

became a lawyer of distinction and a leading citizen of that city and State. He lost his life by the explosion of the steamer Henry Clay on the Hudson river, July 28, 1852, at the age of fifty-four years and eight months. He never married. He was engaged to be married to Miss Isabella Steele, who died suddenly, and he never formed another attachment. Mr. James Speed, of Louisville, Ky. (Attorney-General), knew him, and had a very high opinion of him as a lawyer. He visited him at his apartments in Baltimore, where he lived as a bachelor in handsome style. He lived on Gay street, near Lombard street, then a fashionable part of the city, but now entirely used for business purposes.

He became an intimate friend of Jerome Bonaparte, who, having married a wealthy American lady, made his home in Baltimore, where he died in 1870. Their tastes seem to have been congenial, and they were much together.

He was an excellent lawyer, and had an unusually large chancery practice which brought him many trusteeships.

In the year 1844 he was a candidate for the Whig nomination for Governor of Maryland, but was beaten by Thos. G. Pratt, who received the nomination and was elected. His interest in public affairs is shown by the further fact that he wrote and published an argument against Repudiation. Maryland was at that time largely in debt, and the Whig party, of which he was an ardent member, favored the payment of the debt, while repudiation was strongly urged by the opposing party. He made money, but spent it lavishly.

In the year 1852 he made a trip to Albany, N. Y., on business, and when returning lost his life by the explosion of the steamer Henry Clay, as stated.

He is said to have been a man of many fine qualities and of first-class ability.

#### MARY HARPER SPEED.

Mary Harper Speed, second child of Dr. Joseph Speed, married Judge Amasa Dana, of Ithaca, N. Y. He was the son of the distinguished jurist and author, Francis Dana, and brother of Richard H. Dana. He was, himself, one of