent in Louisville, where he married Mary Stuart Shallcross, daughter of Wm. Shallcross, and granddaughter of John Shallcross, whose name is permanently identified with the steamboat navigation of the Ohio river. They have no children.

MRS. MARTHA B. ADAMS.

Martha B. Speed, daughter of Judge John Speed and Lucy G. Fry, was born at the Farmington homestead, near Louisville, September 8, 1822. She was married October 6, 1846, to Thomas Adams. He was born in Richmond, Va., June 15, 1816, and belonged to one of the most excellent families in that State. He was the son of Samuel G. Adams and Catherine Innis Adams, a sister of Judge Harry Innis, of Kentucky. Samuel G. served in the Virginia Assembly and filled other places of distinction. He was the son of Richard Adams and Eliza Griffin Adams. Richard A. was a member of the celebrated Virginia Convention of May, 1776. His wife was a sister of the distinguished Judge Cyrus Griffin, of Virginia. A brother of Richard was named Thomas, and he was one of the signers of the Articles of Confederation of 1778, and a member of the old Congress from 1778 to 1780. It was for him that Thomas Adams, who married Martha B. Speed, was named.

It is interesting in this connection to give an extract from a letter written by Samuel G. Adams, the father of Thomas