

was a daughter of Dr. McDowell, of McDowell's College, St. Louis, who earned a national reputation as surgeon. The only child of this marriage: William Kearney Speed.

JAMES SPEED, son of James S. Speed, was born in Louisville. His first employment was as clerk in the post-office at Chicago. During the war he went to Memphis and was clerk on one of the Anchor Line steamers for several years. That company opened a ticket office in Memphis and placed him in charge. A short while after, he took charge of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad office in Memphis, where he remained for sixteen years. He acquired a remarkable popularity. He became widely known and had many tempting offers of advancement in the railroad business, but to accept would have taken him away from Memphis, and he preferred to be with his mother and her family. He never married, but devoted his whole life to them.

He died at the age of forty, July 20, 1882, in New York, where he had gone in pursuit of health. The papers in Memphis contained extended mention of his death. One of them said :

"He was the best-known man in Memphis. He was a universal favorite. He was one of the most kind-hearted and charitable of men. His was a great soul incased in a frail body."

Another said :

"Few men who could have died would be missed so much, and none who could have deserved more the tribute of sorrow that all who knew him will abundantly pay."

He was greatly beloved by his friends and relatives in Louisville, where he was well known.

ROBERT A. SPEED, son of James S. Speed, is, like his brothers, an exceedingly popular man in Memphis, where he lives. His business has always been with river interests, and for a number of years he has represented the Pittsburgh Coal Company, having entire charge of the company's business in all its branches from Memphis to New Orleans. He is a man of fine executive ability and full of energy. He has been elected one of the Commissioners of