

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SPEER FAMILY

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Brief Biographical Sketches

Presented to all of the name of Speer, however spelled.

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AUTHOR'S FOREWARD

During several years' work, it has been my hobby or pastime to study the genealogy of the Speer family in America. As that pleasant study proceeded I became impressed with the large number of men recruited for the Ministry and Missionary service from the ranks of the family.

I have included here, all of the name, no difference how they spell it. If you could have before you all the charts of Speer families as I have them and could trace their history I believe you would agree with me that they are, to use the title of one of Robert E. Speer's books, "Of One Blood". So I make no apology for the variant spellings. I have tried, strictly, to use the spelling each man would use for himself. If I have erred you will please pardon me and I feel sure you have to constantly correct people as I do, when they spell my own name in about every way I have ever seen it spelled.

thre ee I have included some not of Speer name, These fall into ~~two~~ classes. 1. Those who are sons of Speer women who have married and raised Minister sons. They obviously should be included. Some of them are more than one generation away from the Speer name, yet still in the blood.

2. I have included those Ministers who have married Speer wives. These sisters of ours who have graced the parsonages are as much entitled to representation in such a collection as we brothers of the name who are ministers. What a splendid parsonage mistresses they are.!

3. In a very few cases there has been included some who are not strictly of Speer blood, the one family having the name who assumed it and not of the original blood. This has been done so that the splendid missionary involved might be set in the right light with the family. We may say, we are happy to adopt her. I have included a very few who show by their Christian name that they are of the Speer clan, such will pardon the assumption.

The indices in the back of the MS will help you to find your way. John Speer, for instance, might find it difficult to locate himself. First look for the right spelling. At the head of each family group under the line "Family code" is generally a short introduction to the branch of the family. These may prove to help in locating you.

I close with an appeal to all of the Speer name or blood that they will correspond with me, making any known additions or corrections to this M.S.

Sincerely yours,

Rollo C. Speer
Rollo C. Speer

Family code "Ayr"

REV. ROBERT SPEER
(of Ayrshire Scotland and Co. Antrim, Ireland.)

The head of this line, for our study, was Rev. Robert Speer, Scottish Presbyterian minister in Ayrshire Scotland who suffered in the persecutions of the 17th century, time of Claverhouse. He took the families of his church in a ship and crossed the North Channel from Ayrshire to Co. Antrim, Ireland. There his large family of sons married and from their numerous clan have come many scions noted in many American immigrations. Many of the Speers in America will doubtless be found to be a part of that family. In the American Genealogy of the family there have been repeated immigrations from Co. Antrim as well as the nearby counties of Down, Tyrone, Donegal, Londonderry and Monaghan. At least one from Co. Leitrim.

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DR. ROBERT ELLIOTT SPEER.

Descendent of the above Rev. Robert Speer

His line is 1. Rev. Robert Speer 2. Robert 3. John 4. Robert (who emigrated to America in 1822. 5. Robert Milton (U.S. Congressman from Pennsylvania. 6. Dr. Robert Elliott Speer b 9-10-1867 at Huntingdon, Pa. He married on April 20th 1893 Emma Dell Bailey. They have three daughters and two sons. Of these Prof. Elliott Speer was Headmaster of Mt. Hermon school for boys at Northfield, Mass. when he was killed by an unknown assassin. The other son is William Speer. Of the daughters Eleanor McMurtrie died young. The living are Margaret Bailey Speer and Miss Constance Speer, missionary in China. Robert E. Speer was a student at Andover Seminary, graduate of Princeton with academic record rarely equalled and never excelled, member of the varsity football team, student at Princeton Theological Seminary for a year, was only 24 years old when he was called to be secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church U.S.A. which position he held continuously from 1891 to 1934, a period of 43 years. He has been one of the most stirring figures in the religious world in America during all those years. As speaker, author and an executive he has been equally noted. The long list of his books would be difficult to enumerate. They contain the following. "The Man Christ Jesus", "The Man, Paul", "Missions and Politics in Asia", "A Memorial of a True Life", "Remember Jesus Christ", "Studies in the Book of Acts", "Studies in the Book of Luke", "Christ and Life", "The Principles of Jesus", "Missionary Principles and Practice", "A Memorial to Horace Tracey Pitkin", "Missions and Modern History", "The Marks of a Man", "Christianity and The Nations", "The Light of the World", "South American Problems", "Studies in Missionary Leadership", "One Girl's Influence", "Studies in the Gospel of John", "The Stuff of Manhood", "The Gospel and the New World", "The New Opportunity of the Church", "Race and Race Relations", "Of One Blood". He was President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church. See Who's Who In America.

MRS EMMA DOLL (BAILEY) SPEER

Mrs Emma Doll (Bailey) Speer is the wife of Dr. Robert E. Speer but is an outstanding Christian figure in her own right. Born in Pottstown, Pa 5-15-1872 she is a daughter of Charles Lukens and Emma Harriett (Doll) Bailey. She studied at Bryn Mawr College, class of 1894. Married Robert E. Speer April 20th 1893. They have children as noted in his sketch: Elliott b 1898; Margaret Bailey b.1900; Eleanor McMurtrie (dy); Constance S. b ~~Mar~~ 1907 and William, b 1907. Mrs Speer has been president of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. since 1915. Their home is at Englewood, N.J. Her address is 600 Lexington Ave, N.Y.C. See Who's Who In America etc.

MISS CONSTANCE S. SPEER

Daughter of the foregoing parents is an educational missionary under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the Gin Ling school in China.

This illustrious family are worthy a high place not only in the Speer family but in the religious life of America and of the world.

Family code "Balt"

MISS DOROTHY SPEER

Among the branches of the Speer family this line is unique in that they, probably, have no blood connection with any other branch. In order that this relation may be known Miss Dorothy Speer is included here. This line begins, for purposes of our study with Maximilian Ferdinand Speer. In the middle of the 18th century the family left Salzburg, Austria over Protestant persecution. They were noblemen carrying the title of "von" before the name, which was NOT Speer. Coming to Germany they adopted "Speer" to avoid recognition. The line is 1. Maximilian Ferdinand. 2. Ferdinand who emigrated to America 3. William 4. Dorothy, the subject of this sketch. She has her PhD. degree from Johns Hopkins University 1929. Was appointed as missionary under the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society and served in Lucknow, India where she was in the Teacher Training department of Isabella Thoburn College. She was a lecturer in German there and at Lucknow University. Since 1936 she has been Vocational and Educational guidance Counsellor in Patterson Park High School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Family Code "JMS".

The family of James Milliken Speers of New York, begins, for our study here with Robert Speers whose son, William M. Miss Crosby. Their son, William M. Mary Elizabeth Milliken and their home was at White Abbey, a suburb of Belfast in Co. Antrim, Ireland. Their son James Milliken Speers, while not an ordained minister should be noted here.

1. James Milliken Speers

His line is:: 1. Robert 2. William 3. William 4. James Milliken, b 1-9-1862, at Monkstown, Co Antrim, Ire, emigrated to America in 1880. He is a New York merchant dealing in Irish Linens and with many ~~financial~~ executive and financial connections. He is a prominent Presbyterian layman; Treasurer International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. and of Presbyterian funds. He M(1) 6-14-1888 Nellie Carter of New York, a dau of Peter Carter. She died 5-22-1922. He M. (2) Nellie Carter Dodd, a niece of his first wife and a dau. of Dr. William S. Dodd a Medical Missionary in Turkey. By his first wife James M. Speers had six sons: William E.; now mayor of Montclair, N.J.; Rev. Thomas Guthrie; Peter Carter; James M. Jr.; Wallace C. and Theodore Cuyler. These sons we are now to study. Their lines are all the same and each is to be added as generation 5. to the above line. For an account of the famous sons see "TIME" Oct 28th 1935 See Whos Who

2. REV. THOMAS GUTHRIE SPEERS

Rev. Thomas Guthrie Speers was b 8-27- 1890 at Atlantic Highlands N.J. H. M., 5-27-1926, Elizabeth Thacher of Tenfly, N.J.. They live at 4 St. John's Road, Baltimore, Maryland. They have three children:: Thomas Guthrie Jr.; Elizabeth Thacher and Ellen Carter. He graduated at Princeton Univ. A.B. 1912; Union Theological Seminary B.D. 1916; was given the D.D. degree by College of Wooster 1935. He was ordained in the Presbyterian church 1916; Associate minister University Place Presbyterian church N.Y.C. 1916-18; Associate minister First Presbyterian church N.Y.C. 1920-28; Minister Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md. since 1928. He was First Lieut. and Chaplain in 102nd Inf. U.S.A. in France, A.E.F.; was awarded D.S.C. (US), Croix de Guerre with Palm (France). He is Trustee Princeton Univ; Goucher College; Union Memorial Hospital; Presbyterian Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital, Baltimore; Member Presbyterian Board of National Missions; Phi Beta Kappa; Address 1326 Park Ave., Baltimore, Md. See Whos Who in the Clergy

~~Rev. Theodore Cuyler Speers~~
3. REV. THEODORE CUYLER SPEERS.

The subject of this sketch, brother of the above was b. 9-27-1899 and M. in May 1924, Margaret Stoddart. They live at 110 East 64th Street N.Y.C. He is pastor of the Central Presbyterian church there on Park Avenue. He is a graduate of Princeton Univ. 1921. Was in the A.E.F. in France. Graduated Union Theological Seminary 1928 and was pastor of First Presbyterian church Utica, New York. See Whos Who in the Clergy

4. REV PETER CARTER SPEERS

Another brother and a son of James M. Speers is an Educational Missionary for the Presbyterian Board in Lahore, India, Forman Christian College.

5. REV. JAMES M. SPEERS JR.

A fourth son of James M. Speers, and brother of the above described men, has been for 15 years a Missionary in China, at Shanghai American School

Family Code "MON"

This is the family of Speer which came from their old homestead near Bally Bay, Co. Monaghan, Ireland in, comparatively, more recent times. The father, in Ireland whom we shall call "Mr" simply to unite the family, d in Ireland. Some of his children who were John; James; Sarah; Hannah; Margaret; Jane and Bettie, came to America in the middle of the 19th century, coming to N.W. Illinois directly from Ireland. Their family have several ministers to their credit. We note four of them here.

1. REV. HUGH BROWNLOW SPEER D.D.

His line is::1.Mr. 2.John 3.James Glass and

4.Rev. Hugh Brownlow Speer, b 10-7-1874, Zion, Ill. He M. 6-19-1902 Ellen Augusta Moore, dau of James and Agnes (Nesbitt) Moore. They have three sons: James Robert; Hugh Brownlow Jr. and Wallace Hamilton. He is a United Presbyterian minister in Erie Pa. Res. 124 East 8th Str See Whos Who In The Clergy.

2. REV JAMES ROBERT SPEER

His line is::1.Mr. 2.John 3.James Glass and

4.Rev Hugh Brownlow and 5. Rev. James Robert Speer, b 10-11-1906 at Hanover, Ill. He M. 9-1-1932 Hettie Elizabeth Main. He is a son of the above, Rev. Hugh B. and Ellen A. (Moore) Speer. Is pastor of the Presbyterian church, Delhi N.Y. Res: 4 Clinton St. Delhi, N.Y.

3. REV. JOSEPH ANDREW SPEER D.D.

His line is::1.Mr. 2.James (came to America)

3.Charles and 4. Rev. Joseph Andrew Speer D.D. His grandparents James and Mary (Rogers) Speer came from Co Monaghan, Ire. to Galena, Ill in 1833. All their children but Charles were born in Ireland. He is a son of Charles and Nancy (Campbell) Speer. He M. Lucy Stewart Harris Their home is at 1319 Logan Ave. Tyrone, Pa, where he is pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

4. REV. MRS MYRTLE SAYLOR SPEER

Her line is:: 1.Mr. 2.James 3.John 4.Josiah

and 5. Clarence Andrew Speer who M. Rev. Myrtle Saylor. They have two sons, Robert and Hubert. Clarence Andrew Speer was a teacher in the High School and Haskell Institute for Indians, a government school, at Lawrence, Kansas. Mrs Speer is an ordained Methodist Minister. Their home is at 2822 Mitchell Ave. St. Joseph, Mo. Mr Speer is now an Auditor and Accountant.

Family code "JP"

REV. WILLIAM RIVERS TAYLOR
OF Rochester, N.Y. and Philadelphia

James Spear, Manufacturer, of Philadelphia, has made a notable contribution to manufacturing and inventing. His genealogy is not known to the writer but it is believed he belongs to the New England family of that spelling. His daughter Annie Brown Spear, born 1-19-1864 Married 1-24-1888, Rev. William Rivers Taylor. He was born 9-28-1856 in Philadelphia, Pa. They have four children: Louise van Campen b 3-14-1890 in Rochester N.Y. M. Wellington Burt Hay son of Louis C. Hay of N.Y.; Anne, b 6-12-1892 M. John Crowther Case, son of Howard B. Case of London; William James Romeyn Taylor b 5-21-1894 is A.B., Harvard M.A. 1917. M. Hortense Sauveur, dau of Prof. Albert Sauveur, of Cambridge, Mass; James Spear Taylor b 5-24-1896. Dr. William Rivers Taylor is of the Taylor line 1. William James Romeyn Taylor D.D. 2. William Rivers Taylor. He is a brother of Graham Taylor. He is a graduate of Rutgers College (A.B. 1876) (A.M. 1879). Graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary 1879. D.D. Univ. of Rochester and Rutgers College. He M. Annie Brown Spear 1-24-1888. Was ordained in the Reformed Church ministry 1879. Pastor Franklin Park N.J. 1879-84. First Church, Philadelphia 1884-88. Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester N.Y. 1888-1923. Pastor Emeritus ibid 1923- He was a trustee Reynolds Library of Univ of Rochester; Director Auburn Theological Seminary; Pres. N.Y. State Christian Endeavor; Chairman Gen Assembly's Commission on Young People; Member Committee on preparation of Book of Common Worship; Exec. Committee and Executive Council of Presbyterian General Assembly; Phi Beta Kappa; Chi Psi Fraternity. Retired. Residence 516 Auburn Ave, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

Family code "JHS"

REV. JAMES HENRY SPEER

The immigrant ancestor of this line of the Speer family is the father of the subject of this sketch. James Washington Speer emigrated from Londonderry, Co. Donegal, Ireland. His son is Rev. James Henry Speer, born 6-11-1867, Limestone, Pa., son of James Washington and Mary Ann (Henry) Speer. He M. (1). 5-12-1896, Mary Catherine Titzel who died 9-30-1898. They had a daughter, Mary Catherine. He M. (2). 10-10-1900 Jessie A. Irvin who died 7-19-1915. He M. (3). in Los Angeles Margaret Caldwell Gehrett. They have a son, Lloyd Gehrett. Rev. James Henry Speer was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Gardner, Kansas 1896 ff. After other pastorates he became Executive Secretary of the Minneapolis Presbytery which position he has held for many years. See Whos Who, in America.

