

the removal to that section of Dr. Joseph Speed with his family, the latter being a nephew of Henry Speed. These families took with them a number of slaves, and the place of their location in the then wilderness of New York was called Speedville. It became a post-office town.

Henry Speed settled in his New York home and there spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1822 at the age of eighty, and was buried on his farm about one mile from the home of Dr. Joseph Speed.

He was a man of happy temperament, fond of jokes, and, like his brother, James, had a natural turn for making puns and rhymes. He was a man of considerable means, having inherited land and slaves from his father, and being prosperous himself.

The children of Henry Speed and Elizabeth Julia Spencer were as follows :

1. Spencer, born January 21, 1775 ; died June 28, 1818.
2. Henry, born July 6, 1776 ; died young.
3. John James,
4. Mary, called Polly, } twins, born November 10, 1777.
5. Elizabeth Julia, born August 12, 1780 ; died February 9, 1808.
6. William, born July 17, 1784 ; died July 5, 1815.
7. Joseph Flournoy, born September 8, 1788, died May 11, 1819.

### JOHN JAMES SPEED.

John James Speed, third son of Henry Speed, was born in Virginia, November 10, 1777, being twin-brother of Mary Speed, who married Robert W. Hyde.

He went with his father from Virginia to New York in 1803, and made his home, for the greater portion of his life, in that portion of the State which became Tompkins county. He lived at Caroline, and also at Ithaca, and for a time was the postmaster of the town of Speedville.

Before his removal from Virginia he married LUCY SWEPSON. This was in 1801, when he was twenty-two years of age.