

**Speed Family
Papers, 1813-1981**

Calendar and Inventory

Box I

Folder 1: David L. Ward Correspondence, 1813-1814 (14 letters)

Fielding U. Gatewood to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 30 October 1813. 1 p., ALS
Salt business at Little Sandy

Fielding U. Gatewood to David L. Ward – Little Sandy, 4 December 1813. 2 p., ALS
Salt business

Thomas Scott to [Bucket Jett?] – Slate Creek Ironworks, 10 January 1814. 1 p., ALS
Having hired “three negro”; difficulty finding “negroes” for hire and having to bargain with those he does find

Thomas Prince to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 14 January 1814. 2 p., ALS
Scott’s difficulties in finding “negroes” to hire; currently running two salt furnaces

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Marietta, 15 February 1814. 3 p., ALS
Flooding in the Ohio River valley; prices of goods like coffee, sugar, etc.

J[ames?]. Colquhoun to David L. Ward – [no place], 21 February 1814. 4 p., ALS
Asks Ward to sign a note; financial matters; plans to examine “your saline on Sandy”; advises Ward to use slave labor at his salt works and not hire whites except as superintendents; discusses the salt industry on the Kanawha

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Marietta, 24 February 1814. 2 p., ALS
Flooding; selling goods; “the Boat crews were in wants of Cash – some were nearly naked”

J[ames?]. Colquhoun to David L. Ward – Kenhawa [sic], 3 June 1814. 12 p., ALS
Describes the salt-making process and equipment used; recommends improvements for a salt works

J[ames?]. Colquhoun to David L. Ward – Kenhawa [sic], 23 June 1814. 8 p., ALS
Describes size of salt works necessary to decrease operation costs
Enclosure: sketch of salt works with written description on back, 2 p.

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 2 July 1814. 3 p., ALS
Low levels of production at his salt works; production at other salt works

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 6 August 1814. 2 p., ALS
Buying and selling sugar

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 20 August 1814. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters at the salt works

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 3 September 1814. 1 p., ALS
Business dealings with “Bullett” and “his receipt for 700 Bushels of Salt”

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 17 September 1814. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters at the salt works

Folder 2: David L. Ward Correspondence, 1815 (14 letters, 3 receipts)

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 16 January 1815. 4 p., ALS
A man having stolen some money, getting caught, and escaping; someone offering to buy
Ward’s interest in the licks for \$20,000; mentions having received a handbill from New
Orleans giving an account of “an attack made by the British on Genl Jackson”
Note on the back page by B. D. Jett discussing miscellaneous matters

John W. Hundley to David L. Ward – Mount Sterling, 26 January 1815. 3 p., ALS
Business matters

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 30 January 1815. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

John W. Hundley to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 6 February 1815. 4 p., ALS
Business matters; replenishing supplies

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 11 February 1815. 4 p., ALS
Slave labor at the salt works; recommendations on how to run the works
Note in margins from John W. Hundley: mentions slave hiring and a slave woman for
sale in “Litchfield”

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 18 February 1815. 2 p., ALS
Operations at the salt works
Note from John W. Hundley on p. 3, ALS: Miscellaneous matters

John W. Hundley to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 28 February 1815. 2 p., ALS
Illness; miscellaneous matters related to the salt works

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – [Little Sandy Salt Works?], 1 March 1815. 2 p., ALS
“you may calculate on working the licks yourself or letting them remain idle”

John W. Hundley to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 19 March 1815. 4 p., ALS
Illness; operations at the salt works

John W. Hundley to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 23 April 1815. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 13 June 1815. 3 p., ALS
Adding another furnace to the salt works; salt production;

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 28 July 1815. 2 p., ALS
Construction difficulties at the salt works; miscellaneous salt works matters

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – Little Sandy Salt Works, 23 August 1815. 2 p., ALS
Operations at the salt works

Francis H. Gaines to David L. Ward – [Little Sandy Salt Works?], undated. 1 p., ALS
Lack of provisions

Three receipts dated 1811-1814 regarding salt transactions

Folder 3: John Speed Correspondence (1 letter)

John Speed to Thomas Speed – Farmington, 22 March 1840. 3 p., AL
Recovering from an illness; books he has been reading; his views on religion

Folder 4: James Speed Correspondence, 1831-1855 (7 letters)

James Speed to John Speed – Lexington, 9 April 1831. 3 p., ALS

James Speed to John Speed – Lexington, 27 May 1832. 3 p., ALS
Describes class work and activities at Transylvania

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Frankfort, 16 January 1848. 2 p., ALS

James Speed to Lucy Speed – New Port, RI, 8 August 1852. 4 p., ALS
Describes genteelness & cleanliness of New England; contrasts it with the South

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Boston, 31 July 1853. 4 p., ALS
Discusses an announcement about runaway slaves in the *Louisville Journal*; gives his feelings on slavery and states that is a “sin against God and man.”

James Speed to Philip Speed – Louisville, 26 March 1855. 3 p., ALS
Discusses his motto, *Semper Eadem*, and its significance; offers his opinion of the Know Nothings; states that Henry Clay would never have been a Know Nothing

James Speed to William K. Thompson – Louisville, 8 September 1855. 10 p., ALS

Describes what he witnessed during the Bloody Monday riots on August 6, 1855

Folder 5: James Speed Correspondence, 1863 (5 letters)

- William Speed to “My Dear Brother” – Boonville, MO, 13 March 1863. 4 p., ALS
Discusses disloyal sentiment in Missouri; believes that the rebellion cannot be put down while there is so much disloyalty in the Union states; expresses optimism in the Union cause now that the Union army is on the offensive
- John K. Goodloe to “My Dear Genl” – Versailles, KY, 9 May 1863. 4 p., ALS
Discusses politics in Kentucky
- J. F. Robinson to James Speed – Frankfort, KY, 21 June 1863. 2 p., ALS
- M. M. Caldwell to James Speed – Military Prison, 1 July 1863. 1 p., ALS
Enquiring about his trial
- Sam. B. Smith to James Speed – Altoona, PA, 27 July 1863. 4 p., ALS
Describes the area around Altoona

Folder 6: James Speed Correspondence, 1864 (10 letters)

- I. N. Haynie to James Speed – Springfield, IL, 12 January 1864. 2 p., ALS
Discusses court cases; wonders what effect Lincoln’s amnesty proclamation will have on Cases
Enclosures: 2 documents related to the seizure of the *Steamer Louisville* and *U.S. vs. Steamer Louisville*
- John Hay to James Speed – Washington, 12 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Acknowledges the President’s receipt of a letter from Speed
On “Executive Mansion” letterhead
- M. F. Pleasants to James Speed – Washington, 2 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Reporting on matters in the Attorney General’s office
- [James Weir?] to James Speed – Owensboro, KY, 17 November 1864. 8 p., ALS
Discusses the arrest of Thomas Pettit for disloyalty and asks for his release; presidential election of 1864 and Lincoln’s victory; says he is sick of all the talk about “the nigger” and has freed some of his own
- Daniel B. Cliffe to James Speed – Nashville, 8 December 1864. 2 p., ALS
Asks for assistance for his son, a student at West Point
- C. M. Clark and C. C. Spencer to James Speed – Louisville, 12 December 1864. 3 p., ALS
Ask for the release of Edwin Clark, a prisoner of war at Rock Island Prison
Two letters on same sheet of paper

G. W. Caruth to James Speed – Louisville, 13 December 1864. 2 p., ALS
Discusses accounts due Speed & Beattie

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 18 December 1864. 3 p., ALS
Describes his living conditions in DC; mentions rejoicing after hearing from Sherman

Adrian C. Ellis to James Speed – Carson City, NV, 21 December 1864. 3 p., ALS
Makes recommendation for U.S. Attorney for Nevada

A. B. Chambers to James Speed – Louisville, 24 December 1864. 4 p., ALS
Discusses case against him for treason

Folder 7: James Speed Correspondence, January-February 1865 (17 letters)

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 1 January 1865. 3 p., ALS
Personal and family matters

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 8 January 1865. 4 p., ALS
Discusses the numerous requests for help he has received since becoming Attorney General; inquires about the “Genl Adams” killed at Franklin and wonders if he was “a son of Dick”; expresses sympathy toward them even though they are “determined Rebels”
[With envelope franked by Speed]

William K. Edwards to James Speed – Terre Haute, IN, 9 January 1865. 1 p., ALS
Congratulates Speed on becoming Attorney General

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 15 January 1865. 6 p., ALS
Family matters; social events in Washington
[With envelope franked by Speed]

Charles B. Cotton to James Speed – Louisville, 15 January 1865. 2 p., ALS
Request for the release of his brother, a prisoner of war

T. (Thomas) B. Cochran to James Speed – Shelbyville, KY, 23 January 1865. 2 p., ALS
Military and political conditions in Kentucky, especially the problem with guerrillas; complains about Stephen Gano Burbridge

Charles B. Cotton to James Speed – Louisville, 26 January 1865. 1 p., ALS
His brother returning home

Sam B. Smith to J. J. Hunter, Louisville, 26 January 1865. 1 p., ALS
An unidentified circuit court case

George A. Caldwell to James Speed – Louisville, 29 January 1865. 3 p., ALS

The conviction, sentencing and imprisonment of “Dr. Benson” for treason; requests a pardon for Benson

James L. Caldwell to James Speed – Shelbyville, KY, 31 January 1865. 2 p., ALS
Requests the release of John A. Middleton, a prisoner of war at Johnson’s Island

“Sister Peachy” to “Sister Eliza” – Washington, 31 January [1865]. 4 p., ALS

Armistead H. Churchill to James Speed – Elizabethtown, KY, 2 February 1865. 3 p., ALS
Inquiry about District Judge opening in Nevada; discusses passage of 13th Amendment in the U.S. House of Representatives

Mary M. Caldwell to James Speed – Louisville, 4 February 1865. 2 p., ALS
Asks for assistance in obtaining the release of her son, a prisoner of war

Samuel B. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 9 February 1865. 2 p., ALS
Military assessments placed on him; believes he is the target of persecution by the mayor of St. Louis