Family code "AAM"

REV. GUY SPEAR

The line from which he comes begins, as known, with Samuel Spear who was born 3-3-1765 in Greendrier Co. West Virginia. His line from there on is 1. Samuel 2. Ephraim 3. Ephraim Asbury and 4. Rev. Guy Spear, who is a Holiness minister working in Western Kansas. This family have lived in Indiana and may have close relations among those of the same spelling there.

Family code "AG"

REV. LEVI SPEER.

The line of the subject of this sketch begins, as known, with Andrew Speer who brought his family from Georgia in 1856 to Houston Co., Texas. Andrew died during the Civil War in Texas. The line is a short one, simply 1. Andrew 2. Rev. Levi Speer, who was a Christian (Disciple) minister born in Houston Co., Texas in 1857. He married Lizzie Mannaen who died 9-10-1938 at 80 years of age at her home, 3719 Harrisburg St, Houston, Texas. They had six sons who were: Dr. Asa H. Speer of Corpus Christi, Texas; Dr. Glover Speer of Houston Texas; William M. "Woody" Speer, druggist at Lewisville and Houston, Texas; Sterling Speer, druggist at 1114 W. Webster St, Houston, Texas; Levi Speer of 3322 Canal St., Houston Texas and Philip Speer. Here in the parsonages of the Christian church were reared this family of prominent sons who have made a fine contribution to the business and professional life of Houston, and Texas.

Family code "AW"

WILLIAM WILSON SPEER

The line of this subject is believed to be of the "Dutch" (Spier) Speer family group of New Jersey but data in proof is lacking. In no other Speer family in America does the Christian name of Theunia appear, which leads to the above surmise. We begin with Theunia Speer born 10-8-1776 who in his later years lived at Springfield, Ill. The line is 1. Theunia 2. Theunia 3. Francis Marion 4. Rev. William Wilson Speer, who was born 12-19-1887. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and served among other places in the M.E. church at Torrington, Wyoming. He has now for several years been secretary of Membership-Service department of the Denver, Colorado Y.M.C.A. He married, 7-24-1907 Mabel Schenck of Cambridge, Ohio. They have two sons and two daughters who are: Robert William, optician in Denver; Richard D. a student of Veterinary Surgery in Colorado State College (1938); Elizabeth Victoria who is now Mrs Charles Wesley Roth of Torrington, Wyoming and Margaret Anne, a musician and student at Colorado College of Education at Greeley, Colorado (1938). This family by their character and position have made a place of honor and influence in their home city.

Family code "OCP"

REV. JAMES SPEER
OF Butler Co., Pennsylvania

The parents of this subject came from Ireland. He was born 3-16-1824 in Butler Co., Pa. He married (1) Catherine Jacques and they had five children: William Winfield, who became Dist Supt of Chicago Schools, advocate of liberal education and author of arithmetic texts; Caroline, who M. Mr. Hoskins; Frances, who M. Mr. Raymond; Wallace Lyle who went to Alaska and lived there; Antionette who died in Alaska with her brother.

Rev. James Speer M. (2). Laura Lucinda Halstead 9-2-1863. They had seven children as follows: Ada Catherine, M. Mr. Wilson; Alvin Bernard of Los Angeles, Cal; Rev. Harry Leland, Fairchance, Pa; Winney Dennison, Oakland, Cal.; Samuel Burton, Oil City, Pa; Charley James, Oil City, Pa and Mary Florence who M. Mr. Schruns, Granberry P.O., Pa. No exact data as to what church but probably Presbyterian.

REV. HARRY LELAND SPEER
son of above.

Rev. Harry Leland Speer, son of Rev. James Speer is pastor at Fairchance, Pa. (Probably Presbyterian). Res: Morgantown Ave Fairchance, Pa.

REV. CHARLES SPEAR

Family code "POC".

The Spear family living in Pocatello, Idaho, have no data farther back than when the family was living in New York State. The first known father of this line had two sons, Elihu and Lloyd Elwin. They moved to Michigan. The line is :: 1. Mr Spear 2. Lloyd Elwin 3. Charles 4. Rev. Charles Spear. His father, Charles Spear was a merchant in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Rev. Charles Spear was a Baptist minister, and probably lived and worked in Michigan

Family code "JELB"

Introductory.

The Speers(Spears) family from Ireland, to Germany, Thence to America about 1780.

This line begins when one Christian Speer(Traditional) was seeking passage to America in London in 1680 when he was "impressed" into the British army, taken to France and thence escaped to Heidelberg, Germany. There he married a German woman and the family stayed there two generations, becoming thoroughly German in language. The emigration to America was when the two brothers Michael Christopher and (Peter) Henry came about 1750/51 and settled in Maryland. Later Henry migrated to Monongehela Co., Pa and Michael Christopher on westward into Kentucky. Of their descendants there is a long and imposing line, with many ministers whom we are to note.

1. REV. HENRY SPEERS JR.

His line is: 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Rev.Henry Jr. Speers, born 7-8-1756, d 1-26-1840. He M. 9-24-1777 Rebecca Frye who was b 3-17-1761; d 8-16-1835. Rebecca was a daughter of Abraham Frye and between the Speers and Frye families there were five marriages. Rev. Henry Jr and Rebecca(Frye) Speers had a large family: John, Samuel, Pleasant, Catherine, Apollos, Henry iii, Sarah, Rebecca, Nancy, Rachel, Elizabeth, Mary "Polly" and Fannie. He was pastor of The Baptist Church in Bellevernon, Pa. from his ordination in 1797 to his death 1-26-1840, nearly 43 years. This was the Ebon Baptist church. From their gravestones in an abandoned graveyard in Speers, Pa (in the rear of a dwelling which was apparently an abandoned church) the following item is copied "Rebecca, consort of Elder Henry Speers d 8-16-1835, 74 years old, of her it is just to say, she was a minister's wife, a kind and affectionate mother and a pious member of the regular Baptist church of Maple Creek".

2. REV CAPT. NOAH SPEARS. (The Kentucky branch of the family early began spelling it Spears.)

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Jacob 5.Solomon 6.Capt.Noah Spears, born 3-7-1829; d 12-6-1897. He M.(1). Fannie ~~Conn~~ Conn Gane. They had one son, John Gane who died young. He M.(2) Georgia Ann Crockett. They had children: John Crockett (dy); Sue Kerfoot; Mary Evelyn (dy); Jacob Vernon; Robert Inness(dy) and Margaret Kerfoot(dy) He M.(3). Mary Chapman Steffe a half-sister of his 2nd wife, who was still living, 1937, 90 years of age in Dallas Texas. By her Capt. Noah Spears had Children:: George McCalla(Unk); Edna Buford; Mary Chapman who d.1934 (Unk); Annie Wells (dy); and Paul Rankin (dy). Capt.Noah Spears was b in Bourbon Co., Ky and died in Georgetown, Ky. He was a close friend of Alexander Campbell and went with him in the work of founding the churches of the new Brotherhood. He became President of Bethany College (Christian) at Georgetown, Kentucky. The rest of the family were Baptists and only he was identified with the Christian Church.

3. Rev. Thomas S. Park.

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Noah
5.Lewis Marchand 6.Mary Speer born 1-3-1845;d 2-27-1874 M.Rev.Thomas
S. Park. They had children: Louis Marchand; Thomas S. Jr.;Margaretta
Alline; and Sarah. He was a Presbyterian minister in Ohio and at
Tower Hill, Illinois. Her branch of the family dropped the final "s"
so the spelling Speer as herein is as they use it.

4. Rev. Robert B. Porter.

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Noah
5.Lewis Marchand 6.Gelia Gillett Speer who M. Rev. Robert B. Porter.
She is a sister of Mary Speer who M.Rev. Thomas S. Park,above. They
had children:: Wilbur Finley; Pearl; Anna Alline; Louis Eigar; George;
John and Arthur. He was a Presbyterian minister in Western Pa and at
Tower Hill, Illinois.

5.Rev. John Stout Reasoner.

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Mary Speers
(1747-1805) who M. in 1762 Peter Reasoner(1745-1807) 5.Nicholas 6.Rev.
John Stout Reasoner who went to California in 1852 in a covered wagon
as a missionary. He was ,probably, a Methodist. His descendents still
live in various parts of the Pacific coast.

6.Rev. John R. Reasoner

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3. Henry 4.Mary Speers
who M.(1762) Peter Reasoner 5.Nicholas 6.Aaron 7.Rev.John R. Reasoner
who M. They had six children: Col.Matthew
Aaron Reasoner(USA); Richard W.;Emma D.; Fannie; John and Clara B. He
was for many years a faithful and gifted Methodist minister.

7. Rev. James Sharrard.

His line is 1.Christian 2.Peter 3.Henry 4.Jacob
5.Solomon 6.John 7.Margaret Speers who M. William Griffith 8.Emma
Griffith who M. Rev. James Sharrard. Data is lacking as to which
church he served but he probably lived and worked in Kentucky.

We are now to mention of this same line three sisters who made worthy contributions to the ministry and Christian service

8. Rev. Milo Powers.

His line is. 1. Christian 2. Peter 3. Michael Christopher 4. George 5. John 6. Margaret Spears who M. John Jackson (she was b 9-14-1815; d 8-9-1849) 7. Eliza Jackson (b 11-24-1846; d 3-20-1931) who M. Judge Alec. Anderson (b 6-24-1842; d 8-13-1893) 8. Mary Anderson who M. Rev. Milo Powers. They had no children. He was a Presbyterian minister. data is meagre as to where but Mary (Anderson) Powers was b in Boyle Co. Ky where her father was county Judge. They probably lived in that part of Kentucky.

9. Miss Lydia Anderson. the second of the daughters of Judge Alec Anderson. Same line as Mary, above. Miss Anderson was never married. She was a teacher of Art in Randolph-Macon college, oldest Methodist College in America at Ashland, Va. She was thus in her own line doing her bit in Christian education.

10. Rev. Dennis L. Moffett.

Same line as the two sisters, above, Generation 8. Christine Anderson M. Rev. Dennis L. Moffett. They had two children. He was a Presbyterian minister and probably lived and worked in Kentucky.

11. Rev. Samuel Robert Haywood Wylie.

His line is 1. Christian 2. Peter 3. Michael Christopher 4. George 5. George 6. Rachel Spears who M. William Fry. 7. Catherine Fry who M. Capt. Abraham Bird. 8. Emily Ann Bird who M. Rev. Samuel Robert Haywood Wylie. They had a son, William Bird Wylie of St. Louis, Mo. data is lacking as to where he worked but it is probable he was a Presbyterian.

Family code "3B"

Introductory

This branch of the Speer family, so far, is traceable to Oldham Co., Ky. where Mr Speer first name not known, M. Miss Shelton. They lived at the village of Oldham, Oldham Co., Ky and are said to have each lived to be 105 years of age, being married over 80 years. We shall list him merely as "Mr". He had 7 sons and at least one daughter. Their descendants compose this family group.

1. REV. SILAS SPEER

His line : 1. Mr 2. Jesse 3. Rev. Silas Speer who M. Mary Drago of Kansas. They had four sons, John; Thomas; Frank and Alonzo, all of whom have lived in Seattle, Washington. Rev. Silas Speer was reared near Galena, Kansas, extreme southeast corner of the state where his father owned the farm upon which the town of Galena was built. His father is buried in the Quaker Valley Cemetery near Galena. Rev. Silas Speer went westward to Seattle, Washington where he worked as a Free Methodist minister.

2. Rev. Preston Harmon

His line:: 1. Mr. 2. John A. 3. Andrew Jackson 4. John 5. Venice Speer who M. Rev. Preston Harmon at Logan, Kansas. They have four children: Beatrice; Dona Marie; Iva Lee and Donald Dean. He was a farmer-preacher at Logan, Kansas, later at Miller, Mo., and now pastor Free Methodist church at Loveland, Colorado.

3. REV. ROLLO C. SPEER D.D.

His line:: 1. Mr 2. John A. 3. Andrew Jackson 4. Nathan C. 5. Rev. Rollo Clayton Speer D.D. b 2-12-1888, Clio, Iowa the son of Nathan O and Julia (Howell) Speer. He M. 6-9-1909 Eleanor Ethel Garton. They had five children:: Eudora Ruth (dy); Anita Mae who M. Thomas G.R. Smith, Lakewood, O.; Laura Anne who M. Victor Eugene Hollar, Fort Collins, Colo.; Andrew Hamilton, Student in Kansas Univ.; and Eleanor Ethel. He graduated Central College, Pella, Ia A.B. 1911 and Rochester Theological Seminary 1915; Graduate study Univ. of Chicago 1915-16; D.D. Central College 1929. During student days pastor in Iowa and New York. Pastor Indiana Harbor, Ind. 1916-20; Pastor Bloomington, Ind 1920-23. Pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis 1923-28; Pastor LaGrange Ill. 1928-31; Pastor Greeley Colorado 1932-25; Vice President Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas 1935-36; Since 1936 pastor First Baptist church, Pocatello, Idaho. Founder Katherine House, Christian Center at Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Founder McDoel Baptist church, Bloomington, Ind.; Founder Blue Mound Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Genealogist; Author Speer Family Histories; Compiler these sketches; See Who's Who in the Clergy, also forthcoming Encyclopedia of American Biography. Res. 422 N. Garfield Ave., Pocatello, Idaho

4. Lloyd Hoss

Line: 1. Mr. 2. Joseph 3. Andrew G. 4. Joseph 5. Lillie V. Speer M. Elmer Hoss 6. Lloyd Hoss. Preparing for the Baptist ministry. Graduate Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. Res.: Frederick, Kansas.

5. REV. IRVIN SPEER ^{K39}

His line 1. Mr. 2. Jesse 3. Hiram 4. James Arthur 5. Rev. Irvin Speer, who is a Holiness minister at Wynona, Oklahoma. He was reared near Dighton, Kansas where his father still lives.

6. Rev. Edwin Francis Rose

His line: 1. Mr. 2. John A. 3. Andrew Jackson 4. John 5. Rosa Speer who M. Roy Cocklin, banker of Wauweta, Nebraska 6. Inez Cocklin M. Rev. Edwin Francis Rose. They have one son, Edwin Francis Jr. Rev. Edwin Francis Rose is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and Drew Theological Seminary. Graduate study in Columbia University. He is pastor of the Methodist church, Paterson, N.J.

Rev Miron Winslow D.D. L.L.D.

This line has never lived in America but is included here because it involves an American Missionary in India.

The Speira family is traced from Scotland where the line is as follows 1. John 2. Alexander 3. Archibald 4. Anne Speira who M. Rev. Miron Winslow. Anne Speira was a grand daughter of Henry, Lord Dundas., daughter of Archibald and Hon. Margaret (Dundas) Speira of Elderslie. Her father was Member of Parliament representing Co. Renfrew Scotland when she visited her grandfather, Lord Dundas in Madras. Rev. Miron Winslow M. her 9-3-1838 and she d 6-20-1843. They had three sons Charles ~~1839~~ b 6-5-1839; Miron Jr. b 8-28-1840; and Archibald b 6-10-1843, d 8-11-1845. Anne d the same year Archibald was born. Rev. Miron Winslow, American Missionary, was born in Williston, Vermont 12-11-1789 and d Cape of Good Hope, Africa 10-22-1864. He graduated from Middlebury College, Vt. in 1815 and from Andover Theological Seminary 1818. He went as a Missionary of the American Board (Presbyterian) to Ceylon 1819 and continued in the mission field for 44 years. He founded the Madras Mission in 1836. Was Pres. of the Native College at Madras, 1840; translated the Bible into Tamil language 1835; published "A Tamil and English Dictionary" 1862., a great work, containing over 67,000 Tamil words. See Article in Americana.

Family code "JLS"

REV. JOSEPH LEONARD SPEARS

His branch of the family is not yet traceable to an American Immigration. His great-grandfather came from Kentucky to Alabama about 1800. His grandfather lived there in Alabama where his father was born, Pleasant Simon Spears, b 1-18-1851

His line:: 1. Pleasant Simon 2. Joseph Leonard, his youngest child, b 12-12-1897, M. in 1922 Miss Billie Gouger. They have two children: Joseph Robert and Billie Jane. He is the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Marlin, Texas, Res: 313 Oaks St, Marlin, Texas.

Father Speer Strahan

Father Speer Strahan b 1898 at Fife Lake, Michigan, was educated at Notre Dame University. He received Holy Orders in 1925. He is on the teaching staff of English in the Catholic University of America. He is an Author, poet, of "The Mad Lover" and "The Poor".

Dom Simon Speer

The Catholic Encyclopedia under Article "Benedictbeurn, Abbey of." says "Among the illustrious men produced by Benedictbeurn the following deserve mention. . . . Dom Simon Speer, Martyr; tortured and put to death by the Swedes for refusing to surrender the goods of the Abbey", 1632. Benedictbeurn Abbey is situated in the Bavarian Alps 30 miles south of Munich, Germany.

Barth Speer, Player in the cast of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

At Christmas time 1938 Mr W.W. Speer of Chicago wrote me that he had just returned from Germany. He wrote:: "While at Oberammergau I met a man named Barth Speer, who is an accomplished wood carver there and takes part in the Passion Play each ten years. I met him through the widow of Anton Lang. He told me that the name Speer, while not common in Germany, is still quite well known there".

The Henry Spiers Family from England

Henry Spiers b 1725, was the son of an immigrant father who came from England about 1690. Henry went to Virginia "from a northern state" about 1740

1. REV. JESSE SPIERS

His line:: 1. Henry 2. Adam b 1750, was in the Amer Revol. 3. Jesse (1785-1852) (served in War 1812) 4. Rev. Jesse Spiers, b. 1817; d 1891. He M. his first cousin, Jane Francis Spiers (1825-1907). her line was 1. Henry 2. Adam 3. Adam 4. Jane Francis. Rev Jesse Spiers was a Methodist minister, b in Dinwiddie Co., Va. They had a son, Rev. Junius Bascom Spiers.

2. REV. JUNIUS BASCOM SPIERS

Son of Rev. Jesse Spiers, above. b 1862 d 1929. He M. Mabel Catherine Hoskins (1865-1925). They had six children:: Alice Frances b 1891, M. Edward L. Sechrist; John Worcester, b 1892; Dorothy Jewett, 1893-94; Thomas Hoskins b 3-12-1896; Eleanor Mabel Hoskins; and Virginia Ruth. Rev. Junius Bascom Spiers was a Swedenborgian minister at Savannah, Georgia; Portland, Me.; Contoocook, N.H.; and Richmond, Va.

William Borden.

While not of the Speer family blood, mention may well be made here of William Borden who was one of the most outstanding Christian Students in America in the first decade of the twentieth century. He was appointed to service for the Christian Church in Egypt and enroute to the field was siezed with an attack of spinal meningitis and died on shipboard in the Mediterranean sea. His sister, the talented authoress, Mary Borden of Chicago M. Brigadier General Edward Louis Spears who was military representative for the British government at Paris during the World War. Retired, from the British army, he is now M.P., within his lifetime having changed the spelling of his name from Spiers to Spears, because, as he wrote me, there was a tendency to pronounce it "Spiers". The death of William Borden was a major loss to the Student Volunteer Movement of America and the world.

Family code "UT"

Of Interest to the Latter Day Saints, (Mormon) church will be the following members of the family who have given service to that church.

The Speira family from Scotland begins with William and Agnes Speira who lived in Ayrshire, Scotland. They had children:: Adam; Agnes; John; Robert and William. Of these Adam, William and probably Robert came to America about 1827, William's son, George, being born in Ayrshire in January of that year. They came to Beaver Dam, near Pittsburg, Pa. From there they went to Nauvoo, Illinois and were among the very early pioneers (Mormon) to come to Salt Lake City, Utah. The old family home was Haddington, Scotland. Of these immigrant brothers, Adam d 1837, Beaver Dam, Pa

1. George Speira.

His Line:: 1. William 2. William 3. George, b 1-6-1827 in Ayrshire, Scotland. He m., 1848, Janet Lyon, daughter of John and Janet Lyon (Thompson) Lyon of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. He came to Utah 8-30-1860. He was a member of the 43rd quorum of Seventies in the Mormon church. High Priest; Patriarch. His children were:: William Harrison; Janet; John; Agnes; George; Thomas; Mary Ann; Lillias; Christian; Ella and Matthew.

2. Adam Speira, son of Thomas and Mary (Cochran) Speira

His line 1. William 2. Adam 3. Thomas 4. Adam who was born 7-7-1834, Pittsburg, Pa. m., 12-3-1854, Charlotte, b 11-12-1834, dau of John and Mary (Noddings) Clark. They came to Utah 10-17-1848. They had children:: Thomas; Mary; Adam C.; George Alfred; Arthur; Ernest; Effie; Edna and Edgar Franklin. Adam Speira was a Deacon, Merchant, High Priest; Teacher; Bishop of 2nd ward. He died in Salt Lake City, Utah 6-2-1908.

1877-1904 See "History of Utah" Whitney

3. George Speira.

His line is the same as above to generation 4. George, a brother of Adam Speira, b near Pittsburg, Pa 11-6-1837. He came to Utah in 1847. m., 1862, Adeline Harris, daughter of William Harris of England. They had children:: Adeline; George; Mary; Thomas; Lucy; Annie; Jennie; and William H. He was a member of the Seventy; Missionary to the Sandwich Islands four years.

Family code "Sta"

Also of interest to Mormon people is the other Spiers family, which we begin with John Spiers and Mary Anne (Winfield) Spiers, pioneers of Utah. Their daughter, Alberta Blanche M. John Marriott who was in the Indian wars, Brevt. General, one of the founders of Plain City, Utah; Mormon; d in 1879. Their son, Willard W. took the name Spiers by his grandfather's dying request. Known thence by the name of Spiers, Willard Winfield Spiers was b. in Plain City, Utah 7-29-1878. Graduated Weber College, Ogden, Utah at 19 years. Was a Mormon missionary to Germany. m. 11-11-1903 Juliette Chase, daughter of Dudley and Samantha Chase. Samantha was one of the original 46 to come to Salt Lake City from Nauvoo, Ill. Their children are:: Donald M. b 10-23-1904 and

Phyllis b 3-23-1906. Their home is at Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Family code "Blitch".

There is a peculiar combination of the Spier and Blitch names in the history of this family. On the Blitch line the lineage is:: 1. Spier 2. Thomas (killed at Brandywine) 3. Benjamin 4. Rev. Benjamin 5. Rev. Daniel Isaiah. Their Spier line is:: 1. Moore (M. Millie) 2. Sarah (M. 9-24-1803 Benjamin Blitch). We shall note both father & son. Moore and Millie Spier had a daughter Sarah, who M. Daniel Blitch. Their son was:: 1. Rev. Benjamin Blitch, b 1811 ;d 1887 in Seminole, Georgia. He was in the Indian wars, was a minister 41 years. He M. Harriet Wilson (1814-1877). Rev. Benjamin Blitch was the great-grandson of Spier Blitch who received a land grant near Tusculum, Effingham Co., Georgia in 1743 which remained in the Blitch family until 1900.

2. Rev. Daniel Isaiah Blitch b 1837 d 1889, M. Lucy Ann O'Quinn in 1863 and they have a son William Duncan Blitch. Data is lacking as to what church was their affiliation, evidently they lived and worked in Effingham Co., Ga.

REV. ROBERT SPEARS.

Rev. Robert Spears (1825-1899) began life as a Methodist preacher. He became a Unitarian in 1849. Was an educator. Was General Secretary of British and Foreign Unitarian Association. He published Biographical and Theological works at Scotswood-on-Tyne, Scotland. Was prominent Unitarian preacher and journalist; master of the New Connection Methodist's school at Scotswood-on-Tyne 1846. Was minister at Sunderland 1852-58. He originated "The Christian Freeman" magazine 1856; Established "Christian Life" weekly paper 1876; founded Unitarian chapel at High gate, London 1886; Co-secretary, 1867 and general secretary 1869-76 of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association; Published Biographical and Theological works. See "Dictionary of National Biography," English.

Family code "DON"

Rev. J.C. Reeves

The family of Robert Speer came from Co. Donegal, Ireland in 1792. Robert was 19 years old when he came to Baltimore, Md 7-16-1792. He M. Nancy Williams and later in turn both Nancy and Sarah Mulkins. He has many descendants across the states.

This line:: 1. Robert 2. William 3. Henry P. 4. Flora Effie Speer, b 4-4-1867; d 9-24-1896, who M. Rev. J.C. Reeves. He was a soldier in the 7th Indiana Vo. Reg't in the Civil War. They were married 7-16-1890. He was much older than she and was in the same Co. I of the same Reg't with Effie Speer's father. Flora Effie was born at Zionsville, Indiana. They had one son who died young. Data is lacking as to which church Rev. J.C. Reeves served.

Family code "BRAIN"

Introductory.

This illustrious Spear line is probably the most numerous family of the name in America. They begin when George Speere came from Yarmouth, England in 1642 to Braintree, Mass. He was a Baptist deacon in the days when it was heroic to adhere to that faith. A contemporary of Roger Williams, he and his family dared to espouse the not too popular sect. From 1642 to 1814 they continued faithful to that church as is evidenced by the fact that in the Baptist church records of Shutesbury, Mass we find the following "These are to certify that the names that are set to this certificate belong to the Baptist Society of Shutesbury and support the Baptist Order in this place-

Shutesbury Dec. 13th 1814" and among the signers are

Stephen Spear	Joseph Spear	Elisha Spear
Winsor Spear	Lot Spear	Calvin Spear
Moses Spear	Eliphalet Spear	Stephen Spear Jr.

From this family came a long line of ministers.

The following are known and will be mentioned. Doubtless there are many others, to all of whom we offer apology for a lack of inclusion. We shall mention them according to the generations in which they come. So far as known none of his sons were ministers.

1. REV. SAMUEL SPEAR (third generation)

His line is 1. George 2. Samuel 3. Rev. Samuel Spear, of whom Chas. L. Speare in his "Speare Family" says "Samuel Spear b 7-6-1696 d 12-24-1744", son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Daniel) Spear, M. Thankful, dau of Israel and Mary (Sumner) Nichols of Hingham, Mass. Was a minister (Baptist) in Provincetown, his will probated Jan 28 1745 and dated 5-29-1727, says "Samuel Spear of Cape Cod to Wife Thankful one moiety in farm at Braintree Called Hough's Neck. The other moiety to my brethren and sisters, William, John, Benoni, Mehitabel, Dorothy, Hannah, and Mary to the inhabitants of Cape Cod for the use of the ministry there". So this brave old Baptist preacher gave his life to the church and, in his death, his property as well. So far as known there were no ministers in the fourth generation.

2. REV. ELIJAH SPEAR (fifth generation)

His line is, 1. George 2. Nathaniel 3. Nathaniel 4. Moses and 5. Rev. Elijah Spear, b 1755, Rupert, Vermont son of Moses and his 2nd wife Betsey Spear. He was a Methodist minister in Benson, Vt, Rupert, Vt and Suffield, Conn. He was in the Revolutionary war. He had a daughter, Submit, b in Suffield, Conn and a son, Elijah, b 1779, Suffield, Conn.

3. Tamar Spear M. Joseph Ball.

Her line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin 4. Moses and 5. Tamar Spear, b 7-15-1760, dau of Moses and Catherine (Jones) Spear, M. 11-27-1788 Joseph Ball, of Shutesbury, Mass. He was of the Mormon faith and, as Elder Joseph Ball, was in Winal Haven, Fox Island, Me., a Mormon colony, Mar 9th 1838 and together with Elder Wilford Woodruff had charge of that colony. He also married Mary Pierce and Peggy Morgan and by Mary he had a son, b in Boston, 2-21-1804 named Joseph C. Ball and he was with the Mormon colony in Nauveo, Ill on July 14th 1845. Tamar is supposed to have died without issue.

His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Ebenezer
4.Samuel 5.Elihu and 6.Rev.Samuel Thayer Spear,b 3-4-1812 at Ballston
Spa, N.Y. d Brooklyn,N.Y. 4-1-1891.. He was a prominent Presbyterian
clergyman and author.. He graduated from the College of Physicians and
Surgeons in N.Y.C.; Had his attention drawn to the ministry; Studied
in Troy,N.Y.; Ordained in the Presbyterian church 1835. Held the Second
Presbyterian church in Lansingburg,N.Y. ;In 1843 called to a church in
Brooklyn and served there connectedly 27 years.;Resigned in,1870, to
join the editorial staff of the "Independent",where he stayed until his
death. Author of "Family Power", "Bible Heroes", "Church and State" and
"Federal Judiciary" He defended T. Dewitt Talmage in the trial
before the Brooklyn Presbytery, in a heresy trial. He delivered the
Eulogy, in New York at the death of President Lincoln. He was D.D. from
Union College. He was the son of Elihu and Relief(Thayer) Spear..
His father was the inventor of iron or steel cut nails.

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin
4. Jacob 5. Jacob and 6. Rev. Elijah, b 9-26-1795, Hartford, Vt d 12-27-1863
at Barnard, Vt. M., 1826, Azuba Bartholemew of Hartford or Norwich, b 2-29-
1804, d 12-30 1863 at Barnard, Vt. He was a Methodist preacher, began at
19 years, joined N.E. Conference 1819, preached in Maine and Vermont,
Charter member Vermont Conference, 1844, preacher and town clerk in
Barnard, Vt. Buried at E. Barnard. They had children: Olive Wells who
M. William R. Lyman; Laura F. b 8-6-1829; Azuba Jane b 1-7-1833 (UnM);
and Abba J. b 11-17-1839 who M. Judah L. Mack of Woodstock, Vt.

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His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Benjamin
4.Moses 5.Dr. Moses 6.Betsy C. b 3-29-1798,Vershire,Vt;d 9-20-1848,
dan of Moses and Judieth(Pierce) Spear. She M. 12-3-1827 Rev. Jacob
Perlings Huntington of Chelsea ,Vt.,who was b 4-28-1800;d 4-12-
1864,Halifax,Vt. He M.(2). Asenath S. who d Oct 29 1875 , age 67 yrs.
They had four children:: Judieth Spear(M. Elliott Merrifield(Rev),see later
Lucy Perkins; Mary Jane(M.Rev.S.Andrew Blake,see later) and Arabella A.F.
data is lacking as to what church he served,his son-in-law Rev. Elliott
Merrifield,was a Baptist. qv

7. Edward Lang Page who M. Catherine Jones Spear
His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Benjamin
4.Moses 5.Frederick and 6.Catherine Jones Spear b 2-8-1816; d 1-7-1884, at Hannibal, Mo. She M. Edward Lang Page 5-28-1844 at Nauvoo, Ill. He was born 12-23-1819, Salem, Mass son of Nathan and Sarah (Lang) Page of Salem. Edward was a Mormon priest, well educated and sent out from the Church of Salt Lake City. They had a daughter Lizzie Spear (not called Page) who lived with Edward's parents and M. when about 22 years. She had but one eye.

8. REV. WILLIAM EDWARD SPEAR (Seventh generation)
His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Joseph
4.Johnathan 5.William 6.Archibald and 7. Rev. William Edward Spear, b 1-2-1846; d 11-3-1916, son of Archibald and Angelica (Brenton) Spear. He M. (1) Madame Marie Grenx, widow of the consul at Brussels, Belgium. He M. (2). Mrs Lida Starrett of Boston, Mass. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College, 1870. Studied for the ministry in Bangor Theological Seminary, was ordained, and had a pastorate in Dunbarton, N.H. Had a year's travel in Europe and Palestine. Studied law in office of Hon. A.P. Gould, of Thomaston, Me. Established his law office in Boston. In 1892 was Circuit Judge. In 1898 was one of the Interpreters on the Spanish-American Peace Commission in Paris (his brother-in-law, Senator William Pierce Frye, being one of the Commissioners.) Returning to this country, he was appointed Chief of the Special Claims Commission with headquarters at Washington, D.C. Ten years later he resigned because of failing health and resumed his Boston law practice. Was many years a trustee of Bowdoin College and left bequests to that institution. He was an exceptionally fine linguist, speaking fluently French, German, Italian and Spanish. Interested in military tactics. Wrote a Civil War book, "The North and The South" that passed through two editions. Completed a second war book just before his death. Traveled extensively in this country and abroad; the summers for the last 20 years of his life being spent in European travel. They had two daughters, Maxine Brenton, b 5-31-1881 and Rene Louise b 3-27-1883 (dy) both.

9. REV. FRANCIS A. SPEAR
His line is:: 1.George 2.Samuel 3.John 4.Seth
5.George 6.George 7.Rev. Francis A. Spear who M. 7-3-1881 Louisa, dau of Daniel and Aurel (Gould) Marsh. He was a Missionary to the Ojibway Indians. Denomination not known by this author.

10. Rev. George Hartshorn M.D. who M Betsey Spear
His Line is:: 1.George 2.Nathaniel 3.Nathaniel
4. Moses 5.Elijah (see Rev. Elijah Spear No. 2 of this sketch) 6.Elijah and 7. Betsey Spear, ~~who~~ b 8-6-1809, Suffield, Conn d 1905, Mason City, Ia age 96 years. She M. 12-10-1832 Dr. George Hartshorn who lived in 1877 at Mason City, Iowa. He was a practicing physician, an ordained Methodist minister and was admitted to the bar. Their daughter, Lydia Ann M. William Wesley Hodges, Olathe, Kansas and they had two sons, George Hartshorn Hodges who was Governor of Kansas 1913-15; and Frank Hodges, Banker in Kans

11. REV. JACOB SPEAR

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin
4. Moses 5. Moses 6. Nathan and 7. Rev. Jacob Spear, b about 1815 the
eldest son of Nathan and Betsey (Huntington) Spear. He was born at
Vershire, Vt. and died in Michigan. Data lacking about what church
and is said to ~~xxx~~ have left no children.

12. REV. STEPHEN LEWIS BATES SPEAR

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin
4. Moses 5. Moses 6. Dr. Sceva and 7. Rev. Stephen Lewis Bates Spear,
b 5-6-1834 s Dr. Sceva and Jane (Merrill) Spear. Well educated; a noted
preacher for many years, located in Middlebury, Vt.; afterward with the
Alden Speare's sons Co. of Boston. M. Addie Hoyt, b 4-19-1833; d 7-20-
1915. He d. 6-3-1907. Their Res: Newton Centre, Mass. They had two
daughters, Mary Lewis b 1856 (UnM) and Margaret Elizabeth (dy 1870)
He was a brother-in-law of Rev Jacob Perlings Huntington #6 of these
sketches qv.

13. Rev. Elliott Merrifield who M. Judieth Spear Huntington

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin
4. Moses 5. Dr. Moses 6. Betsey, who M. Rev. Jacob Perlings Huntington,
and 7. Judieth Spear Huntington who M. Rev. Elliott Merrifield. Judieth
was b 12-24-1830, Chelsea Vt and d. 8-18-1912. She M. 5-18-1856 Rev. Elliott
Plympton Merrifield of Newfane, Vt. b 2-8-1824. Graduated B.A. Colgate
University 1853. Ordained W. Wardsboro, Vt 6-24-1856; pastor ibid 1856-58;
Plymouth, Vt. 1858-59; S. Windham 59-63; With Christian Commission 1863-65
as a Chaplain on Mississippi River boats during the Civil war with Res.
at Baton Rouge, La; Pastor Cambridgeport 65-66; E. Wallingford 66-69;
Swanton 69-70; E. Enosburg, Franklin and Berkshire 71-73; Vershire 75-78;
Lyme Center, N.H. 78-83; Richmond 83-89; E. Westmorland 89-92; W. Dummerston,
Vt. 92-94.; Cummington, Mass 94-1900 where he d 12-24-1900. He was a graduate
of the Colgate Seminary. They had two children: Bessie F. b 1859 and
Flora Lincoln b 1861. He was a Baptist.

14. Rev. S. Andrew Blake who M. Mary Jane Huntington.

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin
4. Moses 5. Dr. Moses 6. Betsey (Spear) Huntington 7. Mary Jane Hunting-
ton who ~~Mr~~ was b 10-29-1835, Thetford, Vt., d 2-11-1864. She M. 2-11-1862
Rev. S. Andrew Blake. Data lacking as to his church.

15. REV. PHILETUS BENNETT SPEAR D.D. (Sixth Generation)

His Line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Ebenezer
4. Lemuel 5. Abraham and 6. Rev. Philetus Bennett Spear D.D. son of
Abraham and Clarissa (Bennett) Spear, b 5-23-1811 at Palmyra, N.Y. ; d 1-25-
1901. Entered Colgate Univ. and the Theological Seminary with the first
class to take full work. Grad Colgate Univ. and the Theol. Sem. 1838.
Became Prof. of Hebrew there 1850; Taught in the Seminary for over 40
years; Corresponding Sec'y Bapt. Educ. Society of the State of N.Y. 1850-51
and 56-61 and Board of Trustees 1850-61. M.A. George Washington Univ 1844
D.D. Colby College '68; ~~xxxx~~ tutor Mathematics and Natural Philos.
Colgate Univ. 37-38. Ordained, Macedon NY 9-28-1838.; Tutor Hebrew Philology
and sacred antiquities Co. Sem. 38-40; Adjunct Prof Heb. 42-46;

15(cont) **Philetus B**

Principal Col. Acad. 46-50; Adjunct Prof Heb. Col. Univ 48-49
 Prof. Hebrew lang. 1880-75; Treasurer Col. Univ 64-88. Prof. Emeritus
 Hebrew & Latin Col. Sem. 75-1901. Also Prof. Col. Univ. d. at Hamilton, NY
 1-25-1901.. He was a champion of the idea of keeping Colgate Seminary
 at Hamilton, NY vs moving it to Rochester. See Baptist Encyclopedia.

16. **PHILENA SPEAR**, twin sister of Dr. Philetus B. Spear
 who M. Rev. Justin Olin Edmunds.

Her line is:: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Ebenezer
 4. Lemuel 5. Abraham and 6. Philena Spear b 5-23-1811 d 1-16-1841. She
 M. 1-15-1840 Rev. Justin Olin Edmunds, a Baptist, in Hamilton, N.Y. He
 was b 9-27-1810 at Clarendon, Vt and d 5-10-1843. They had no children.
 He graduated Colgate Univ 1837 and Grad Colgate Seminary 1839. ; was agent
 Bapt. Educ. Society of N.Y. State 1840-41. ; Pastor Jersey City N.J.
 41-42. Retired Snickersville W. Va. 42-43. d at sea near Cape Lockout
 5-10-1843

~~16. CORDELIA SPEAR who M. Rev. Edward Bennett Edmunds.~~

~~sister of Philena and Philetus B. Spear above~~

~~Her line is:: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Ebenezer~~

~~4. Lemuel 5. Abraham and 6. Cordelia Spear~~

17. **REV. EDWARD BENNETT EDMUNDS.** (seventh generation)

His line is:: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Ebenezer
 4. Lemuel 5. Abraham 6. Cordelia Spear (who M. deacon James Edmunds, brother
 of Rev. Justin Olin Edmunds who married Philena Spear, above #16.) and
 7. Rev. Edward Bennett Edmunds, b 6-18-1839, Hamilton N.Y. He was in
 the 61st Regiment, N.Y. Vols. 1862-63. M. 9-15-1864 Mary Ann Hovey at
 Fort Atkinson, Wis. He Graduated Colgate Univ 1860. Ordained at Hartland
 Wis 8-24-1864; Pastor Avon, Ill 64-65; Baraboo, Wis 65-66; Missionary of the
 Amer. S.S. Union 66-67; Pastor New Lisbon, Wis 62-68; Oconomowoc, Wis
 68-69; S.S. Missionary with Amer Bap Pub Soc. for Wis. 69-76. Pastor
 Lamartine 76-77; S.S. Missionary with A.B.P.S. in Michigan 77-81; Wis.
 again 81-1909. Retired at Beaver Dam, Wis 1909-18.; d ibid 10-30-1918.
 Children: L William Hovey 1866; Cordelia Spear, 1868; Freddie H. 1869 and
 James 1871.

18. **Rev. Leslie C. Whitaker** (Eighth Generation)

Who M. Gladys Salisbury.

His line is:: 1. George 2. Robert 3. William 4. William
 5. James 6. Susan Spear M. Capt Asa Milo Cole (Hustisford, Wis) 7. Susan Ruth
 Cole M. William D. Salisbury (Estherville, Iowa) 8. Gladys Salisbury M.,
 8-25-1920, Rev. Leslie C. Whitaker. He was a Missionary in Burmah, India,
 now teaching in Sacramento, Cal. They have four children:: Gladys Leslie,
 b 12-17-1921, New Orleans; Muriel Helen b 5-13-1925, Maymyo, Burmah;
 Marjory Marion b 12-13-1926, Rangoon, Burmah; and Robert Arthur b 7-2-1928
 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Their Res:: 2930-23rd St Sacramento, Calif.

19. Rev. William Ingraham Haven who M. Minnie Gertrude Speare.

His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Benjamin 4.Moses 5.Dr. Moses 6.Dr. Sceva 7.Alden and 8.Minnie Gertrude, b 10-22-1862, dau Alden and Caroline Malvina(Robinson)Speare M. 4-25-1894 Rev. William Ingraham Haven who was b 1-30-1856 ; d 6-25-1928, son of Bishop Gilbert and Mary(Ingraham) Haven. Alden Speare, father of the subject of this sketch was the late financier of Boston, after whom the town of Spearville Kansas was named, as he was a promoter of the Santa Fe Ry across Kansas. Rev. & Mrs Haven have a daughter, Gladys b 7-26-1895 who M. Eric McCoy North Data is lacking as to what church he served but Mrs Haven was reared as a Congregationalist, born in Boston or Newton Centre.

20. Rev. Samuel Earley who M. Amanda Emma Spear(7th Gen)

His line is:: 1.George 2.Samuel 3.Benoni 4.Benjamin 5.Pascal Paoli 6.Horatio 7.Amanda Emma, b 11-16-1845, Petersburg, Pa.; d 12-30-1904, at Elyria, O. buried Columbia Center, O, dau of Horatio Nelson and Elinor (Reed) Spear. She M. 3-25-1864 at Washington D.C. Rev. Samuel Earley who was b 9-22-1840 at Belgrade, N.Y. a son of John and Almada Earley. He also is buried Columbia Center, O. They had one daughter, Helen Almada b 1-22-1866, Waverley, Chimney Co. N.Y. and was married by her father to William Daniel Cole both of whom d 1933 and are buried, Columbia, O., Lorain Co. No data given as to what church.

21. PROF. ROY SPEAR (Ninth Generation)

His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Ebenezer 4.Samuel 5.Elihu 6.Samuel 8.Howard Lindsey and 9.Prof Roy Spear who was born 12-4-1895. He M. Tressie Swarmer, of Bushong, Kansas. They have three children: Horace Scott, b 9-29-1921; Miriam Ruth, b 3-19-1923; Harold Edwin, b 9-8-1928. He was reared on his father's ranch near Bushong, Ks. and was in 1936 principal of the Antrim Township High School south of St. John's, Kansas. Although they are Reformed Presbyterians he was preaching in the nearby Baptist church and living in their parsonage while teaching the neighborhood school.

22. REV. NORMAN SPEAR (Brother of Roy, above)

His line is:: 1.George 2.Ebenezer 3.Ebenezer 4.Samuel 5.Elihu 6.Samuel 7.Howard Lindsey and 8.Rev. Norman Spear, b 6-7-1900 at Bushong, Kansas. He mar. Marriion Rebecca Ormiston. They have two children; Wendell Edgar b 10-27-1933 and Wayne Renwich, b 7-24-1935. He is pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church, Bovina Center, N.Y. Rev Norman and Prof. Roy Spear are the sons of Howard Lindsey and Minnie(Warwick)Spear of Bushong, Kans. Their grandfather was Samuel Perkins Spear, Col. of a Maine Regiment in the Civil war. On one line they are descended from John Hancock and the family has in their possession a Sugar Tongs which came with the Hancocks on the Mayflower.

"BRAIN" (cont)

Three brothers of the Ninth Generation here should be mentioned. Their line is: 1. L. George 2. Nathaniel 3. Nathaniel 4. Moses 5. Elijah 6. Elijah 7. Edwin 8. Edwin F. 9. Rev. Loren Spear
REV LOREN SPEAR is a Methodist minister in Illinois.

Also Gen. 9. brother of above.

REV. CHARLES SPEAR also a Methodist minister in Illinois

And another brother of the above.

Rev. Ray Spear who has been a Methodist Missionary in Burma since 1920.

Probably also, belonging to this family but not here identified by family is the following::

Rev. Nicholas Hoppin D.D. of Cambridge, Mass., b 12-3-1812 at Providence, R.I. His parents were Richard and Abby (Spear) Hoppin. * The father, Richard, was b 1783 and they had four children of whom Dr. Nicholas Hoppin was the 2nd.

Of the same spelling and, possibly of the same family, the following ministers are known::

Rev. Horace N. Spear, prominent Baptist minister of Indiana. Held several large churches including Shelbyville and Bluffton. President Indiana Baptist State Convention. Graduate Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Preacher and church official. *d about 1937*

Mrs Catherine Spear, Widow of Henry A. Spear is the secretary of the Y.W.O.A. in Pueblo, Colorado.

~~Wm~~ Rev. William Wallace Spear, a graduate of the University of N.C. 1831 was an Episcopal minister. He died in Pennsylvania in 1860.

Rev. M.S. Spear was pastor of the Christian Church (Disciples) in Belle-vern, Pa in 1938. Enquiry in August 1939 reveals the information from the P.O. Dept. that he is deceased.

Rev. B.R. Spear is pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church and lives 616 Fraser Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Clifton G. Spear belongs to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo and lives in Chicago, Ill. A Presbyterian minister.

J. Fred Spear is given in 1935 as a licentiate in the Chicago Presbytery as being in Plymouth Inst. Brooklyn, N.Y., apparently for study.

23. REV. STANLEY GATES SPEAR

His line is: 1. George 2. Nathaniel 3. Nathaniel
4. Thomas 5. Thomas 6. Joshua 7. George 8. George and 9. Rev. Stanley
Gates Spear, b 7-24-1873 son of George Weeden and Frances Mary (Gates)
Spear. He was a Universalist minister, with pastorates in Dexter, Me.,
Roxbury and Beverly, Mass. Served overseas in the World War in the
Y.M.C.A. with the 33rd Division.

24. Rev. Charles Smith who M. Abbie Spear

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin 4. Moses
5. Luther 6. Moses 7. Hiram 8. John and 9. Abbie Spear who M. 7-16-1884
Rev. Charles Smith who was b 4-11-1867 of South Amherst, Mass. They have
two children, Mabel L. b 12-22-1886 and Vernon C. b 2-8-1889. Data is
lacking on their church connections.

25. Arthur H. Greeley Y.M.C.A. Sec'y ~~who M. Mabel Holmes~~

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin 4. Moses
5. Dr. Moses 6. Jacob 7. Amelia Spear who M. (2) 11-13-1859 Simond Greeley
8. John Howard Greeley M Ann M. Burnham, a dau of Lucinda Spear, sister of
Amelia (gen 6) 9. Arthur H. Greeley b 12-19-1873 M. 7-14-1897 Mabel Holmes,
b 1877, dau of Frank Douglass and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Holmes. Arthur has
for many years been General Secretary of Brooklyn and Queens Y.M.C.A.
of New York. They had two children, Frank b Nov 30-1899 (dy) and Marjorie
b 4-5-1901, d 3-6-1925.

26. Rev. William F. Bissell who M. Climenta Sleeper

His line is: 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Benjamin 4. Moses
5. Dr. Moses 6. Nathan 7. Alonzo F. 8. Mary Elizabeth Spear, b 4-21-1853
M. 3-4-1882, Zebina C. Sleeper 9. Climenta E. Sleeper, b 6-24-1885 M.
5-24-1916 Rev. William F. Bissell who was b 12-23-1872 They have five
children: Oscar B., b 3-14-1917; Bertha M. b 4-15-1918; Howard K., b 5-7-
1919; Mary S., b 10-16-1920; and Marguerite E. b 10-19-1921. No data on
which church or where they worked. Mrs Bissell was born, evidently, in
Vershire, Vt.,

In addition there are two men who are believed to be
of this famous line but data is lacking to place them. They are; The
brothers, Charles and John Murray.

1. REV. CHARLES SPEAR, line not known, b. 5-1-1801; d 4-13-63.
A Universalist minister b in Boston, Mass. He M. 12-22-1829 Miss Frances
King of Brewster. Charles was known as "A Friend of Prisoners". He M. (2)
Catherine Swan Brown. At his death in 1863 "The Liberator" said "His chief
happiness was in laboring for others, especially for the neglected and
most wretched classes of society". Consult The Americana; quote
"American philanthropist and author, b Boston, Mass 5-1-1808 d Wash D.C.
4-18-1863. After several years' service as a Universalist minister in
Brewster, Rockport, Mass. he settled in Boston where he became well
known by his advocacy of prison reform, and his efforts to secure
adoption of legislative measures for the benefit and reformation of

Family code "WE"

The family of William Speer and Eleanor(Norris)Speer
Introductory

The first name in this line we can give is that of William and Margaret (Houston) Speer living at Strebault, Co. Antrim, Ireland. Margaret d at the birth of her only son, William. William M(2) and had four sons who later came to America.

William Jr. at whose death his mother died, was b Co. Antrim, Ireland 1747; d in So. Car. 1-17-1830. He served in the Cavalry through the Amer. Revol., an Aide to Gen Andrew Pickens at the siege of Ninety-six. He M. 1784 Mrs Eleanor Little Norris(1749-95). He came to Christian Bridge, Delaware in 1772. Settled at Long Cane, Abbeyville District, S.C.. We shall find many ministers among his descendants.

1. REV. ALEXANDER SPEER

His line is 1. William 2. William 3. Rev. Alexander Speer, who M. 1813 Mary Elizabeth Middleton, dau of Arthur Middleton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. They had children: Algernon Sidney; Eustace Willoughby; Eleanor; Alexander Middleton; and Margaret. Rev. Alexander Speer M. (2). Mary Baird Grant and they had a daughter Mary Eugenia. He M(3). Carrie Day and by her had no issue. He was born 8-23-1790 and d 4-26-1856 at LaGrange, Ga. He was Methodist minister in Macon, Georgia.

2. REV. EUSTACE WILLUGHBY SPEER son of Alexander, above.

His line is: 1. William 2. William 3. Rev. Alexander 4. Rev Eustace Willoughby Speer, son of Alexander (qv) and Mary E. (Middleton) Speer. He M. Anne King. They had among others Hon Emory Speer and Laura Speer. Emory was in the 46th Congress and was later Dean of the Law School of Mercer University. Rev. Eustace Willoughby Speer was a Methodist minister in Macon, Ga like his father before him.

3. Rev. James Sanford Lamar who M. Mary Rucker.

His line is: 1. William 2. William 3. Margaret Houston Speer who M. Joseph Rucker. 4. Mary Rucker, d 1864, who M. Rev. James Sanford Lamar. They had a son, Joseph Rucker Lamar b 10-14-1857 and d 1-2-1916, who was appointed Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by President Taft which position he held from 1911-16 when he died. Thus in their Methodist parsonage in Georgia did these two devoted servants of God rear a son to the highest legal status to which our government elevates a man.

4. REV. ALEXANDER SPEER. (Half-brother of Amer Rev. William)

His line is: 1. William 2. Rev. Alexander Speer, half brother of William who came first to America. He came to America about 1790. M. (1). Jane Fletcher who d 1-7-1852. They had Children: John Wesley; Edward Fletcher; Thomas and Sarah Anne. Rev. Alexander Speer M. (2). Miss Wilson. They had Alexander H.; William; Jane; Elizabeth; Fanny; Rebecca; Mary A.; Martha and Margaret. He was a Methodist minister in Ga and moved to Canada over the slavery issue. His descendants live in Emporia, Kans and St. Joseph, Mo.

Mary Elizabeth Galloway

5. Rev. John Giffin D.D. who M. ~~Martha Speer~~

His line is:: 1. William 2. William 3. John 4. Martha Speer who M. Johnathan Galloway 5. Mary Elizabeth Galloway M. Rev. John Giffin D.D. Mary Eliz was b 1842 d 1881 She M. in 1877. Dr. Giffin was born 1846 d 1922. They had children : Bruce Johnston b 1878; Margaret Speer, b 2-24-1880 in Cairo, Egypt.; Marion Galloway (1881-1922) After Mary's death Rev. John Giffin M(2) Elizabeth Newlin and by her had children; Mary Edith; Bessie Newlin; Lpis Eunice Newlin ; and Edna Jean. He was a Foreign Missionary to Egypt. Church not known here.

Family code "SH"

REV. MATTHIAS SPEER of Barron Co., Kentucky and Kansas.

Data is not available as to this man's ancestry. He M. Nancy Caroline Speer, said to be no relative of his. They had six sons of whom one was William Pitts Speer, another Abraham Benjamin Speer. William Pitts Speer was a Civil War Veteran who drove a team of mules to Kansas from Barron Co., Ky in 1873. Abraham Benjamin Speer moved to Texas after the Civil War, twice married, he was the father of 30 children. REV MATTHIAS SPEER was a Christian(Disciples) minister. He came to Kansas to his son's home and died there at the age of 96 years. He was taken back to Barron Co., Ky for burial. His descendents live at South Haven, Kansas.

REV FRANKLIN MATTHIAS SPEER

His grandfather Speer is said to have come from England to Kentucky or Indiana. He had two sons, Richard and Esau.

His line is:: Mr. Speer 2. Richard 3. Rev. Franklin Matthias Speer, b 4-7-1850, Kirksville, Mo, son of Richard and Mahalia(Rawlins) Speer. He M. Rada Isabelle Lunsford who was b. 8-19-1858, dau Alfred and Sarah(O'Neal) Lunsford. She d. 1886 at Clarinda, Iowa/ They had three sons and one daughter: ~~Ebbon Roy Speer of Salt Lake City, Utah~~
Ebbon Roy Speer of Salt Lake City, Utah
Alfred C. Speer of Edgewater, Colorado
Harvey M. Speer, of Bloomfield, Iowa
Alice M. Speer who M. Mr Stice of American Forks, Utah.
Rev. Franklin Matthias Speer was a Christian(Disciples) minister. His son in Salt Lake City and daughter in American Forks, are Mormons.

Family code "R3"

The family of Nathaniel Spears begins in America when Nathaniel came from England to Virginia in 1750. He settled first in Virginia, then went to So. Car. He d. in 1763. He M. Lydia Wise of Virginia. Of their descendents we note the following.

1. Rev. John Caswell Roper Ph.D.

His line is 1. Nathaniel 2. James 3. Nancy Spears who M. Matthew Heustess 4. John Heustess 5. Martha ~~Heustess~~ Angeline Heustess 1849-1878) M. John Thomas Roper (1850-89) 6. Rev. John Caswell Roper Ph.D. b 11-4-1873, M. 6-14-1898 Edith Bull Moseley. They had seven children: John Caswell Jr; Judge Sheldon M.; Olin Watson; Rufus Child; Julian Westfield; Charles Finckney; and Margaret Frances. Rev. John Caswell Roper is a Ph.D. Univ of So Car 1929. A Methodist Minister.

2. Rev. R.A. Child D.D. (brother-in-law of Dr. Roper)

His line is: 1. Nathaniel 2. James 3. Nancy (Spears) Heustess 4. John 5. Martha (Heustess) Roper 6. Margaret Angeline Roper, b 1875, M. Rev. R.A. Child D.D. Probably a Methodist minister in S.C.

3. Rev. M.K. Meadors (another brother-in-law of Dr. Roper)

His line is: 1. Nathaniel 2. James 3. Nancy (Spears) Heustess 4. John 5. Martha (Heustess) Roper 6. Step-daughter, Ada Roper, M. Rev. M.K. Meadors. Probably a Methodist minister in Georgia.

4. REV. LAWRENCE B. SPEAR

His line: 1. Nathaniel 2. David 3. Peyton Hillery 4. Booker and 5. Rev. Lawrence B. Spear. He was married in Teneha, Texas and is (1938) an Adventist minister living 605 E 15th St., Austin, Texas.

Family code "OMS"

The first known member of this family in America was Moses Speer who M. Miss Voris, a Holland woman, and came from Io. Car. sometime after 1700 to where Louisville, Ky now stands. They moved to near Salem, Orange Co., Indiana where the aged mother died at age of 106 years at the home of her son, Rev. Aaron Speer.

1. REV. AARON SPEER.

He was the youngest son in this family b 11-3-1829 d 3-27-1918 He was a Baptist minister, was listed in the Indiana Baptist Annual of 1916 Addr ess Salem, Ind and as "Aaron Speer Sr.". Inference is that he had a son, Aaron. He was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Orange Co., Ind.

2. Rev. William Baker.

Lovell Speer, brother of Rev. Aaron Speer, above, M. a Miss Irvin and had three sons, William, Joel and Jesse Alexander. He died and his widow married Rev. William Baker. The Speer sons were raised by this kindly old minister along with their ~~two~~ half brothers and sister, William and Lizzie. Rev William Baker was a Baptist minister. He died suddenly while on a visit to his children in Osage Co., Kansas. He was affectionately known among the Speer family as "uncle Billie"

Family code "DMP"

The Family beginning in America with David and Mary (Piper) Speer has a romance of the clergy in connection with the Irish Emigration. David Speer was b 1773 in Co. Down, Ireland. The next year Mary Piper was b (1774) in Co., Antrim, Ireland, adjoining. They were aboard ship coming to America, Mary being accompanied by her aged father the Rev. Mr. Piper. He became ill enroute and David Speer and Mary Piper were married by him en voyage. The aged minister died before they had crossed and was buried at sea. David and Mary (Piper) Speer lived at Myoma, Butler Co., Pa. We note their descendents thus:

1. REV. ROBERT C. CRISWELL

His line is:: 1. David 2. Elizabeth (b 8-26-1817 d 3-18-1903) M. James Criswell (1820-96) of Mars, Pa. (He was a son of Mr. Criswell who M. Mary Patterson, sister of William Patterson of Baltimore who M. Dorcas Speer of the family code "BW") 3. Rev. Robert C. Criswell, b 3-1-1849, d 10-23-1892, was a United Presbyterian minister. Their son, R.B. Criswell is Prof. in Coll of Engr. University of Md. Res: College Park, Md.

2. Rev. William E. Purvis

His line is:: 1. David 2. Martha Speer (b 1812 d 11-17-1891) M. 9-8-1879, Alexander Purvis (b 5-6-1804 d 9-8-1879) 3. Samuel A. Purvis M. Martha Ann Pinkerton. 4. Rev. William E. Purvis. He M. Florence Clarkson Mealy of New Wilmington, Pa. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church, Grove City, Pa. They had children: Samuel; George; William; Helen; Francis; Russell; and Julian Of this family::

3. Rev. Samuel Purvis.

Son of Rev. William E. and Florence Clarkson (Mealy) Purvis. Pastor of the Presbyterian church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Unclassified ministers who spell their name Speer are known as follows::

Rev. Paul O. Speer, (Mrs Mathilda) is at Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska.
Rev. Mr Speer whose first name is not known was reared at Gering, Nebraska.
Rev. J.H. Speer is the pastor of the Christian (Disciples) Church at Fallsville, Arkansas.

Some known and spelling it Speers are::

Rev. Sidney M. (Mrs Nora M.) Speers, pastor of Church of Christ, 2025 W. Bijou, Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have a daughter, Virginia M.
Rev. Luther (Mrs Lucy) Speers 2125 Woolsey St, Oakland, California. *Presbyterian*

Others known and spelling it Spears are::

J.R. Spears, many years Secretary boys work Y.M.C.A. (1923-26) Iacon, Ga.
Rev. J. Basil Spears (Mrs Edith) pastor Mount Rose Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Res: 1308 N. Lansing Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Cornelius Spears lives at 363 Washington Ave New Orleans or at 2214 Wood St., Monroe, La.
Rev. Jacob T. Spears (Mrs Eliza L.) 304 So 19th St, Independence, Kansas has a son Jay See.
Rev. H.C. Spears is pastor of the Algona Ave Methodist church, Oshkosh, Wis.
Rev. A.G. Spears 5720 Linwood Ave., Shreveport, La.
Rev. J.S. Spears, pastor Christian (Disciples) church 703 Range Line St Columbia, Mo.

Because they are related to the Speer family we include here accounts of two notable Ewing men. It came about in this way, that James Patterson, the Indian trader, married Susan Howard and by her had, among others, Mary, who M. James Speer one of the immigrant Speer brothers. Then James Patterson died and his widow, Mrs Susan (Howard) Patterson, M. Thomas Ewing, one of the immigrant Ewing brothers from Scotland. Thomas Ewing had two brothers Alexander and Robert. The son of this Alexander was Rev. John Ewing b 7-22-1732; d 9-8-1803, a Presbyterian minister. He M. Hannah Sergeant of Newark, Del. In 1759 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, Pa in 1779 he was made Provost of the new University of Pennsylvania. He d. at Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.

2 The son of the other brother, Robert Ewing, was Rev. Finis Ewing, b 7-10-1773; d 7-4-1841. He was the chief founder of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, being the last of the 12 children of Robert and Mary (Baker) Ewing. He was b. in Bedford Co, Va. His boyhood was spent near Nashville, Tenn whither the family had moved. M. in 1793, Peggy, dau of Gen William Davidson. Next year they settled in Kentucky near Russellville. He was a prosperous farmer. In the Cumberland revival of 1800 the Presbyteries of Transylvania and Cumberland licensed and ordained some men not up to educational requirements. Ewing was one of them. They adopted the Westminster confession of faith with exceptions about Predestinarianism which did not fit evangelistic work. The Kentucky synod and later the General Assembly disapproved and in 1810 Ewing and two others founded the Presbytery of Cumberland. He preached in Kentucky and Tennessee. Ex Became a separate church in 1814. Was the pastor at Lebanon church, Christian Co., Ky. In 1820 he moved to central Missouri. Founded a church at New Lebanon, Mo. In his home he trained ministers. Became anti-slavery advocate and was a pioneer in the Temperance movement. In 1836 he was pastor at Lexington, Mo and supported himself there by being Registrar of the Land Office. He was long affectionately known as "Father Ewing" by the Cumberland Presbyterians.

While these men are not of Speer blood they are so closely related and intermarried with the Speer family as to make their inclusion here one of interest to their kinspeople.

3. Also in this family, related to the Blaine family also, is the following::

Prof. Harry Woods D.D.

His line is:: James Blaine 2. Col. Ephraim Blaine 2x
3. James Blaine 4. Ellen (Blaine) Ewing 5. Mary Lyon Ewing who M. Prof. Harry Woods D.D. b 1838 d 1915, of Washington Co., Pa. He was a teacher in theological schools.

4. Son-in-law of the above, Gen 6. Margaret Hallock Woods M. Rev. William Beeson Hamilton

FAMILY CODE "MOS"

The Irish progenitor of this line is said to have been in the Irish Parliament, he was Aaron Speer. They claim as their family motto; "Yes, Push on", which I believe to be a variation of the motto of other branches which, in connection with their Coat-of-arms is, simply, "Advance". In either form this laconic motto is very fitting for the pioneering spirit of the Speer families. The immigrant ancestor, with whom we here begin, was Moses Speer who came from Co. Antrim, Ireland in 1680 to Virginia.

1. REV. JOSHUA KENNERLY SPEER

His line is:: 1. Moses 2. Moses 3. Aaron 4. Aaron 5. Rev. Joshua Kennerly Speer, b 4-2-1794 in North Carolina and d 1858. He M.(1) in 1821, Phebe Sheppard (1801-1838). They moved to Shelbyville, Maury Co., Tenn. There they had six children:: William Sheppard; J.C.S.; Ephraim Aaron; Nancy; Cornelia; and America. Rev. Joshua Kennerly Speer M.(2). name not given and to them were born four daughters:: Sally; Margaret Adeline; Clarinda and Miss Johnnie. Our subject was a Baptist Minister in Tennessee. From an account of his life received through the family of William Sheppard Speer we quote "Elder Joshua Kennerly Speer is widely remembered over middle Tennessee as the Pioneer of the "Reformation" in that section. His character was a symmetry, the excellency of dignity and the purity of godliness. He joined the Old Baptist Church in 1822 but later on went with Mr. Campbell in "The Reformation" movement.... he was a preacher for 32 yrs. His wife, nee Phebe Sheppard, was b. 1801 the dau of James Sheppard. Her mother was a Mastrin of Virginian parentage. She d. 1838. She was a very religious woman, domestic and pushing. She was for three years a member of the Old Baptist Church but ultimately went with her husband in "The Reformation" which began as a separate organization about the year 1827." So we find this good man having been a minister in two denominational groups.

2. REV. JAMES JONES SPEER

His line, same as the above. Brother of Rev. Joshua Kennerly Speer. He was b 3-9-1798 and d 2-3-1853. He M. Elizabeth Hadley, a Quakeress, b 11-16-1800; d 3-18-1846, dau of Simon Hadley. They had six children:: Aquilla Spencer b 9-12-1821 d 8-12-1897; Barzilla b 4-18-1825; d 3-25-1901; Priscilla b 11-10-1826; Eviline b 12-28-1828; d 4-16-1899; James Jones Jr. b 8-29-1833; d 2-10-1870 dsp; and Joshua Kennerly b 1-7-1831. Rev. James Jones Speer was a Primitive Baptist Minister, often riding horseback with saddle bags to distant appointments. He was killed by a horse on one of his trips.

3. REV. WILLIAM SHEPPARD SPEER

His line is:: 1. Moses 2. Moses 3. Aaron 4. Aaron 5. Rev. Joshua Kennerly 6. Rev. William Sheppard Speer, b Oct 1822, he M.(1) Mary Ann Nance b 1823 at Pulaaki, Tenn., dau of Col. Joseph and Eleanor (Black) Nance. She d. 5-12-1852 at Williamsport, Tenn. They had three sons and a daughter as follows:: Charles A. b 12-19-1845; Alex. C. b 5-1-1847; Henry Clay, b 12-22-1849 d Aug 1936 and Mary Phebe b 5-3-1851. Rev. William S. Speer M.(2) but data does not give her name. They had one son, Jacob C. Speer. Rev. William S. Speer was a personal friend of Alexander Campbell and traveled widely preaching in the "Reformation" and organizing churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas. He was also a personal friend of

President A. Lincoln and was active in political life. In one of the collection of Lincoln's letters is one addressed to him, evidently in x reply to one from Mr. Speer in which he asked Lincoln to make more drastic Anti-slavery pronouncements. Lincoln wrote, "If they cannot understand what I have said they will not believe though one come from the dead." Rev. Wm. S. Speer was appointed by Lincoln as U.S. Consul to the Island of Zanzibar during the time of the Civil War. On that trip he took with him his son, Alex C. Speer who died a very aged man in Benton, Arkansas in 1938. After he returned from Zanzibar, Mr. Speer directed most of his attention to the Teaching field, repudiated much of his former work in the Reformation. He was the author of several books having to do with the religious field. He was a politician, traveler, preacher, teacher, Author. He died and is buried in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The author of this sketch has in his possession some of the personal correspondence of this unusual man.

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4. Henry Clay Speer

Henry Clay Speer was a son of the above, Rev. Wm. S. Speer. According to a personal letter in the possession of this author it is known that he began life as a Christian preacher. However he was well educated for his day and very soon found his place in the educational field. He came to Kansas and was principal of the Eudora Schools, S.E. of Lawrence, later Principal at Junction City, Kansas. From there he was elected as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. His picture is on the walls of the office of the State Supt. of Schools in the Capitol building in Topeka. When a very old man he walked into that office one day and said "It's been a half century since I left the office and I just dropped in to see how things were going". After his term of office he became interested in School bonds and began the brokerage business. In the financial crisis of 1893 he lost his entire fortune and ruined some Topeka and Kansas City banks. But with characteristic honesty and high ideals he began all over again, repaid all his old debts and founded the firm of H.C. Speer & Sons, brokers, which still does business in Chicago under the direction of his son, William Walter "Paul" Speer. He was b. 12-22-1842 d. 9-2-1936 in Redlands, California. He m. Mary Cordelia Dallas, dau of Dr. Dallas of Baldwin, Kansas. She d. 1935. They had three children: Henry Dallas; William Walter "Paul" and Edna, now Mrs. Dow of Redlands, California, at whose home Mr. Speer died in 1936.

5. REV. JOSHUA KENNERLEY SPEER (nephew of the man of the same name above.)

His line is: 1. Moses 2. Moses 3. Aaron 4. Aaron

5. James Jones (Rev) see above; 6. Rev Joshua Kennerley Speer, b. 1-7-1831. M., 1852, Elizabeth Disborgh. They had ten children; Dr. Chester Lee; Minnie Salome; Theresa; Ophelia; Linton; Oscar; Lou G.; Sallie J.; Grace J.; and Lena H. They lived in Indianapolis, Indiana where he was a famous preacher, brilliant debater; and editor of the "Indianapolis Sun". Later he became U.S. State Timber Commissioner of Wisconsin. In 1865 he left the Christian (Disciples) church for Christadelphianism. After a tempestuous experience until 1886 he returned to the Christian Church and resumed preaching but without much change of views. So we record him as a Christian and a Christadelphian minister.

6. REV. JOSHUA SPEER PATTERSON

His line is:: 1. Moses 2. Moses 3. Aaron 4. Aaron 5. Elizabeth Speer M. Aaron James Patterson 6. Lewis Patterson and 7. Rev. Joshua Speer Patterson, who M. Helen Amelia Crocker, dau of John Crocker in Davidson Co., Tenn. They had eight children:: Elizabeth M.; Charles B.; Joshua L.; Frederick L.; John C.; Helen A.; Louise S.; and Evelyn E. He was a Baptist minister in Augusta, Georgia and City Auditor of the same city. Served in the Confederate army in Gen John Morgan's command. See "Sketches of Prominent Georgians" by William S. Speer.

Family code "EW"

The Speer-Ewing family

This line begins with Moses Speer who was said to be a descendent of Henry Speer, an Irish Baron. He married Amelia Ewing who was b 1-7-1774 ; d Nov 1836. a dau of Andrew and Susannah (Shannon) Ewing. They were married in 1795 in Nashville, Tenn. Andrew Ewing was a son of William Ewing, one of the immigrant brothers from Ireland whose father, Capt. Ewing was in the service of William The Silent and received a sword as a present from William. Moses Speer d 7-11-1840 in Houston Co., Texas. Through the Ewing family he was thus related to the Speer line whose code is "EW" but this author does not yet know whether he was of the same Speer line.

1. REV. G. GARRETT

His line is:: 1. Moses 2. Mary W. Speer b, 1-9-1809, d. 1849, M. 11-15-1832, Rev. G. Garrett. They had children:: Mary Susan; Ann Amelia; Helen J.; William Andrew (1843-61 Gap) and Emma F. No data available as to what church he served but their home was probably in Houston Co., Texas.

2. REV. SAMUEL W. SPEER

His line is:: 1. Moses 2. Rev. Samuel W. Speer, i.e. he was a brother of Mary W. Speer, above. He was b. 8-15-1813. M. (1) 1837, Abigail Wilmath. They had a daughter, Abigail. Rev. Samuel W. Speer M. (2). 8-20-1850, Antoinette Bliss, dau of John Bliss of Witherham, Mass. They had John Bliss (dy); Charles Ewing (dy); Harriet & who dy at 9 yrs and Samuel Marshall (d at 19 yrs). Rev. Samuel Speer was said to be "a distinguished divine in Kentucky". No data as to what church he served.

Family Code "YCU"

In regard to this family the author has to reserve the positive identification of them with another line. In the line from which James and Robert migrated to America in 1759/ James had a son James in York County Pennsylvania. In the census of there is listed in Chanceford Township, York County, one James Speers adding the final s. to the name. The dates are right except that James Speers is said to have been born in 1755 which was too early to have been the son of James and Mary (Patterson) Speer, who could not have been married before 1760, unless they were married in Ireland and James was born before they came. I am inclined to believe that latter to be the fact. If so, it is possible that this family fits into the following family code "BW". I do not make that identification, only point out the possibility. This James Speers of York Co., Pa. was a Revolutionary soldier. So also was the son of James and Mary (Patterson) Speer. The latter was said to be present at the surrender of Cornwallis. We know of at least one minister from the James Speers line. He is:

REV. GEORGE COWLES SMITH

His line is:: 1. James Speers 2. Miss Speers who Mr Hatcher. 3. Melinda Hatcher who M. Andrew Fauley. 4. Calvin Buckham Fauley 5. Lillie Viola Fauley (1867-1914) who M. Rev. George Cowles Smith. Lillie's grandfather, Andrew Fauley b in Virginia, 1808 moved to Fultonham, Muskingum Co., Ohio and was a pioneer resident there. Data is not available as to what church Rev. George Cowles Smith served, probably lived in Muskingum Co., Ohio.

There were two old neighbors in York Co., Pa the one was James Speers, the other James Finley. James Finley had a son James Speers Finley and ~~James Finley~~ James Speers had a son, James Finley Speers. They were so intermarried as that many of their descendants were from both the James Speers and the James Finley families. Into this family Lewis Marchand Speer (from the line we have designated as "JELB") married and the name Finley is often used among his descendants as a Christian name. Lewis Marchand Speer was from the Irish-German-American family. The German-American Speers knew these Irish cousins of theirs and there was much discussion among them as to how some were Irish while others were German. Under the family code "JELB" we have given the tradition which clears up that matter. The Irish Speers often referred to Henry Speers as "German 1

The Immigrant brothers James and Robert Speer and their large family of descendants.

Unlike many other Speer lines, we are able to go back four generations before the American Emigration. We begin with Thomas Speere and Janet his wife who lived at Desertog Hill, Co., Tyrone, Ireland. Thomas d. in 1636. His son, John, (1623-1708) lived at Drumbannoway, buried at Ballyclog, Co. Tyrone, Ire. Their son, Robert, (1650-1743) lived at Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland. Among other children they had Thomas and Solomon. Thomas had sons James; Robert; Thomas (or Alex.) and John. These brothers, sons of Thomas left their aged father, 81 years of age behind. He lived to be 100 years old. James evidently came to America after he married Mary Patterson. Robert returned after three years and married Agnes (Jane) Stuart and brought her to America. Of the descendants of Thomas we know only that he is reported to have lived in the Susquehanna River valley. John is said to have had a son in the Whiskey Rebellion, yet some of his descendants lived later in Ireland. It is mainly with the descendants of James and Robert that this line has to do. By their generations they have produced the following impressive line of Ministers.

1. REV WILLIAM SPEER

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas 5. James 6. Rev. William Speer, b 9-15-1764 in the gap of South Mountain 6 Miles N.W. of Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa, son of James and Mary (Patterson) Speer. He m. 11-4-1795, Sarah Ramsey, dau of Major James and Elizabeth (Porter) Ramsey. Sarah was born 1-5-1777 and was killed by a stroke of lightning as the family sat at table 8-6-1804, nine years after their wedding. They had three children:: James Ramsey b 11-19-1796; Maria, b 8-9-1800; and Elizabeth, b 6-2-1802. Rev. William Speer M (2) Agnes, dau of Chaplain McMerdie. He was the pastor of the Falling Springs Presbyterian church, Chambersburg, Pa ~~1802-1839, 37 years~~ His sister, Elizabeth M. James Buchanan and became the mother of James Buchana Jr. 15th President of the U.S. William Speer d. 4-26-1829 at Greensburg, Pa. ~~1829-1839, 10 years~~ He prepared at the school of the Rev. Alexander Dobbin at Gettysburg and graduated from Dickinson College 6-7-1788. He studied Theology under the Rev. Charles Nesbitt and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Carlisle June 9th 1791. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Falling Springs Presbyterian church at Chambersburg, Pa Oct. 8 1794, and released by the Presbytery of Carlisle 4-12-1797. His last charge was with the Greensburg and Unity Churches of Westmoreland Co., Pa, which he served for 26 years. His first wife, Sarah Ramsey, was born at Ramsey's Mill near Mercersburg, Pa and d at Chambersburg, Pa. Thus the immigrant, James Speer had one minister son.

2. REV. THOMAS SPEER

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas 5. Robert 6. Rev. Thomas Speer, b 1780, d 10-20-1839. He married Sarah whose last name does not appear, and she died the same day as he at the age of 57 years. They had children:: Robert; Nancy; Jane and another son who was killed in the Civil War. Presumably he was, also a Presbyterian minister. Thus, also the immigrant brother, Robert had a minister son.

3. REV. ANDREW OLIPHANT PATTERSON (7th Generation)

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas

5.James 6.Rev.William 7.Maria Speer who was b 8-9-1800,d 10-26-1889 and M. 11-11-1823 Rev. Andrew Oliphant Patterson,b 8-1-1796;d 12-14-1868 at Oxford,Ohio. He was a Presbyterian pastor in Westmoreland Co.,Pa., Beaver Co.,Pa., and New Lisbon,Ohio. They had children::
Dr. William Speer Patterson M.D. d UnM 1856
Sarah Ann Patterson M. Capt. John Earhart
Dr. John Ewing Patterson. M. Mrs Ella C. Ball
James Ramsey Patterson cap
Alice Caroline Patterson cap
Virginia Oliphant Patterson M. George S. Bishop of Glendale,Ohio.

4. Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas

5.James 6.Elizabeth Speer M. James Buchanan 7.Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan b about 1810. M.4-9-1833, Ann Eliza Foster(b 1812 d 1891), a sister of the song writer, Stephen Foster. The Fosters lived in Kentucky and they were married there in "The Old Kentucky Home" later made famous by the song title of Stephen Foster. When they were married little "Stephie", five years old, cried in the apple folds of Ann Eliza's skirts for her going away. On their wedding trip they went to visit the then Aged Elizabeth (Speer) Buchanan at Greensburg,Pa. This was in April of 1833. In May,Elizabeth Buchanan passed away. Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan was a man of frail health, but lived an extremely active life. He was a Missionary for the Episcopal church. They lived at Readville, Pa,Peques,Pa and elsewhere. Both he and his wife died in Philadelphia. They had children:: James,b 5-3-1834; Annie b 1836; Edward Young Jr.; William Foster; and Maria Lois and there were said to be three others.

5. REV. WILLIAM GEORGE

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2. John 3.Robert 4.Thomas

5.Robert 6.William 7.Martha Speer b 1823. M. Rev. William George in Ohio, presumably a Presbyterian pastor.

6. REV.ROBERT HENRY

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas

5.James 6.Elizabeth M. James Buchanan 7.Harriet Buchanan b 1802; d about 1840 M. 1832, Rev. Robert Henry (1801-38) He was a graduate of Princeton Univ. and was a Presbyterian Minister at Greensburg,Pa where his wife's parents spent their last days, and where her grand father,Rev. William Speer had been the pastor of the same church. They had a son,James Buchanan Henry who was private secretary to his uncle,President James Buchanan. Harriet(Buchanan) Henry was a sister of Edward Y. Buchanan ,above.

7. REV. THOMAS LATTA SPEER

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas *
5.Robert 6.James 7.Rev. Thomas Latta Speer b 3-20-1808; d 11-25-1851
He M. Harriet Thorniley (1814-1859). He was a minister of Cross Road
Church, Chartiers Presbytery. They had two sons, James Latta Speer
and Thomas Thorniley Speer.

8. MISS JOANNA RUTH SPEER (Eighth Generation)

Her line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas
5.Robert 6.William 7.Robert 8.Joanna Ruth Speer, who was a teacher
in the Indian College, Carlisle, Pa and later a Missionary to the
Indians in Oklahoma. She never married but gave her life's devotion
to her missionary work for the Indians. She was a missionary for
the Reformed Presbyterian Church. We are to note her sisters and her
brother, next three following.

9. REV. MATTHEW BROWN, who married Anna Hester Speer
She was a sister of #8.

Anna Hester Speer, b 2-21-1859 d 8-3-1934. She M.
2-18-1899, Rev. Matthew Brown of Portland, Oregon. She had no children
but her husband had a daughter, Hazel, and a son, Charles, by a former
marriage. With her husband she went as Missionary to Alaska, where,
for the Reformed Presbyterian church they founded many churches and
the northernmost hospital in the world at Point Barrow, Alaska.

10. REV WILLIAM STEVENSON who Married Sarah Jane Speer

She was also a sister of #8 and #9. Sarah Jane was
b 8-13-1840; d 1-18-1877. She M. Rev. William Stevenson. He was a
minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ohio. They had two
sons, Speer Stevenson and Elbert Stevenson.

11. REV. JAMES ALEXANDER SPEER

Also Brother of the three foregoing sisters. #8,
#9; and #10. Rev. James Alexander Speer was b. 2-27-1842 d 5-20-1926
He M. Nettie Black who d. 4-21-1912. He was in service in the Civil
War and afterward for many years Missionary to the Indians at Warm
Springs, Oregon. He was born at New Concord, Muskingum Co., Ohio. They
had two sons, Lyle B. And Clayton S.

12. REV. JOHN STUART SPEER D.D.

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas
5.Robert 6.Judge Stuart 7.Abraham Scott and 8.Rev. John Stuart
Speer D.D., b 11-25-1836 d 9-27-1928. Son of Abraham Scott and
Mary(McKinney) Speer. He M.(1): Martha Drennan(b 11-30-1846;d 2-11-71
By this union he had a son Dr. Henry Newton Speer who d 1923.
Rev. John Stuart Speer M.(2). Agnes P. Robinson on May 14th 1872.
She was b 12-12-1850 and d 3-5-1873. They had an infant who died young.
Dr. Speer M (3) Amanda Ann Dunlap(b 4-24-1844 and d 3-7-1879. They were
married 8-2-1874. They had two children: John Speer and Martha Drennan
Speer who M. Archibald Gill Beal and lives in Pittsburg, Pa.

Of interest in this connection is the fact that Alexander
Speer, eldest son of the immigrant Robert Speer had the first meeting
place of the old Associate Church on his property east of Cannonsburg,
Pa in a tent. He afterwards donated grounds for a church known as
"Bridge Church" because it was near the bridge over Chartiers Creek.
Rev. John Stuart Speer was pastor of "Bridge Church" 1874-1890. While
he was pastor a new church building was built up in town. The cemetery
on the site of Old Bridge Church is "Speer Springs Cemetery". Rev.
John Stuart Speer was Capt. of the 85th Chic Infantry 1862-65

13. REV. JOHN M. ATCHISON who Married Jane Scott Speer.

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas
5.Robert 6.Stuart 7.John Stuart 8.Jane Scott Speer who was b 1850
and d. 9-5-1919. She M. Rev. John M. Atchison (b 1847,d 3-17-1914).They
were married Oct. 1872. He was a Presbyterian minister of Pittsburg, Pa.
They had two daughters, Mary A. and Lulu B. Of these Mary A. M. John
McCartney Kennedy of the Ruskin Apartments, Pittsburg, Pa and Lulu Blanche
M. Prentis Agnew Brown.

14. Mr Lyle B. Speer (The Ninth Generation)

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas
5.Robert 6.William 7.Robert 8.James Alexander(Rev) and 9.Lyle B.
Speer, b 1879, he M. Charlotte Andrews. His father was Missionary to the
Indians (see #11) and Lyle followed in Christian service in the Y.M.C.A.
where for many years he was secretary of the Navy Y.M.C.A. at Bremerton,
Washington. They have one daughter, Lois Nettie, b 7-8-1915. He retired in
1939 and is now living in Seattle, Washington.

15. REV WILMER GL ROBB.

His line is:: 1.Thomas 2.John 3.Robert 4.Thomas
5.Robert 6.William 7.Robert 8.Rebecca Boggs Speer M. John G. Robb
9.Rev. Wilmer G. Robb who M. Echo Sterritt. He lives 605 W. Broadway,
Sparta, Ill and is pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church near there.
He is son of John G. and Rebecca Boggs (Speer) Robb.. They have three
sons and two daughters. Merrill Robb; Sterritt Robb; W.Dwight Robb;
Ruth E. Robb and Joanna Robb.

16. REV. C.J. TUTHILL who M. May Stevenson

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas
5. Robert 6. William 7. Robert 8. Margaret Wylie Speer, b 11-18-1837,
M. James Stevenson, Principal of schools in St. Louis, Mo. 9. May
Stevenson M. Rev. C.J. Tuthill and they have children:: Margaret ;
~~Samuel~~; and Delight. Data is not available as to what church or
where, but probably Presbyterian.

17. REV JOHN LOUDEN McGEEOCH who M. Miss Speer.

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas
5. Robert ~~William~~ 6. James
7. Rev. Thomas 8. James Latta 9. A daughter who M. Rev. John Loudon
McGeoch who is pastor of Hampton United Presbyterian Church
3 miles from Bakerstown, Pa on the Butler Highway.

18. Mr Algernon Hazlett Speer.

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas
5. Robert 6. Judge Stuart 7. Capt. Alexander 8. Stuart and
9. Algernon Hazlett Speer, b 1-29-1875, New Concord, Ohio. He M. Alice
Baker. They have two sons and a daughter:: Paul Baker Speer b 7-1-1905;
Robert Hazlett Speer b 8-11-1907; and Alice Jean Speer, b 3-15-1911.
Paul Baker M. Prentice Merritt and is an Engr with Nor States Power Co.
of Minnesota. Robert Hazlett M. Irene Nicholson and lives Fallsport, Mont.
Alice Jean M. John E. Simpson. She is a graduate of Miss Woods Kinder-
garten College, Minneapolis. Algernon H. Speer began life as a Presb-
yterian minister. Was graduated Wooster College, Ohio 1901. Y.M.C.A. Secy
1918 to 1928 at Minnesota University. He is now the Secretary of the
Extension Dept. of Minnesota Univ. Their home is at 4026 Wentworth Ave
Minneapolis.

19. REV. WILLIAM SPEER A.M. D.D. LLD. (Eighth Generation)

His line is:: 1. Thomas 2. John 3. Robert 4. Thomas
5. James 6. Rev. William 7. James Ramsey 8. Rev. William Speer A.M. D.D.
LLD. b 4-24-1822 d Feb 1904. M(1) 5-7-1846 Cornelia Breckenridge, dau
of Abraham and Mary (Porter) Breckenridge. Cornelia d. at Macao, China 12
1847. Rev. William Speer went as a Missionary of the Foreign Board of
the Presbyterian church to China in 1846. While there his wife and infant
child died. Broken in health he returned to America. He M. (2) 4-26-1852
Elizabeth Breeding Ewing. She was dau of Major Hoge Hoge Ewing and Ellen
(Blaine) Ewing. She was thus a first cousin of James Gillespie Blaine.
Dr. William Speer founded the first Chinese-speaking church (Presbyterian)
in America, at San Francisco. He was author of "The Oldest and Newest
Empire" and other books. He was a Presbyterian church official. They had
children:: John Ewing Speer; Hettie Morrow Speer and Breeding Speer.
Dr. Speer was graduated at Kenyon College, Ohio in 1840 and from
Westmoreland Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian church in 1846.
Missionary to China 1846-50. His first wife was a daughter of Abraham
Breckenridge, Esq, a lawyer of Pittsburg, Pa. She was b 9-24-1822 d Macao
China 4-16-1847. His second wife, Elizabeth Breeding Ewing's father was
a prominent lawyer and member of Congress from Westmoreland Co. Pa.

SPEIR AND SPIERS FRAGMENTS.

1. REV. C.J. SPIERS, Great Bend, Kansas, is a Baptist preacher serving various churches in Kansas. An active and useful man.

2. Dr. Robert Speir Garnett, b 9-1-1873 at St. Louis, Mo. is a graduate of the University of Richmond, B.A. 1898. Grad Rochester (B) Theol Sem. 1903. Missionary State Board in Shenandoah Co., Va 1903. Business and teaching 1903-09, 10-17. Graduate study Johns Hopkins Univ 09-10. Teacher in Virginia 1917-29. Teacher and lecturer on Religious Education. Teacher in Washington-Henry Academy Athens, Va. Res: 307 N. Granby St, Richmond, Va. A Genealogist. He M. 1-17-1906 Margaret Eubank of Dunnsville, Essex Co. Va. ~~an~~ Researcher on Va. State Commission on Conservation and Development; specialized in Richmond, Henrico Co., Va history. Genealogist for Pleasants, Garnett, Speir, Fleet, Eubank and Scott families. Wants data on Speir and Fleet (x families (of N.Y.) etc. Member Va Hist. Soc.

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C.J. Tuthill 41

Y.M.C.A. & Y.W.C.A.
Mrs Catherine 25
Arthur E. Greeley 26
J.R. 31
Lyle B. 40
Algernon Hazlett 41

Addenda

Family code "DUTCH".

REV. GEORGE J. RUSSELL

His line is: 1. Hendrick Jansen Spier 2. John Spier
3. Hendrick Spier 4. Theunis Spier 5. Thomas Spier 6. Major Richard
Speer 7. William Burnett Speer 8. Lambert Speer 9. Jennie Speer M.
Edward Leskum 10. Grace Leskum M. Rev. George J. Russell. Grace
Leskum was b 6-1-1877. Their home was, evidently in New Jersey where
the long line of ancestors had lived since Hendrick Jansen Spier
came on the Good Ship "Faith" in December 1659 from Amsterdam, Holland.
Data is lacking as to which church claimed his devotion.

Family code "WE".

REV. MR. MCCORD

His line is: 1. William 2. William 3. William
4. Mary Speer M. Mr. ? McCord 5. Rev. Mr. McCord. He was a
Baptist minister of Wetumpka, Alabama. His father and mother had
moved from Georgia to Wetumpka in 1855.

Family code "WE".

Rev. Starling Speer

His line is: 1. William 2. William 3. William
4. William 5. Rev. Starling Speer His father and mother moved from
Georgia to Wetumpka, Alabama about 1855. He was a Baptist minister and
died in 1873.

Family code "Brain".

Rev. S.M. Newman.

His line is 1. George 2. Ebenezer 3. Samuel
4. Samuel 5. Samuel 6. Clarissa Bartlett Speer M. Moses Wing
7. Clarissa Speer Wing M. Arthur Coburn 8. Mary L. Coburn M. Rev.
S.M. Newman who was born in Maine. Data is lacking as to which church
he served. His wife, Mrs. Marl L. (Coburn) Newman is D.A.R. #12041.

Family code "WE"

REV. LUNDY HOWARD HARRIS

Whose line is:

1. William 2. William 3. Margaret Houston Speer M. Joseph Rucker
4. Tinsley White Rucker 5. Miss Rucker M. Mr. White 6. Tinsley
Rucker White M. Mary Elizabeth Matthews 7. Corra May ~~Harris~~ White
M. Rev. Lundy Howard Harris, b 1859 he d in 1910. His wife, Corra
May White was b 1869 and d 1935. They had one daughter, Faith.
Rev. Lundy Howard Harris was a Methodist Circuit rider. He gave his
life to a most strenuous type of unflinching religious labor. Out of
his experience came the book of his illustrious wife "The Circuit
Rider's Wife". Other of her books are "My Book and Heart" etc.
Their work was in Georgia, the old home was at Ruckersville where
her home is preserved as a museum today. He was Methodist.
Corra May Harris was a brilliant personality and gifted writer. Her
books are found in many libraries and the magazines made wide mention
of her death in 1935.

Family Code "MOS".

Rev. S. BARKER

His line is: 1. Moses 2. Moses 3. Aaron 4. Aaron

5. Rev. James Jones Speer 6. Evileene Speer M. Capt. Robert P. McGuire
7. Miss ? McGuire M. Rev. S. Barker. His mother-in-law, Evileene Speer
had been a daughter of Rev. James Jones Speer who was a Baptist
minister but it is not known whether the family continued on in that
faith or not. Data is lacking as to where Rev. S. Barker worked or in
which church.

Family code "Leigh".
The Speers family of Ontario, Canada, exact line not known
has given us as Minister and Philosopher,

REV. JOSEPH ALEXANDER LEIGHTON

~~Presbyter~~ P.E. Church; b 12-2-1870, Orangeville, Ont. Canada,
son James and Jane (Speers) Leighton; Educ. Trinity Coll. Toronto A.B. 1891;
Cornell Univ. Ph.D. 1894; Harvard Univ and Episcopal Theol Sch. B.D. 1896;
Tubingen 1896; Berlin and Erlangen, Germany 1897; Hobart LL.D. 1913;
Fellow Cornell Univ. 1891-94; Assist Minister Grace Church N.Y. 1896-97;
Chaplain and Prof. Philosophy and Psychology Hobart Coll. 1897-1910;
Prof. & head of dept. of Philosophy Ohio State Univ since 1910; Member
Prog. Comm. International Congress of Philosophy 1925 Mem. and former V.P
Amer. Philos. Ass'n; Mem Phi Beta Kappa; Author:: "Typical Modern Conception
of God" 1902; "Jesus Christ and the Civilization of Today" 1907;
"The Field of Philosophy" 1918-30 (4 Eds); "Educational Problems in
Colleges and Universities" 1921; "Man and The Cosmos" 1922 "Religion and the
Mind of Today" 1924; "The Individual and the Social Order" 1926;
"Individuality and Education" 1928; "Kant Centenary Column" Co-Author:
"Contemporary American Philosophy" 1930; "Contemporary Idealism in America"
1932; Res. 2600 York Rd. Office Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
See Who's Who in the Clergy.

SOME KINSFOLK OF THE SPEERS.

I.

REV WILLIAM SPOTSWOOD FONTAINE

His line is: The Sheltons: 1. John 2. Thomas 3. James
4. John 5. William 6. Col. John 7. Sarah Shelton M. Patrick Henry (Revol
Orator) 8. Elizabeth Henry M. Col. Philip Aylett 9. Sarah Shelton Aylett
M. Rev. William Spotswood Fontaine. (1811-76)

Their family is often intermarried with the Spears in Kentucky.

Data lacking as to what church

II

REV. HENRY FRY

His line is: The Fry: 1. Joshua 2. Rev. Henry Fry of
Madison Co., Va b 10-30-1738. He M. Susan Walker and they had ten
children: Reuben; Thomas; Joshua; Henry; Wesley; Thornton; Margaret;
Martha; Maria and John Probably Methodist. Their descendants are often
intermarried with the Spears family in Kentucky.

These two men are included because of the very
interesting oft-repeated intermarriage of the following families:
Shelton; Winn; Cocke; Bullitt; Christian; Fry; Henry; Winston; Aylett;
Yeager and Speed. There are several different family groups of the Speer
or Spears family entwined with this combination of strains in Virginia
and Kentucky. viz. The JELB; SB; JGS; and probably other family codes
of the Spears and Speers.