

SUSAN F. DAVIS.

Susan Fry Speed, daughter of Judge John Speed, married Benjamin O. Davis, of Louisville, June 5, 1838. He was born on Dorchester Heights, near Boston, June 3, 1806. His father was Edward Davis, who was of Puritan stock and was born in Boston. He was captain of a merchant vessel trading in the Mediterranean Sea. His mother was Eliza Outram, from New England. Ben. O. Davis was the youngest of eleven children. He was three years old at the time of his father's death. He came to Louisville when twenty-five years old, and was at first a clerk in the business house of W. H. Pope. He afterward became a partner, and the firm was Pope, Davis & Co. Afterward B. O. Davis became a commission merchant, first in partnership with Charles Gallagher, and then with J. Smith Speed, the brother of his wife, under the firm name of Davis & Speed. He died suddenly March 15, 1861.

The children of B. O. Davis and Susan Speed Davis, his wife, were :

1. Eliza Julia Speed, died unmarried.
2. Lucy Gilmer.
3. John Speed.
4. Katherine Wendell.
5. Edward.
6. Joshua Fry Speed, died unmarried.
7. Mary, died unmarried.
8. Jane Lewis.

LUCY GILMER DAVIS married J. EDWARD HARDY, of Louisville. The Hardy family came from England. The greater number settled in Virginia, but one branch located in New England.

Nathaniel Hardy was born in Bradford, Mass., May 24, 1795. He came to Louisville about 1825, and engaged in the hardware and iron business.

The maternal grandfather of J. Edward Hardy was John Howard, a descendant of the Norfolk family, of England. His ancestors came to America, and he was born in Mary-