Armistead H. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 12 February 1865. 2 p., ALS
Clarifying remarks in previous letter regarding judgeship in Nevada

Samuel B. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 13 February 1865. 4 p., ALS
Having taken the loyalty oath; was allowed to return to Kentucky by Lincoln but is now having difficulty with Rosecrans; requests help

T. Eames to James Speed – [Washington], 15 February 1865. 1 p., ALS
Invitation to dinner

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 19 February 1865. 4 p., ALS.
Family matters; “The news from Sherman this morning is glorious.”
[With envelope franked by Speed]

Folder 8: James Speed Correspondence, March-May 1865 (16 letters)

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 5 March 1865. 4 p., ALS
Describes Lincoln’s inauguration and circumstances surrounding it (crowds, weather, etc.); “The President, tho fond of jokes and good stories has a deep religious nature.”; mentions the presence of Frederick Douglass and his wife at the inaugural reception, “The President greeted them just as other people. Not a human being seemed to be offended at their presence.”
[With envelope franked by Speed]

James Speed to Joshua F. Speed – Washington, 14 March 1865. 3 p., ALS
State taxes

A. G. Hodges to Abraham Lincoln, Washington, 17 March 1865. 1 p., ALS
Request for release of John W. Coleman, a prisoner of war at Camp Morton

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 26 March 1865. 4 p., ALS
Mentions General John Palmer and Lincoln

H. H. Emmons to James Speed – Detroit, 14 April 1865. 4 p., ALS
Discusses plots of Confederate agents in Canada, including the distribution of cloth infected with yellow fever; states that the men involved in those plots should be denied pardons

W. F. Evans to James Speed – Glasgow, 18 April 1865. 1 p., ALS
Asks if peace and restoration of the Union are as likely as they were before Lincoln's assassination

Chas. S. Clarke to James Speed – Fairfield, IA, 19 April 1865. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed's opinion about an enclosed newspaper clipping from the *New York Evening Post* [the clipping encourages Speed to prosecute former-U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Confederate Assistant Secretary of War James D. Campbell for treason]

R. M. Corwine to James Speed – Cincinnati, 19 April 1865. 3 p., ALS
Expresses his feelings about Lincoln's assassination; is optimistic about Johnson as president

James Connell to James Speed – Manchester, OH, 28 April 1865. 2 p., ALS
Remembers Speed delivering a temperance lecture in the Louisville shipyard; requests an autograph or photograph for his niece

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 30 April 1865. 4 p., ALS
Expresses his feelings toward his brother, Joshua; states that the Union must "show mercy, charity & forgiveness" to the defeated Confederates
[With envelope franked by Speed]

Albert Englehart to James Speed – New York, 3 May 1865. 1 p., ALS
Requests an autograph

John Erskine to James Speed – New York, 8 May 1865. 2 p., ALS
Letter of introduction for A. Wilbur

W. F. Cogswell to James Speed – Rochester, NY, 13 May 1865. 3 p., ALS
Discusses case of Onin North, who was convicted of opening mail; requests pardon

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 25 May 1865. 2 p., ALS
Business matters

T. L. Chittenden to W. H. Seward – Tarrytown, NY, 30 May 1865. 2 p., ALS
Makes inquiries about the provisions of Johnson's amnesty proclamation regarding southern lands

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, [ca. May 1865]. 7 p., ALS
Discusses special pardons; believes the South will "return to the fold promptly"

Box II

Folder 9: James Speed Correspondence, June 1865 (15 letters)

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Niagara Falls, [6 June 1865]. 4 p., ALS
Discusses traveling from Detroit to Niagara Falls through Canada; states that the "Southern refugees in Canada" are disgraced but that some of them are innocent of the crimes they have been accused of committing; tells a story about Lincoln discharging from the army the sons of a Union soldier's widow
[With envelope franked by Speed]

A. G. Curtin to Andrew Johnson – Harrisburg, 13 June 1865. 1 p., ALS
Letter of introduction for W. L. Dennis

J. S. Chambers to James Speed – Washington, KY, 15 June 1865. 4 p., ALS
Kentucky politics; worries of Kentuckians that the "pending amendment" allows for black suffrage, equality and amalgamation; says no one in Kentucky is in favor of black suffrage; he hates slavery and wants it abolished but thinks equality should come gradually

H. H. Emmons to James Speed – Detroit, 15 June 1865. 2 p., ALS
Discusses prosecuting "Canadian conspirators"

Thompson Campbell to James Speed – San Francisco, 16 June 1865. 2 p., ALS
Requests transfer of Lt. Morton W. Sanders, USN; praises Johnson's amnesty proclamation

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 17 June 1865. 8 p., ALS
Talks about the "wild Irish"; discusses what he suspects is Kentucky's reaction to the "proposed amendment"; states that Henry Clay's reputation hurt Kentucky during the war because Kentuckians thought that their Congressmen were "giants" like Clay but instead they were "pygmies"; praises Samuel McKee's potential to be a political leader
[With envelope franked by Speed]

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 17 June 1865. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters; brief mention of Lovell H. Rousseau's congressional campaign

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 18 June 1865. 2 p., ALS
Family matters
[With envelope franked by Speed]

George P. Edgar to James Speed – Washington, 20 June 1865. 1 p., ALS
Asks for Speed's opinion on the "Mexican" question"

[J. H. Echols?] to Andrew Johnson – August, GA, 21 June 1865. 1 p., AL
Requests pass to visit Washington
[The right third of the letter is missing]

George A. Caldwell to James Speed – Louisville, 23 June 1865. 1 p., ALS
Having urged Johnson to appoint Speed to the vacancy on the Supreme Court

W. S. Caldwell to James Speed – Newport, 24 June 1865. 3 p., ALS
Discusses H. A. Claiborne's petition for pardon

Susan Camp to James Speed – Pleasant Hill, 25 June 1865. 1 p., ALS
Thanks for photograph

T. J. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 26 June 1865. 2 p., ALS
Request for pardon

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 28 June 1865. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters; mentions the Louisville Bar Association petitioning for James Speed's appointment as Supreme Court Justice; discusses Rousseau's congressional campaign

Folder 10: James Speed Correspondence, July-August 1865 (17 letters)

A. B. Chambers to James Speed – Amhurstburg, Canada, 1 July 1865. 4 p., ALS
Having been indicted for his connection with [J. F.] Bullitt; wants to know how he can get permission to return to Kentucky

T. J. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 11 July 1865. 2 p., ALS
Inquires about application for pardon

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 1 July 1865. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters; "The negro tenants on the alley are only paying about half rent."; Rousseau's election is almost assured

A. B. Chambers to Andrew Johnson, Amhurstburg, Canada, 12 July 1865. 3 p., ALS
States that he has been accused of "disloyal acts against the government"; details his political acts during the war; charges of treason stem from 1863 state election when his opponent spread rumors about him; mentions dealing with the Sons of Liberty

A. B. Chambers to James Speed – Amhurstburg, Canada, 12 July 1865. 2 p., ALS
Discusses his letter to Johnson; states that he has not applied for a pardon because that would imply a confession; mentions the "Bullitt case"

H. H. Epping to Peter Epping, Columbus, GA, 21-22 July 1865. 5 p., ALS
Discusses needing a special pardon because of his property value; government agents purchasing cotton for their own benefit

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 23 July 1865. 2 p., ALS
Busy with work; having pardoned Milton Brown

T. J. Churchill to James Speed – Louisville, 24 July 1865. 2 p., ALS
Requests his rights of citizenship be restored

Eliza A. Cochran to James Speed – Natchez, MS, 24 July 1865. 3 p., ALS
Requests payment for property damaged by Sherman's army

Edward C. Carrington to James Speed – Washington, 10 August 1865. 1 p., ALS
Introducing Thomas P. Mitchell, who is requesting a pardon

S. R. Cockrill to James Speed – Huntsville, AL, 12 August 1865. 3 p., ALS
Requests a pardon; has sent an application to the governor of Alabama

William M. Evarts to James Speed – New York, 24 August 1865. 2 p., ALS
Will come to Washington soon

B. L. Chadbourne to James Speed – Washington, 24 August 1865. 1 p., ALS
Requests letters of introduction

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 27 August 1865. 4 p., ALS
Family matters
[With envelope franked by Speed]

J. H. Clifford to James Speed – New Bedford, MA, 28 August 1865. 1 p., telegraph
Having also written by mail

W. A. Field to James Speed – Boston, 28 August 1865. 1 p., telegraph
Clifford being at New Bedford and having sent a telegraph

Folder 11: James Speed Correspondence, September-October 1865 (8 letters, 1 clipping)

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 3 September 1865. 4 p., ALS
Has been busy with work; Washington smells terrible; family matters

C. Colné to James Speed – Washington, 9 September 1865. 2 p., ALS
The family of "the late Col. Wallace"

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 15 September 1865. 3 p., ALS
Financial matters; Reconstruction; based on what he knows, agrees with the President

rather than the radicals in Congress; discusses disputes about emancipation and the fate of the freedmen; thinks secession is no more absurd than the right for the federal government to control suffrage in the states

G. W. Craddock to James Speed – Frankfort, 16 September 1865. 5 p., ALS

Writes about martial law in Kentucky and wants it lifted; has long been a supporter of gradual emancipation but denies the right of the federal government to interfere with slavery in the states

J. E. Eskridge to James Speed – Christiansburg, VA, 22 September 1865. 1 p., ALS

Asks a legal question about property in the former Confederacy

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 26 September 1865. 2 p., ALS

Financial matters

John Erskine to James Speed – New York, 24 October 1865. 1 p., ALS

Letter of introduction

Newspaper clipping from the Raleigh Sentinel, dated 26 October 1865

Martha B. Adams to James Speed – Louisville, 31 October 1865. 4 p., ALS

Family matters, discusses the “stormy proceedings” of the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod

Folder 12: James Speed Correspondence, November-December 1865 (9 letters)

W. A. Browning to James Speed – Washington, 1 November 1865. 1 p., ALS

Announcement of cabinet meeting
[On Executive Mansion letterhead]

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 5 November 1865. 7 p., AL

His relationship with his brother, Joshua; gives his opinion of Seward, “He is a good and great man”; family matters; mentions the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 21 November 1865. 3 p., ALS

Family matters; rumors of war with France; having met with Rousseau regarding the possibility of a senatorial campaign by James Speed

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 3 December 1865. 10 p., ALS

Physical maladies; mentions members of Congress arriving in Washington and discusses factionalism within Congress; references his disappointment at seeing “the late message of Gov. Humphrey” of Mississippi

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 7 December 1865. 4 p., ALS

Discusses having met with and heard a sermon by Rev. Henry H. Garnet, a black Presbyterian preacher in Washington

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 22 December 1865. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters; the Governor of Kentucky having “hardened the hearts of our people”

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 24 December 1865. 6 p., ALS
Weather; having been busy with work since the convening of the Supreme Court;
Kentucky’s continued inability to let slavery go

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 25 December 1865. 1 p., ALS
Christmas wishes; family matters

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 31 December 1865. 3 p., ALS
Hopes to “do more and fail less” in the new year

Folder 13: James Speed Correspondence, January-February 1866 (17 letters)

Eliza A. Cochran to James Speed – Natchez, MS, 20 January 1866. 2 p., ALS
Inquires how to proceed on a claim for repayment for damage done to her plantation by
troops under Sherman during the Vicksburg campaign

John H. Clifford to James Speed – New Bedford, MA, 31 January 1866. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 4 February 1866. 4 p., AL [incomplete]
Social events in Washington; the Roman Catholic Church and that its popularity stems
from its emphasis on custom

N. Cruger to James Speed – Albany, GA, 6 February 1866. 2 p., ALS
Inquiring about the status of his pardon

Robert Gibson to Garvin H. Cochran, Louisville, 6 February 1866. 3 p., ALS
Interested in serving in England as a U.S. commissioner of land and emigration

Caroline Carson to James Speed – [New York?], ca. February 1866. 4 p., ALS
Forwarding a letter from George Bancroft

George Bancroft to “My dear Dennison” – Washington, 13 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Recommending “Mr. Carson” be appointed as postmaster for Charleston, SC

Tyler Johnson & Co. to James Speed – [Louisville], [15 February 1866]. 1 p., ALS
A medical bill due

Elizabeth Clark to James Speed – Springfield, IL, 16 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Requesting government position for Robert Leachman of Mississippi

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 18 February 1866. 8 p., ALS

Affairs in Kentucky; growing “rebel element” in the state; “flagrant abuses of negroes”; mentions a speech by Lovell H. Rousseau

Edward C. Carrington to James Speed – Washington, 19 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Accepting an invitation from Speed

C. H. Cragin to James Speed – Georgetown, DC, 19 February 1866. 1 p., AL [secretarial copy]
Inquires about voting qualifications

Alfred H. Chappell to James Speed – New London, CT, 20 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Autograph request

H. H. Emmons to James Speed – Washington, 20 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Requests brief meeting with Speed

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 21 February 1866. 1 p., ALS
Having shipped a barrel of meal to James

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 25 February 1866. 6 p., ALS
Growing “acrimony & bitterness” in national affairs; Kentucky politics
[With enveloped franked by Speed; torn through signature]

U. Cummins to James Speed – New York, 28 February 1866. 2 p., ALS
Inquires about pay for territorial judges

Folder 14: James Speed Correspondence, March-May 1866 (29 letters)

A. H. Cragin to James Speed – Washington, 7 March 1866. 3 p., ALS
Inquires whether a friend of his, living in Texas, is illegible for the test oath

Frank Camp to James Speed – Louisville, 15 March 1866. 2 p., ALS
Thanks Speed for trying to get a pardon for him, despite Speed being unable to get one

A. P. Cochran to James Speed – Louisville, 15 March 1866. 1 p., ALS
Regarding positions opening in the Internal Revenue Department

Caroline Carson to James Speed – New York, 15 March 1866. 4 p., ALS
Miscellaneous personal matters; does not understand why “that Amendment was not accepted securing civil rights to all colours”

A. Y. Clagett to James Speed – Washington, 16 March 1866. 2 p., ALS
Asks for Speed’s assistance in keeping his job in the Treasury Department

Caroline Carson to James Speed – New York, 19 March 1866. 10 p., ALS
Miscellaneous personal and family matters

- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 19 March 1866. 1 p., ALS
Dissatisfaction among Union men in Louisville over the rise to power of former Confederates
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 21 March 1866. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 21 March 1866. 2 p., ALS
Kentuckians supporting Johnson because of his veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill; attacks on freedmen
- James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 25 March 1866. 4 p., ALS
Physical maladies; family matters
[With envelope franked by Speed]
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 27 March 1866. 3 p., ALS
Financial matters; James Speed's feeling that his role as Attorney General is tenuous
- Mrs. J.C. Carlisle to James Speed – Washington, 28 March 1866. 1 p., DS
Meeting announcement
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 29 March 1866. 1 p., ALS
Financial papers; Johnson having made no statement regarding the Freedmen's Bureau in Kentucky
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 1 April 1866. 3 p., ALS
His opinion of Johnson's message regarding his veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill; advises him to continue his service as Attorney General as long as he can do so "with honor"
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 2 April 1866. 1 p., ALS
Financial and personal matters
- G. H. Cochran to James Speed – Louisville, 4 April 1866. 1 p., ALS
Inquires about a will left at the Savings Institution by Speed
- Edwards & Odell to James Speed – New York, 6 April 1866. 1 p., ALS
Inquires about reestablishing the admiralty court in Charleston, SC
- William M. Evarts to James Speed – New York, 7 April 1866. 1 p., ALS
Will write to Gov. Clifford
- James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 8 April 1866. 7 p., ALS
Family matters; dislikes "official life" more and more and would only allow his sons to go into it if they had shown they could not do anything else; having received

discouraging reports about circumstances in Kentucky; wants to thank General Palmer for his service in Kentucky

William M. Evarts to James Speed – New York, 12 April 1866. 2 p., ALS
Having received a letter from Gov. Clifford

Caroline Carson to James Speed – New York, 17 April 1866. 8 p., ALS
Miscellaneous personal matters; legal matters

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 22 April 1866. 4 p., ALS
Wants to have a discussion with someone other than the people in Washington who are interested in keeping their current jobs or getting someone else's; family matters

F. B. Carpenter to James Speed – New York, 28 April 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sending Speed an artist's proof of the Derby & Miller engraving of his painting, "The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation before the Cabinet"

S. M. Clark to James Speed – Washington, 10 May 1866. 1p., LS
Sending a volume of currency specimens

D. J. Baldwin to James Speed – Galveston, TX, 12 May 1866. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the appointment of an assessor

F. B. Carpenter to James Speed – New York, 14 May 1866. 1 p., ALS
Wonders if the engraving arrived

R. H. Gillet to James Speed – New Lebanon Springs, NY, 29 May 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sends a copy of a letter he had sent previously on May 21

R. H. Gillet to James Speed – New Lebanon Springs, NY, 21 May 1866. 1 p., ALS
Inquiring, as an attorney for the defendant, about the possibility of a trial for Jefferson Davis; wants a chance to meet with Davis before any trial
[This is a copy, in Gillet's hand, of a letter he wrote to Speed]

M. B. Adams to James Speed – Louisville, 31 May 1866. 4 p., ALS
Charitable events in Louisville; Louisville gossip

Folder 15: James Speed Correspondence, June-July 1866 (19 letters)

J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 2 June 1866. 3 p., ALS
Union men in Kentucky joining together against the former rebels

J. Morgan Coleman to James Speed – [New York?], 10 June 1866. 3 p., ALS
Ask for letter of introduction

James Speed to Lucy Speed – Washington, 10 June 1866. 4 p., ALS

Personal matters
[With enveloped franked by Speed]

- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 3 July 1866. 4 p., ALS
Discusses the two parties in American politics – a union party and a sectional party
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 10 July 1866. 3 p., ALS
Family matters; says that he cannot offer advice about what do if Johnson should run for reelection; discusses the upcoming election in Kentucky
- J. R. Doolittle to James Speed – Washington, 10 July 1866. 2 p., ALS
Sends a copy of a call for the “National Union Convention” in Philadelphia
- Benjamin H. Bristow to James Speed – Louisville, 11 July 1866. 7 p., ALS
Kentucky courts ruling the Civil Rights Bill unconstitutional; upcoming electing in Kentucky; other political matters in the state
- James Speed to J. F. Speed – Washington, 13 July 1866. 3 p., ALS
Discusses a meeting with President Johnson and his upcoming resignation as Attorney General; his interactions with Johnson
- Alex. Hamilton to James Speed – New Brunswick, NJ, 18 July 1866. 4 p., ALS
Political matters
- Samuel G. Howe to James Speed – Boston, 18 July 1866. 3 p., ALS
Praises him for his course of action, presumably related to his resignation as Attorney General
- M. L. Richardson to James Speed – Globe Village, MA, 18 July 1866. 4 p., ALS
Discusses feelings about Speed and his resignation
- R. Wintersmith to James Speed – Elizabethtown, KY, 18 July 1866. 2 p., ALS
Discusses political action in Elizabethtown, especially the boldness of the former Confederates
- John W. Price to James Speed – Jacksonville, FL, 19 July 1866. 2 p., ALS
Discusses his support for the Republican Party; details his participation in the 1864 convention in Baltimore
- Caroline Carson to James Speed – Richfield Springs, NY, 19 July 1866. 4 p., ALS
Speed’s resignation as Attorney General
- John M. Palmer to James Speed – Raleigh, NC, 21 July 1866. 1 p., transcript
Discusses Speed’s resignation and his letter to Doolittle
- A. G. Hodges to James Speed – Frankfort, 26 July 1866. 2 p., ALS

Discusses his claim against the government for damages done to this property by the army

James P. Holcombe to James Speed – Bellevue, VA, 27 July 1866. 2 p., ALS

Discusses his interest in educating “the black race”

[Written on announcement, dated 26 June 1866, that Holcombe is opening Bellevue High School, a school for boys]

W. B. Webb, Secretary of Metropolitan Club to James Speed – Washington, 30 July 1866. 1 p.
Form letter that Speed has not paid his dues

William Stewart to James Speed – Columbia, KY, 30 July 1866. 3 p., ALS

Election in Kentucky; his disdain for Johnson; worries about further sectional hostility

M. F. Pleasants to James Speed – Washington, 30 July 1866. 1 p., ALS

Inquires about Attorney General business

Folder 16: James Speed Correspondence, August 1866 (23 letters)

J. Roseberry to James Speed – Oakland, OH, 7 August 1866. 4 p., ALS

Congratulates Speed on resigning his post in Johnson’s administration

N. R. Wilson to James Speed – Louisville, 7 August 1866. 1 p., ALS

Invites Speed to share his law office with him

F. M. Norard, Jr. to James Speed – Lowell, MA, 9 August 1866. 1 p., ALS

Wants Speed’s help in obtaining a post in the War Department

James Harlan to James Speed – Washington, 9 August 1866. 1 p., ALS [secretarial copy?]

Sending copy of the 8th U.S. Census

J. M. Howard to James Speed – Detroit, 9 August 1866. 4 p., ALS

Discusses divisions in the Republican Party

M. F. Pleasants to James Speed – Washington, 11 August 1866. 1 p., ALS

Sending copies of a publication of the Attorney General’s office

Charles P. Jacobs to James Speed – Indianapolis, 13 August 1866. 2 p., ALS

Discusses problems facing the Union Party

N. H. Swayne to James Speed – Columbus, OH, 14 August 1866. 2 p., ALS

Political matters

Godlove S. Orth to James Speed – Lafayette, IN, 15 August 1866. 2 p., ALS

Speed’s statement that he wants to organize the Republican Party in Kentucky; how urgent it is that the party be stabilized

- J. Hubley Ashton to James Speed – Washington, 16 August 1866. 7 p., ALS
Concern over the Democratic victory in Kentucky; worries about the two major political parties splitting into factions
- Leonard Swett to Joshua Speed – Chicago, 16 August 1866. 2 p., ALS
The arrest of an army officer in 1862 for the “Larceny of a negro”
[Letter was received by James Speed and was probably intended to go to him]
- John Cooper to James Speed – St. Louis, 16 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Updates Speed as to his address
- J. M. Ashley to James Speed – Toledo, 16 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Invites Speed to come speak in Toledo
- George W. Rigg to James Speed – Washington, 17 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Having received dues for membership in the Metropolitan Club
[Includes receipt for dues]
- A. J. Hawhe to James Speed – New Albany, 20 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to help him find a speaker for a meeting of the Union Central Committee
- D. S. Hays to James Speed – Hopkinsville, KY, 21 August 1866. 2 p., ALS
Kentucky politics; growing power of the former Confederate faction
- T. L. Coffey to James Speed – Cresson, PA, 23 August 1866. 8 p., ALS
Praises Speed for leaving Johnson’s administration; Johnson having no Republican support in Pennsylvania; the split between Johnson Republicans and the regular party
- W. C. Goodloe to James Speed – Lexington, 26 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous political matters
- B. L. D. Guffy to James Speed – Morgantown, KY, 28 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Legal question regarding suits filed against officers for actions taken while obeying orders
- R. K. Williams to James Speed – Mayfield, KY, 30 August 1866. 2 p., ALS
Regarding a law suit in the Livingston Circuit Court
- N. H. [Swayer?] to Bland Ballard – Columbus, 31 August 1866. 2 p., ALS
Legal matters
- John Erskine to James Speed – Newnan, GA, 21 August 1866. 1 p., ALS
Personal matters
- J. J. Hunter to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 31 August 1866. 1 p., ALS

Personal matters

Box III

Folder 17: James Speed Correspondence, September 1866 (20 letters)

Maurice Wakeman to James Speed – Southport, CT, 5 September 1866. 3 p., ALS
Requests a photograph of Speed

John W. Foster to James Speed – Evansville, IN, 13 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to give a speech

B. L. D. Guffy to James Speed – Morgantown, KY, 13 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
Political sentiment in Kentucky; “Of course Radicalism is now abolished, squelched & rubbed out in Louisville that Johnson has been there & received by Haldeman & others known to be Democrats & National Union Conservative Constitutional Democratic Union Men.”

J. Hubley Ashton to James Speed – Washington, 18 September 1866. 7 p., ALS
Republican dissatisfaction with Johnson

Mark W. Luoio to James Speed – New Albany, IN, 18 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to make some speeches

George W. Gregg to James Speed – Circleville, OH, 19 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Invites Speed to speak at a “Soldiers Mass Meeting”

Godlove S. Orth to James Speed – Lafayette, IN, 26 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
The effect of Andrew Johnson’s speaking tour; expects Indiana to pass the constitutional amendment

Jos. J. Irwin to James Speed – Columbus, IN, 21 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to speak at a meeting of the Republican Union Party

F. W. Seward to James Speed – Washington, 26 September 1866. 1 p., secretarial letter
Having received a letter from Speed

Thomas C. Slaughter to Edgar Needham – Corydon, IN, 22 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
Wants Speed to speak at a political meeting
Note from Needham to Speed at bottom of second page: encourages Speed to speak at the meeting

James L. Arnold to James Speed – Cincinnati, OH, 24 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

L. L. Pinkerton to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 25 September 1866. 2 p., ALS

Divisions in the Republican Party; disappointment in Kentucky's politicians, who have failed as leaders

- A. G. Hodges to James Speed – Frankfort, KY, 27 September 1866. 3 p., ALS
An article in the *Cincinnati Gazette*; political matters, including divisions in the Republican Party, the constitutional amendment, and others
- H. A. Klopfer to James Speed – Washington, 27 September 1866. 3 p., ALS
Personal matters
- R. Wintersmith to James Speed – Elizabethtown, KY, 27 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous
- S. B. A. L. to James Speed – [Washington?], 27 September 1866. 2 p., ALS
Praises Speed's decision to resign as Attorney General; troubled relations between Johnson and his cabinet
- M. F. Pleasants to James Speed – Washington, 28 September 1866. 4 p., ALS
Legal business; Henry Stanberry's performance as Attorney General
- A. G. Hodges to James Speed – Frankfort, KY, 28 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sending Speed a copy of the article from the *Cincinnati Gazette*
- W. M. Green to James Speed – Jamestown, KY, 29 September 1866. 1 p., ALS
Worries about former rebels taking control of Kentucky's government
- Silas F. Miller to James Speed – Cincinnati, 29 September 1866. 3 p., ALS
Elections

Folder 18: James Speed Correspondence, October 1866 (20 letters)

- John McKee to James Speed – Carlisle, KY, 1 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sending a copy of a writ
- William M. Grubbs to James Speed – Bowling Green, KY, 3 October 1866. 2 p., ALS
Discusses "truly loyal men" in Kentucky planning to break with Johnson; believes Johnson will end up between two parties, neither of which trust him
- James L. Arnold to James Speed – Cincinnati, 5 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
- J. H. Lowry to James Speed – Elkton, KY, 11 October 1866. 2 p., ALS
Expected outcome of elections; various political matters
- J. H. Lowry to James Speed – Elkton, KY, 12 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Expresses need for a newspaper to "rally the union men"

William Stewart to James Speed – Columbia, KY, 12 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Mentions Johnson's interaction with "his man Friday"; believes the war is not yet over

W. R. Holloway to James Speed – Indianapolis, 13 October 1866. 2 p., ALS
Elections in Indiana; Oliver Morton believes he will be elected Senator

J. Hubley Ashton to James Speed – Washington, 13 October 1866. 3 p., ALS
Lawsuits; election results

John H. Lightner to James Speed – St. Louis, 13 October 1866. 3 p., form letter
Asking for support during the upcoming election; the work of the Radical Union State Executive Committee in promoting the Republican ticket

M. M. Benton to James Speed – Covington, KY, 14 October 1866. 2 p., ALS
Having received Speed's letter proposing a newspaper

S. B. A. L. to James Speed – Washington, 16 October 1866. 3 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

W. Dennison to James Speed – Columbus, OH, 16 October 1866. 4 p., ALS
Miscellaneous political matters

Washington Statistical Society to James Speed – Washington, 16 October 1866. 1 p., form letter
Meeting announcement

Caroline Carson to James Speed – [New York?], 17 October 1866. 12 p., ALS
Worried about the "rebels" returning to Congress; other political issues

F. W. Seward to James Speed – Washington, 25 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sending a treasury warrant to Speed

H. A. Klopfer to James Speed – Washington, 25 October 1866. 1 p., ALS
Wants Speed to help him pay a medical bill

Larz Anderson to James Speed – Cincinnati, 27 October 1866. 2 p., ALS
Personal matters

Anonymous to James Speed – New Liberty, KY, 27 October 1866. 1 p., AL
A case involving W. N. Garnett

Lawrence P. N. Landrum to James Speed – Louisville, 28 October 1866. 4 p., ALS
Considering bringing suit against a former business partner who he feels cheated him; suffering from wounds sustained during the war

W. Q. Gresham to James Speed – New Albany, IN, 28 October 1866. 1 p., ALS

Legal business

Folder 19: James Speed Correspondence, November 1866 (17 letters)

Frederick Speed to James Speed – Vicksburg, MS, 3 November 1866. 1 p., ALS

Thanks Speed for doing a favor for him

Peter Wilkins to James Speed – Indianapolis, 3 November 1866. 2 p., ALS

Having arrest people suspected of murder in Kentucky; acted upon a writ issued by an agent of the Freedmen's Bureau

J. B. Speed to James Speed – Cincinnati, 3 November 1866. 2 p., ALS

Family matters

William Stewart to James Speed – Columbia, KY, 12 November 1866. 4 p., ALS

Health problems; his unfavorable opinion of Henry Stanberry; his concerns about Johnson's presidency

James Haggard to James Speed – Burksville, KY, 14 November 1866. 2 p., ALS

The military service of W. Kingsbury, a Freedmen's Bureau officer, who is interested in obtaining a commission in one of the newly established army regiments

W. R. Holloway to James Speed – Indianapolis, 15 November 1866. 1 p., ALS

Governor Morton having authorized payment to Speed for "services rendered this State in the Hampton murder case"

J. W. Arnold to James Speed – Chicago, 17 November 1866. 3 p., ALS

Inquires about a report from Charles A. Dana that, at the time of his assassination, Lincoln and his cabinet were considering a policy "that all loyal men white or black, were to be called upon to vote in choosing a state convention"; Dana stated that he did not know if Lincoln had decided on that matter but that he was leaning toward adopting it at the time of his death

R. M. Corwine to James Speed – Cincinnati, 24 November 1866. 2 p., ALS

Personal matters

L. L. Pinkerton to James Speed – Lexington, 19 November 1866. 3 p., ALS

Speed's feeling that the Union Party is without a leader; believes that the Union Party in Kentucky needs "close, compact organization" and "a bold, decided, aggressive leadership" in order to succeed

W. Dennison to James Speed – Columbus, 19 November 1866. 12 p., ALS

Political matters; his opinion of Johnson; Johnson seems unaware that "for all practical purposes he has been virtually deposed"; dissatisfaction with Johnson's policies; Congress looking to impeach Johnson

Louisville Library Association to James Speed – Louisville, 23 November 1866. 1 p., DS

Informing Speed that he was elected as a member
[Signed by James Bridgeford and James S. Pirtle]

F. W. Seward to James Speed – Washington, 23 November 1866. 1 p., ALS
Sending Speed a treasury warrant

B. L. D. Guffy to James Speed – Morgantown, KY, 23 November 1866. 1 p., ALS
Elections; conventions

D. S. Hays to James Speed – Hopkinsville, 23 November 1866. 1 p., ALS
Proposes founding a political newspaper

W. F. Bullock, Jr. to James Speed – Shelby Co., KY, 25 November 1866. 1 p., ALS
Having written letters of introduction for Speed

Thomas N. Lindsey to James Speed – Frankfort, 29 November 1866. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Charles G. Evans to “All the Churches that hath good faith” – Philadelphia, Nov. 1866. 1p. ALS
The second coming

Folder 20: James Speed Correspondence, February & June 1867 (7 letters)

A. O. Brannin to C. D. Pennebaker – Louisville, 6 February 1867. 1 p., Copy
Legal papers

J. W. Edwards to James Speed – Louisville, 1 June 1867. 1 p., ALS
Lawsuits

Lucien Anderson to James Speed – Mayfield, 3 June 1867. 2 p., ALS
Judicial appointments in Kentucky

A. W. Darling to James Speed – Cincinnati, 4 June 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Shirley & Wood to James Speed – Tompkinsville, KY, 7 June 1867. 1 p., AL
Legal business

Clement & MacIntyre to James Speed – New York, 19 June 1867. 1 p., AL
Personal matters

Ellen M. Perry to James Speed – Auburn, NY, 24 June 1867. 2 p., ALS
Personal matters

Folder 21: James Speed Correspondence, 1-15 July 1867 (18 letters)

Henry J. Stites to James Speed – Louisville, 2 July 1867. 3 p., ALS
Legal business

James Speed to Jane Speed – Washington, 3 July 1867. 3 p., ALS
Having arrived in Washington and appeared before a committee

James Speed to Jane Speed – Washington, 4 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Physical maladies; having been unable to catch William Seward at home

C. Theodore Vennigerholz to James Speed – Louisville, 5 July 1867. 2 p., ALS
Sending Speed “some observations” on the report from the Attorney General; a claim against the government for a boat he owned
Enclosed: Vennigerholz’s 4 page response to the Attorney General’s report, which gives an account of the circumstances under which he lost his property. Vennigerholz was engaged in trade with the Confederate South

Robert Gibson to James Speed – Louisville, 6 July 1867. 3 p., ALS
Enquires about prospects for repayment of claim against the government

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 6 July 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

C. H. Spilman to James Speed – Harrodsburg, 8 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Predicts the rise to power of former Confederates; regulators
[Forwarded to Speed by Thomas Speed – who made a note on the final page]

E. W. Ward to James Speed – Louisville, 10 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Personal matters

John M. Shallcross to James Speed – Louisville, 10 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

James Speed to Jane Speed – Washington, 10 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Weather; personal matters; attending the debate on the “supplementary reconstruction act in the House of Representatives; “The Democrats . . . seemed to me to be preparing for a graceful death.”; believes it is good that Reconstruction has moved slowly

James Speed to Jane Speed – Washington, 11 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Personal matters; meeting with President Johnson

H. J. Stites to James Speed – Louisville, 11 July 1867. 1 p., telegraph
References legal business

James Speed to Jane Speed – Washington, 12 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Physical maladies; legal business; his feelings on gossip and why he won’t include any in his letters

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 13 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Traveling from Washington to Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 14 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His visit to Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 14-15 July 1867. 16 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 15 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Physical maladies; his activities at Cape May; family matters

Bullitt & Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 15 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Col. Ward being appointed “Register in Bankruptcy”; wanting to promote their
relationship with James Speed

Folder 22: James Speed Correspondence, 15-31 July 1867 (18 letters)

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 16 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His visit to Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 16, 18 July 1867. 6 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

Thornton M. Marshall to James Speed – Augusta, KY, 17 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His doubt that the “negro is capable of voting intelligently”; believes the “extreme &
impudent course of the rebels” in Kentucky will bring trouble for the state

Henry J. Stites to James Speed – Louisville, 17 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Aaron Harding visiting Louisville

J. W. Edwards to James Speed – Louisville, 17 July 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

D. H. Davies to James Speed – Louisville, 17 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants assistance getting his son accepted in the U.S. Naval Academy

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 18-19 July 1867. 6 p., AL
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 19-20 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 20-21 July 1867. 8 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May; his feelings about Sundays

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 20 July 1867. 1 p., ALS
Forwarding Thornton Marshall's letter; legal business

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 22 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

Samuel Smith Nicholas to James Speed – [no place], 24 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
Supports colonization of freedmen; has encouraged black clergy to promote young black men learning trades and young black women finding "permanent homes in white families"

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 24 July 1867. 6 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 24-25 July 1867. 8 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Cape May, NJ, 24-25 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May; having "fallen in with Presbyterians," who are "generally joyous in spite of their religion"

John & Eliza Seaman to Cosby Cochrane – Calvey, [MO?], 28 July 1867. 2 p., ALS
Personal matters

James Speed to Jane Speed – Camp May, 28 July 1867. 8 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May

James Speed to Jane Speed – Camp May, 29-30 July 1867. 4 p., ALS
His activities at Cape May; planning to return home

Folder 23: James Speed Correspondence, August-September 1867 (23 letters)

P. U. Major to James Speed – New Castle, KY, 5 August 1867. 2 p., ALS
Inquires about a Louisiana Supreme Court decision declaring that debts for slaves do not have to be repaid

W. Brown to James Speed – Nicholasville, KY, 6 August 1867. 3 p., ALS
Discusses attempts to obtain payment for the army's use of a toll road during the war

Charles G. Perkins to James Speed – Louisville, 8 August 1867. 1 p., ALS
Salvaged goods from a steamer

[?] Cochran to "My Dear Husband" – Allegheny, 8 August 1867. 4 p., ALS
Personal matters

C. D. Pennebaker to James Speed – Washington, 13 August 1867. 1 p., [A?]LS
Speed's October 1861 voucher for reimbursement for a trip to Washington

J. B. Jameson to James Speed – Rocky Hill Station, KY, 20 August 1867. 1 p., ALS
His application for license as a "retail dealer"

John H. Chinn to James Speed – Columbus, KY, 1 September 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

K. P. Pritchard to James Speed – Louisa, KY, 4 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

W. Denison to James Speed – Columbus, [OH], 6 September 1867. 4 p., ALS
States that Andrew Johnson s "as unfit to be Pres[iden]t as any other rebel"

John Manning to James Speed – Alexandria, LA, 13 September 1867. 3 p., ALS
Attempting to obtain payment for debts from 1861

J. H. H. Woodward to James Speed – Washington, 14 September 1867. 4 p., ALS
National politics; Johnson's impeachment; the extent to which black voters would help Kentucky's Republican Party; a political convention in Baltimore

Th. N. Lindsey to James Speed – Frankfort, 18 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

M. M. Benton to James Speed – Covington, 20 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Th. N. Lindsey to James Speed – Frankfort, 20 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

J. D. Stone to James Speed – Chicago, 20 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wanting to use Speed as a reference

William S. Bailey to James Speed – Cincinnati, 21 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
His printing press being destroyed in October 1859 by a mob in Newport; hoping to obtain compensation for his loss; former Confederates having taken power in Campbell County

Bennett Brauner to George T. Bennett – Florence, AL, 24 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

R. B. Dohoney to James Speed – Edmonton, KY, 24 September 1867. 2 p., ALS
Asks for assistance in getting a government appointment for his brother, a reformed Confederate veteran

H. V. Loving to Stephen H. Reed and Andrew Hikes – Louisville, 24 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal matters regarding the estate of Thomas Quigley

Edward Wilder to James Speed – Louisville, 25 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Setting up a meeting with Speed

M. M. Benton to James Speed – Covington, 25 September 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

J. Hubley Ashton to James Speed – Philadelphia, 28 September 1867. 10 p., ALS
His time with Speed in the Attorney General's office; his plans for the future; city elections in Philadelphia; local opposition to black suffrage; opinions from the new Attorney General

J. N. Arnold to James Speed – Chicago, 29 September 1867. 1 p., ALS
Working on editing and publishing a collection of Lincoln's papers

Folder 24: James Speed Correspondence, October 1867 (23 letters)

M. M. Benton to James Speed – Covington, 1 October 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

Z. Wheat to James Speed – Shelbyville, 2 October 1867. 3 p., ALS
The conviction of a black veteran for manslaughter; believes the killing was in self-defense but "our people, they will not do justice to a black man"

A. S. Bullitt to James Speed – Louisville, 3 October 1867. 2 p., ALS
Personal matters

A. O. Brannin to James Speed – Louisville, 4 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Hoping to obtain compensation for a claim against the government regarding his Louisville shipyard

J. H. Speed to James Speed – Marion, AL, 4 October 1867. 2 p., ALS
Local election, in which he was a candidate

M. T. Smith to James Speed – New Berlin, IL, 7 October 1867. 3 p., ALS
Gives an account of his loyalty during the war; gives a detailed account of the circumstances of a lawsuit against him

C. J. True to James Speed – Maysville, KY, 7 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to "address the Freedmen of this district"

Elisha Green, et al to James Speed – Maysville, KY, 7 October 1867. 1 p., AL
Asks Speed to speak at a mass meeting of the "Freedmen of Mason and adjoining Counties"; states that it will be first opportunity for the Freedmen to hear discussion of

“the great questions of Civil and Political rights”

J. B. Kinkead to James Speed – Louisville, 8 October 1867. 4 p., ALS
Legal business

Alf Allen to James Speed – Frankfort, KY, 13 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants Speed’s assistance in obtaining a government job

C. H. Cochran to James Speed – Allegheny City, GA, 14 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

H. P. Speed to James Speed – Cambridge, MA, 15 October 1867. 1 p., telegram
Wants Speed to resend a telegram

John R. Thompson to James Speed – [Shepherdsville?], KY, 15 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants Speed to help him get a government appointment

W. W. Maughlin to James Speed – Baltimore, 15 October 1867. 1 p., form letter
Invites Speed to 20th Annual Exhibition of the Maryland Institute

William R. Thompson to James Speed – Shepherdsville, KY, 16 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants Speed to help his father get a government appointment

T. W. Gore to James Speed – Harrodsburg, KY, 17 October 1867. 4 p., ALS
Legal business regarding a wartime claim; not being able to get a job because of his
opposition to the Confederacy

T. W. Gore to James Speed – Harrodsburg, KY, 17 October 1867. 4 p., ALS
Legal business regarding a wartime claim

W. C. Goodloe to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 19 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Political matters; Kentucky’s government being run by “unpardoned traitors”

R. Wintersmith to James Speed – Elizabethtown, KY, 22 October 1867. 2 p., ALS
The case of John Young Brown

J. G. Smith to James Speed – Louisville Jail, 23 October 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wanting to be released

Children’s Aid Society to James Speed – New York, 28 October 1867. 3 p., form letter
Requests a donation

William Johnson to James Speed and H. J. Stites – Bardstown, KY, 30 October 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

Francis H. Pierpont to James Speed – Richmond, VA, 30 October 1867. 4 p., ALS

Road bonds; Virginia politics; rebel hostility to the state constitutional convention;
“neither negroes or unionists can life in Virginia in the enjoyment of equal handed justice
with the ballot in the hand of the negro”

Box IV

Folder 25: James Speed Correspondence, November 1867 (13 letters)

Willard Davis to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 3 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants to meet with Speed

T. C. Manning to James Speed – Alex, 4 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
His father cannot reply to Speed’s letter because he is recovering from yellow fever

T. W. Brown to James Speed – Memphis, 5 November 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

M. T. Smith to James Speed – New Berlin, IL, 8 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

J. G. Smith to James Speed – Louisville Jail, 9 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

C. D. Pennebaker to James Speed – Washington, 9 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Requesting information about three Kentucky Civil War regiments in order for the
government to reimburse Kentucky for the “\$13 advanced” to the soldiers

C. G. Shane to James Speed – Covington, 11 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

J. F. Bell to James Speed – Danville, 12 November 1867. 1 p., telegram
Legal business

Thomas Greer to James Speed – Covington, 14 November 1867. 1 p., LS
Miscellaneous

Davis & Billingsley to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 16 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

M. T. Smith to James Speed – New Berlin, IL, 18 November 1867. 2 p., ALS
Payment for lawsuit

Benjamin P. Runkle to James Speed – Louisville, 18 November 1867. 1 p., [A?]LS
Invites Speed on a quail hunt

C. G. Green to James Speed – Louisville, 23 November 1867. 1 p., ALS
Requests help getting a government position

Folder 26: James Speed Correspondence, December 1867 (11 letters)

G. B. Eastman to James Speed – Charles City, IA, 4 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Land tax

John D. Defrees to James Speed – Washington, 4 December 1867. 2 p., ALS
Wants Kentucky to appoint a new member to the Union Republican National Committee; the present Kentucky representative having been “Johnsonized”; believes Samuel McKee would be a good choice

William S. Bailey to James Speed – Cincinnati, 6 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Inquires about Speed’s progress in prosecuting Bailey’s “claim against the mob party”

Rodney A. Mercur to James Speed – Towanda, PA, 11 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Requests Speed’s autograph

Edward Wilder to James Speed – Louisville, 12 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

J. W. F. Parker to James Speed – Frankfort, 16 December 1867. 1 p., telegram
Members of the legislature wanting to meet Louisville’s Union Central Committee

John Mattingly to James Speed – Bardstown, KY, 20 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Wants to meet with Speed

E. G. [Gibson?] to James Speed – Trenton, KY, 21 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

W. G. Bakewell to James Speed – New Orleans, 22 December 1867. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

W. Brown to James Speed – Nicholasville, KY, 23 December 1867. 1 p., ALS
Supporting Salmon P. Chase for the presidency; Chase would appreciate the support of the Union men of Kentucky

C. W. Bennett to James Speed – Racine, MO, 26 December 1867. 2 p., ALS
Judge George Robertson’s lawsuit against Col. Utley for harboring a runaway slave during the Civil War

Folder 27: James Speed Correspondence, 1868-1887 (9 letters)

J. Hubley Ashton to James Speed – Washington, 22 August 1868. 10 p., ALS
Affairs in the Attorney General’s office; “I don’t see the President & don’t meant to unless he sends for me.”; worries that resigning will allow Johnson to appoint a replacement; praises William M. Evarts; reports “a good deal of apathy in the country

about Grant”; worries about the outbreak of another war if the Democrats win the presidency

George S. Boutwell to James Speed – Washington, 24 July 1869. 1 p., LS.
Legal matters

John J. Benson to James Speed – New York, 16 August 1870. 2 p., ALS
Plans to publish reports of circuit and district courts

James Speed to Jane Ann Pirtle – Louisville, 15 July 1880. 2 p., copy
His opinions of members of the Pirtle family; updates about people in Louisville

James Speed to S. B. Maxey – Louisville, 15 January 1885. 4 p., typewritten copy
U. S. Grant’s service to the United States; supports Grant being retired by the army

S. B. Maxey to James Speed – Washington, 17 January 1885. 1 p., typewritten copy
Compliments Speed’s letter about U. S. Grant

S. B. Maxey to James Speed – Washington, 19 January 1885. 1 p., typewritten copy
Speed’s letter

James Speed to S. B. Maxey – Louisville, 19 January 1885. 1 p., typewritten copy
Making an addendum to his letter of January 15

A. H. Mattox to James Speed – Cincinnati, 15 March 1887. 1 p., LS
Announcement of Speed’s election as “a companion of the 3d Class” of the Loyal Legion
Enclosure: two Loyal Legion forms

Folder 28: James Speed Correspondence, undated (6 letters)

F. Eames to James Speed – [no place], 8 February. 1 p., ALS
Dinner invitation

F. Eames to James Speed – [no place], 16 February. 2 p., ALS
Dinner invitation

F. Eames to James Speed – [no place], 20 February. 2 p., ALS
Invitation to reading at her house

Unknown to James Speed – [no place], undated. 4 p., AL
Sending Speed a pamphlet

J. Bondurant to James Guthrie – [no place], undated. 1 p., ALS
James McFarlane’s application to the military academy

T. W. Gore to [James Speed?] – [no place], undated. 2 p., ALS [incomplete]

Reopening of southern courts; southern claims against the government

Folder 29: James Speed – John Grable Letters, 1861-1863 (10 letters, 1 clipping)

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – [no place], 19 December 1861. 2 p., ALS

His regiment in fine spirits; outbreaks of the mumps and measles
[On Union letterhead with Union envelope]

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – Pittsburg, TN, 4 April [1862]. 3 p., ALS

Near the enemy and expecting a battle; sickness in the regiment; camp life

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – Pittsburg Landing, TN, 9 April 1862. 4 p., ALS

The Battle of Shiloh; killed and wounded in his regiment; thinks “the war is about played out”; “the battlefield is covered with dead for miles around”
[On Union letterhead]

John Grable to “Dear Parents” – Corinth, MS, 2 October [1862]. 4 p., ALS

Preparing to fight the Confederate army led by Price and Van Dorn
[On letterhead depicting the Battle of Winchester]

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – Corinth, MS, 15 October 1862. 3 p., ALS

Second Battle of Corinth; one of the regiment’s lieutenants being arrested for allowing his troops to join the battle when they were supposed to be reserves but being released when the commanding officer found that they had taken prisoners and a Confederate flag; pursuing General Price’s army; “Kansas Jayhawkers” stealing “everything a soldier could want” in Ripley, MS
[Note on the back from Rebecca Grable to James Speed asks for him to return the letter when he is finished with them]

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – Corinth, MS, 15 December 1862. 4 p., ALS

Picket duty; not having been paid in six months; the service of his division and regiment in the Second Battle of Corinth

John Grable to Daniel Grable – Haines Bluff, MS, 15 July [1863]. 3 p., ALS

Looking for a Missouri Confederate in Vicksburg; describes the rise of one of his lieutenants through the ranks and mentions the lieutenant’s “squad” having captured around 200 guerrillas in Tennessee

John Grable to Samuel Grable – Helena, AR, 9 August 1863. 3 p., ALS

Preparing for a campaign through Arkansas and into Texas; his unit having decreased from 462 men to only 126 since arriving at Vicksburg

John Grable to Daniel Grable – Duvalls Bluffs, [AR], 29 August 1863. 4 p., ALS

Sickness in the ranks; planning to push Price’s army into Texas

John Grable to Rebecca Grable – Little Rock, AR, 22 December 1863. 3 p., ALS

Soldiers in his regiment reenlisting; asks for advice on whether he should reenlist or not; expects Price to attempt to retake Little Rock

Clipping of newspaper account written by Grable of the Battle of Corinth; from *The Jayhawker*

Typescript giving an account of how James Speed came to possess the letters and a transcript of the letters, 12 p.

Folder 30: James Speed – Legal Papers, 1845-1867 (5 documents)

Handwritten copy of an 1845 Supreme Court decision in case of Woodworth & Bunn v. Benjamin & Wilson, a suit involving patents, 5 p.

Land document noting James Speed's 1857 purchase of a Louisville town lot from Joshua F. Speed, Fanny Speed, and James W. Henning, 3 p. Signed by J. F. Speed, Fanny Speed, and James Henning.

Court summons for Arthur Peter in regard to a suit brought against him by the Louisville & Taylorsville Turnpike Co. Dated 18 July 1866, 1 p.

Writ in the case of Mann v. Arnold, Perry, & West. Dated 28 August 1866, 1 p.

Document regarding the case of "Calwells Heirs" v. James Bartram. No date, 1 p.

Folder 31: James Speed – Pamphlets (3 pamphlets)

James Speed, *Opinion on the Constitutional Power of the Military to Try and Execute the Assassins of the President*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1865.

James Speed, *Grand and Petit Juries: A Lecture Delivered Before the Louisville Library Association on the Evening of February 3, 1873*. Louisville: John P. Morton & Co., 1873.

The Speed Pic-Nic, July 4, 1881. No publisher, no date.

Folder 32: James Speed – Receipts, 1843-1878 (31 receipts, 6 extraneous revenue stamps)

Thirty-one receipts and account lists detailing various purchases and sales. Many are signed by James Speed.

Receipt for James Speed's purchase of "a negro boy" from Joshua F. Speed, 29 December 1843

Folder 33: James Speed – Checks, 1867-1878 (22 checks, 1 check fragment)

Twenty-two check and one fragment drawn on the Savings Bank of Louisville. At least eight of them were signed by James Speed.

Folder 34: James Speed – Material on Joseph Holt, undated (12 documents, 21 pages)

Notes from various sources, handwritten and typed, regarding James Speed and Joseph Holt. It is likely the material was compiled by James S. Pirtle. None of the documents are to be in Speed's hand.

Folder 35: James Speed – Miscellaneous (18 documents)

A variety of printed material, including pamphlets, circulars and newspaper clippings. Also includes a handwritten account of the life of Abraham Lincoln. It is unclear who wrote the account, although it was probably not Speed, and it appears that it may have been taken from a biography of Lincoln.

Handwritten biography of Lincoln, 12 p.

Call for Border State Convention, ca. August 1867. 1 p., printed circular

General Orders No. 22, Freedmen's Bureau, District of Mississippi, 9 October 1866. 1 p., printed circular.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States memorial for James Speed, 1887. 4 p., printed circular.

Biographical sketch of Speed by "J.H.H." from unknown source, ca. 1887. 1 p., printed (2 copies)

Announcement of *The History of Abraham Lincoln and the Overthrow of Slavery* by Isaac N. Arnold, ca. 1867. 1 p., printed circular.

Message of William Marvin, Provisional Governor of Florida, to the Convention Assembled at the Capital of the States, October 25th, 1865. 8 p., pamphlet.

Two miscellaneous envelopes, one franked by Speed and the other endorsed by him

Box V

Folder 36: Speed & Smith Correspondence, February-March 1864 (18 letters)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

[Ja. Stout?] to James Speed – Hawesville, 11 March 1864. 3 p., ALS

Believes the Provo Marshal should be "the very best Union man"; the current Provo Marshal having attempted to raise a company of troops to fight for the south after "Abe Lincoln interfere[d] with the Negro"; discontentment over the enlistment of black troops; lists questions he would like General Stephen G. Burbridge to ask the Provo Marshal

Garrett to Samuel Smith – no place, no date. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Johann [illegible] to Samuel Smith – Owensboro, 14 February [1864]. 1 p., ALS
Sending a check

R. Patterson to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 8 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Wm. L. Gordon to Speed & Smith – Madisonville, KY, 12 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Hermann Trust & Co. to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 16 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

J. F. Bullitt to Speed & Smith – Frankfort, 18 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Samuel H. Austin to Speed & Smith – Philadelphia, 12 February 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business

John S. Tyson to Bullitt & Smith – Washington, 18 March 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

R. Patterson to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 14 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Wm. S. Hatch to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 10 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Armstrongs & Co. to Speed, Barrett, & Smith – Wheeling, 14 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Enquires about money possibly coming to them from the sale of the “Courier Establishment” and “Haldeman’s Country Property”

Wm. Powell to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 12 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Jno. W. Ray to Samuel B. Smith – Indianapolis, 19 March 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

George W. Hite to James Speed – Bardstown, KY, 10 March 1864. 3 p., ALS
Supporting “the ‘Union & Emancipation’ Cause”; the strength of the “secession party” around Bardstown; “slavery is a thorn in the side of the Body Politic”; plans to attend “the convention” in Louisville and suggests the “National Convention” be held in Baltimore

Sam Spalding to Speed & Smith – Lebanon, KY, 7 March 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business

E. L. Huffman to Speed & Smith – Louisville, 9 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

R. R. Bolling to James Speed – no place, 9 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Folder 37: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, November 1861-April 1864 (36 letters)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

C. H. Griffith to B. Marshall – Cave City, 8 March [1864]. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

B. H. Bristow to [James Speed] – Frankfort, KY, 5 February 1864. 4 p., ALS
Gives a testimony to the character and loyalty of a “Capt. Crandall of the 15th Ky. Cavry” who was involved in a fight with an officer at Camp Nelson; the other officer died as a result and Crandall was arrested by military police; asks for help in the matter

Richd. Lyles to James Speed – Antonio Furnace, 9 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Enquires about the status of his pardon

Jno. S. Kline to Speed & Barrett – Maysville, 19 November 1861. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

H. T. Duncan to James Speed – Lexington, 25 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Asks Speed to send a letter of introduction for his son to Lincoln; also seems to be requesting assistance with the parole of one of his other sons

D. O. Anderson to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 3 February 1864. 1 p., telegram
“Lincoln S & W write you fully immediately”

W. D. Black to James Speed – Adams Mills, Pulaski Co., KY, 7 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Wants an account of the proceedings of the “Emancipation Convention” in Louisville; believes that his section of the state could be organized to support compensated emancipation; thinks they need a newspaper to express their viewpoint

David H. Brown to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 22 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

P. B. Mingle to Speed & Smith – Philadelphia, 23 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

J. Harlan to Samuel B. Smith – Frankfort, 4 August 1862. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

- Geo. H. Yeaman to A. D. Rodgers – Washington, 12 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Mentions the Attorney General's recent decision on those taking the oath receiving "the benefits of the proclamation"
- L. Serenson to James Speed – New York, 10 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
- A. G. Hodges to James Speed – Frankfort, 27 November 1863. 3 p., ALS
Plans to start a Union newspaper in Louisville; detailed recommendation for buying "the Democrat office" rather than starting a newspaper from scratch
- F. K. Hunt to "Dr Sir" – Lexington, 9 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
- H. T. Duncan to James Speed – Lexington, 6 February 1864. 2 p., LS [incomplete]
Legal business
- Jack Fry to James Speed – Louisville, 25 March 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business
- J. B. Beck to James Speed – Lexington, 6 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous
- H. C. [Stivell?] to James Speed – no place, 20 January 1864. 1 p., ALS
Enclosing documents from General Lovell H. Rousseau to testify to his loyalty
- J. D. Fishback to James Speed – no place, 16 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Asks about the state of unionism in Kentucky; enquires if Kentuckians will accept compensated emancipation; encourages the founding of an unconditional unionist newspaper
- Wm. P. Ross to James Speed – Carlisle, KY, 30 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
- A. J. Ballard to James Speed – no place, Monday. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous
- James Guthrie to James Speed – Louisville, 26 March 1864. 1 p., form letter
Announcement of L&N Railroad Board of Directors meeting
- J. F. Speed to James Speed – Washington, 19 February 1864. 1 p., ALS
Forwarding a pardon from Lincoln; business matters
- Henry T. Plow to Lewis N. Dembitz – St. Louis, 23 November 1863. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

George L. Stevens to James Speed – Boston, 15 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Support in Massachusetts for the Border State Convention; the importance of the cabinet;
wants to know about Bramlette's "nullification of the Enrollment law"

Daniel C. Crawford to James Speed – Cabin Creek, KY, 11 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business; thinks Lincoln will carry Lewis County

[illegible] Chandler to James Speed – Campbellsville, KY, 22 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

B.L.D. Guffy to James Speed – Morgantown, KY, 19 March 1864. 2 p., ALS
Declining to participate in the organization of an unconditional union party in his county;
he was elected as county judge on "the platform of opposition to the administration &
devotion to the union" and will not change his stance; "As to the institution of Slavery in
this state I think it virtually dead & I doubt the expediency of making it an element in the
impending presidential campaign. There is one very serious objection I have to the
present Republican or antislavery party and that is its manifest tendency toward negro
equality and although you and many other good antislavery men are opposed to negro
equality yet it does seem perfectly obvious that such is the inevitable result of this party
in power if they are still sustained by the people. Slavery is evidently not so great a
crime politically or otherwise as Miscegenation & the attempt to place on a footing of
Equality the Africans with the Anglo Saxon."; "The question as to what we will do with
the emancipated negroes is truly a difficult one to solve & what is to be their Status if
they remain among us is perhaps not less difficult. But under no State of ease can I ever
consent that the same political and social rights shall be bestowed upon the negro are
enjoyed by the white man. I am satisfied that the attempt to do so would result in evil &
evil only to both races."

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, 29 January 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Rountree & Fogle to James Speed – Lebanon, KY, 18 March 1864. 2 p., ALS
The case of a man held in the military prison in Louisville for "defaulting as
Quartermaster"

Kale Riley to James Speed – Kimbo Hill, 20 February 1864. 3 p., ALS
Wants assistance in obtaining parole for his son; tells of his son's treatment while a
prisoner of war

Jno. W. Ray to James Speed – Indianapolis, IN, 11 April 1864. 2 p., ALS
Expecting a copy of "your new Loyal paper"

L. N. Dembitz to James Speed – no place, 12 April [1864]. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

A. B. Grant to James Speed – Louisville, 13 April 1864. 1 p., ALS

Legal business related to the General Court Martial

David A. Sayre to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 6 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters

Lambert C. Hall to James Speed – Chicago, 7 April 1864. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Folder 38: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, Nov. 1863-May 1864 (35 letters, 1 legal document)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

Thomas Drummond to James Speed – Cleveland, 25 April 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business regarding a slave Drummond owned but could not afford, leading him to try to get the slave freed under the Emancipation Proclamation
[Drummond was a Captain in the Mounted Service Rendezvous and does not appear to have been a Cleveland resident]

S. D. Bruce to James Speed – Louisville, 3 May 1864. 1 p., copy of endorsement on another letter
Regarding a military “liquor order”

C. E. Walker to James Speed – Madison, IN, 2 May 1864. 3 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Russell Houston to James Speed – Nashville, 2 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

L. K. Hunt to James Speed – Lexington, 22 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Postmaster at Waterforce, PA to James Speed – Waterforce, 26 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Sending and receiving mail
[On same paper: James Speed to Postmaster at Waterforce, 21 April 1864. 1 p., ALS; asking for the name of a lawyer]

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, KY, 27 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

James G. [Hasuell?] to James Speed – Hardinsburg, KY, 27 April 1864. 4 p., ALS
Politics in his county; “J. B. Bruner follows the Journal to the death, and would die out of Politics. He is well posted on Newspaper Politics merely – not a well read man on Constitutional Law, & the higher, more elevated, dignified, and only certain guides Politics. He is not a good speaker – respectable in that line merely, is a man of good character, though regarded by his friends as selfish and narrow – carries a party

[illegible], but cannot influence the public much – outside of mere party lines.”; “I expressed the opinion that the McClellan nor any other party could organize and go into the field, without being followed by the Vallandighammers & men of that ilk, who would kill any party with whom they would affiliate and no Party could choke them off. They will hang on to anything to beat Mr. Lincoln, like an incubus.”; “Our office is constantly filled with the miserable speeches of Powell, Davis, F. Wood, &c with scarcely an antidote to the poison. We must have the replies, & they must be scattered amonged [sic] the people.”

William Collins to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 28 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

John K. Lane to James Speed – Cairo, 24 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
A man held by military officials

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, 27 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

C. B. French to R. J. Meniffee – Washington, DC, 23 December 1863. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

R. J. Meniffee to James Speed – no place, 29 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Silas F. Miller to James Speed & J. H. Heywood – Louisville, 22 October 1863. 1 p., ALS
Having discussed Speed and Heywood’s newspaper with Edwin Stanton

H. T. Duncan, Jr. to James Speed – Lexington, 27 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

Robert Anderson to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 21 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
[Check and see if this is Fort Sumter Robert Anderson]

Richard Jenkins to James Speed – Oil Creek, IN, 1 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Loyal men in Meade County, KY

John M. Harlan to James Guthrie – Frankfort, 20 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business regarding L&N railroad

Hunt & Beck to James Speed – Lexington, 30 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

F. D. Lincoln to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 16 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

John G. Rogers to Ballard & McDowell – Chicago, 11 March 1861. 4 p., ALS
Legal business

Thomas E. Bennett to Speed & Smith – Winona, MN, 16 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters

P. Swigert to Samuel Smith – Frankfort, 29 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

D. C. Henderson to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 2 May 1864. 1 p., telegram
Legal business

H. T. Duncan to James Speed – Lexington, 20 April 1864. 4 p., ALS
Having been charged with disloyalty; the actions of General Stephen G. Burbridge

Thomas Drummond to James Speed – Cleveland, 30 April 1864. 2 p., ALS
Issues regarding one of Drummond's slaves; states that if being taken by the government
will give the slave his freedom, he is "glad of it"

Mollie M. Turner to James Speed – no place, 2 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Slaves having run away

Samuel H. Austin to Henning & Speed – Philadelphia, 3 November 1863. 3 p., ALS
Real estate business

Charles Vandervoort to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 31 March 1864. 1 p., ALS
Real estate business

W. H. Plummer to Speed & Smith – Buchanan P.O., 4 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

George A. Lewis to Samuel B. Smith – Louisville, 6 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Announcement of First National Bank of Louisville Board of Directors meeting

William J. Waller to "Dear Sir" – Shelby College, KY, 5 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

David Brown to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 2 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Real estate business

Charles Vandervoort to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 15 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Real estate business

Legal document regarding John H. Johnson v. L&N Railroad– 21 May 1864. 1 p., ADS

L. A. Civill to James Speed – Louisville, 19 January 1864. 1 p., ALS

Inspecting a newspaper advertisement

Folder 39: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, January-July 1864 (43 letters)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

R. R. Bolling to unknown – no place, 14 May [1864?]. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

[illegible initials] Gibson to James Speed – no place, Saturday. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Addison Mandell to James Speed – Detroit, 30 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Claims against the government for damage to crops, etc. by Union troops in Kentucky under Rousseau and McCook

Thomas J. Barker to James Speed – Taylorsville, KY, 4 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Letter of introduction for J. R. Mitchell

L. M. Flournoy to James Speed – Paducah, 2 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Supporting a bill in Congress regarding retirement benefits for Robert Anderson

I. N. Haynie to James Speed – Cairo, IL, 14 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Enquires about the loyalty of John Griffin, a Louisville attorney

William A. Irvine to James Speed – Military Prison, Louisville, 16 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Being confined in military prison even though he is a paroled prisoner; wanting Speed's help in getting bond

William Fox to Speed & Co. – Mount Washington, KY, no date. 1 p., ALS
A man breaking out of the Taylorsville jail

Reverdy Johnson to James Speed – Washington, 10 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

James Guthrie to Hall & Long – Louisville, 13 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

H. S. Sanchell to James Speed – St. Louis, 28 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

E. Kinney & Co. to Bullitt & Smith – Cincinnati, 31 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

Armstrongs & Co. to Speed, Barret, & Smith – Wheeling, 31 May 1864. 1 p., ALS

Business matters

Charles Vandervoort to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 6 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Real estate business

Frederick Vincent to Speed & Smith – New York, 4 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

T. D. Lincoln to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 6 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

E. Hutchings to Samuel B. Smith – New York, 25 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Real estate business

H. A. Griswold to Samuel B. Smith – Louisville, 24 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous; real estate business

James M. Fuller to James Speed – Lebanon, KY, 8 June 1864. 2 p., ALS
Wanting to publish an “unconditional union paper at Lebanon”; has a press but needs money

J. M. Bryant to James Speed – Philadelphia, 30 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Supporting the position of the “meeting at Louisville” and the administration

A. O. & J.S. Brannin to Speed & Smith – Louisville, 10 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

T. D. Lincoln to James Speed – Cincinnati, 8 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business regarding the railroads

G. W. Simmons to James Speed – “At Home,” 15 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

James Guthrie to James Speed – Louisville, 26 May 1864. 1 p., form letter
Announcement of L&N Railroad Board of Directors meeting

James Guthrie to James Speed – Louisville, 30 May 1864. 1 p., form letter
Announcement of L&N Railroad Board of Directors meeting

William O. Goodloe to James Speed – Lexington, 14 April 1864. 2 p., ALS
Kentucky politics; “I hardly suppose that Shipman’s flippant statements need any notice from a decent man. He is pursuing a course that will inevitably lead to an expose of his worthless moral character . . .”; believes they can defeat the Democrats in the upcoming election; “Wolford & Jacobs are doing no very great harm. They are of too small calibre.”; looking forward to the publication of Speed’s newspaper

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, 13 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Depositions in the “confiscation cases”

Horace G. Craig to Speed & Smith – Near Midway, 8 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

E. Kinney & Co. to Bullitt & Smith – Cincinnati, 6 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

D. C. Henderson to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 11 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

R. Patterson & Co. to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 14 March 1864. 1 p., AL
Business matters

R. Patterson & Co. to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 6 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

McCormick & Gibson to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 20 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

John P. Tiscuit to James Speed – Erie, PA, 9 June 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business

G. Clay Smith to James Speed – Washington, 29 May 1864. 1 p., ALS
Having secured lodging for the “Baltimore convention”

F. L. Cleveland to James Speed – Augusta, KY, 18 May 1863. 3 p., ALS
Raising troops for the defense of Kentucky
[Note on back from Thornton F. Marshall regarding a Mr. Armstrong who is a gun
manufacturer]

Margaret & Elizabeth Evans to James Speed – Louisville, 18 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

P. Swigert to Samuel B. Smith – Frankfort, 14 January 14 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Wm. Powell & Co. to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 16 January 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

George A. Lewis to Samuel B. Smith – Louisville, 8 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Announcement of First National Bank of Louisville Board of Directors meeting

George M. Thomas to Speed & Smith – Vanaberg, KY, 13 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Real estate business

Samuel H. Austin to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 13 January 1864. 2 p., ALS
Real estate business

William Waller to Samuel B. Smith – Shelby College, KY, 9 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Folder 40: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, January-August 1864 (34 letters, 2 legal documents)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

R. Patterson & Co. to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 16 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

J. H. McCampbell to Henning & Speed – Jeffersonville, 16 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business related to the Jeffersonville Railroad

Lincoln, Smith & Warnock to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 19 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

W. Jason Hawkins to Speed & Smith – Lexington, 9 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

John C. