

that they were named for their father's sisters. Neither of them survived childhood :

Martha, born 1784, died the year following.

Sarah, born 1786, died the same year.

He also had a son born in Virginia, before the removal to Kentucky, named after his brother, Joseph. This child also died in infancy.

An account will be given of each one of the six surviving children and their descendants. Thomas was the ancestor of the Bardstown family ; John was the ancestor of the Louisville family ; Mary married Wm. Smith, of Madison county, Ky., and was the mother of Colonel John Speed Smith and grandmother of General Green Clay Smith. Her daughter married Tom Fry, and was the mother of General Speed S. Fry and others, all of which will be particularly named.

Elizabeth married Dr. Adam Rankin, whose descendants are in Henderson, Ky. James and Henry have no descendants now living.

MAJOR THOMAS SPEED.

A sketch of the life and times of Major Thomas Speed, first son of Captain James Speed and Mary Spencer, would present a history of Kentucky through its most interesting period. He was in Kentucky from 1782 until his death in 1842. He was connected with the earliest political movements, was a Representative in the State Legislature and in Congress, and participated in the war of 1812. He was born in Virginia, October 25, 1768, and moved to Kentucky with his father, Captain James Speed, in the fall of 1782. He was then fourteen years of age, and was the eldest of the children. The removal of this family to Kentucky was from Charlotte county, Va., which county adjoined Mecklenburg county, where Captain James Speed was born. The trip was over the Wilderness Road, through Cumberland Gap, and, as no vehicle could, at that date, pass over that wilderness way, the travel was on foot