

WILLIAM RANKIN.

William Rankin, son of Dr. Adam Rankin and Elizabeth Speed Rankin, was born in Henderson, Ky., and lived there all his life. For a number of years he was County Judge, and he was always recognized as one of the best and most prominent citizens of Henderson. He was popular with every one, and most highly esteemed. At his father's house he knew intimately the naturalist, Audubon, and accompanied him on his bird-hunting expeditions. He married Frances Gwatkin, of Virginia. Their children were :

1. Adam, who married Mary Kelly. They had one child, Bessie.
2. Gwatkin, unmarried.

JULIET SPENCER JOHNSON.

Juliet Spencer Rankin, daughter of Dr. Adam Rankin and Elizabeth Speed Rankin, was born in Henderson, Ky. She married Dr. Thomas J. Johnson, of Frankfort, Ky. After their marriage they made their home in Henderson, where Dr. Johnson practiced his profession for many years, and was esteemed one of the most valuable men of the place.

It was the pleasure of the author of this book, when a youth, to know Dr. Johnson and his family at their home in Henderson, where he found the greatest kindness. Mrs. Johnson was exceedingly affectionate, and manifested it with a degree of warmth which showed her genuine regard for her "Speed kin." She knew a great deal of family history, having received it from her mother. She delighted in recounting her memories of the past, and among them was her familiar acquaintance with the celebrated naturalist, Audubon, who lived at her father's house. She was well known to those of her own generation in the family, and was greatly beloved by them all. The writer has heard very many of them speak in the most affectionate terms of her excellent and lovely character.