

Adams, to Judge Harry Innis. The letter is dated Richmond, Va., July 9, 1813, during the war of 1812. The writer says :

"Our city was alarmed on Wednesday last by ringing of bells and firing of cannon in consequence of an express to our Governor that the British were about forty miles off. The women and children were dreadfully alarmed, but our regiment turned out better than I ever saw it, and I never saw men more determined and anxious to meet the foe. They have returned to Norfolk without landing "

Thomas Adams came to Kentucky at an early period of his life and lived in Louisville. He then went to Mobile, Ala., and while still young became a captain of a vessel navigating the waters at that place. After his marriage, in 1846, to Martha B. Speed, he established the large merchandising house of Thomas & James J. Adams, the partners being brothers. The house continued in business until 1857, and in 1858 Thomas Adams died, at the age of forty-two years. The children of this marriage :

1. Kate, died.
2. Lucy Ness, died.
3. Gilmer Speed.
4. Bessie Innis, died.
5. Jessie St. John, unmarried.

GILMER SPEED ADAMS lives in Louisville, and is a partner in the house of J. B. Speed & Co. He is a first-class business man, intelligent and cultivated. With extensive information, gained in reading and travel, he is both agreeable and popular, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

He married Lettie Robinson, a daughter of Mr. J. M. Robinson, who is one of the most prominent merchants ever in Louisville.

They have no children.