

## ELIZABETH SPEED RANKIN.

Elizabeth Speed, daughter of Captain James Speed and Mary Spencer, was born in Virginia, February 7, 1774. She and her twin-brother, James, were eight years old when they came with their father and mother and brothers from Virginia to Kentucky, in 1782. From that date until she was grown her life was spent amid the trials and dangers and privations incident to early Kentucky history. She grew up in her father's family, in Mercer county, until she was eighteen years of age, when she married Dr. Adam Rankin.

It was a very happy marriage. Dr. Rankin was one of the pioneers of Henderson, Ky. He went there soon after his marriage, and his name is connected with the earliest events of that place. For many years he was prominent as a physician and public-spirited citizen, and no man stood higher in the estimation of his fellow-men. It is an interesting fact that the celebrated naturalist, Audubon, who resided in Henderson for some years, made his home at the house of Dr. Adam Rankin. They were intimate personal friends, and Dr. Rankin's children always cherished the memory of the man they knew familiarly, and who became world-famous.

The children of Dr. Adam Rankin and Elizabeth Speed Rankin, were:

1. Mary Huston.
2. William.
3. Elizabeth Speed, died unmarried.
4. James Speed, died unmarried.
5. Juliet Spencer.
6. Adam.

## MARY RANKIN BOWEN.

Mary Huston Rankin, daughter of Dr. Adam Rankin and Elizabeth Speed Rankin, married William Bowen. Their children:

1. Elizabeth, married John Sanders.
2. William, unmarried.
3. Adam, unmarried.
4. Susan, married Wm. Gregg.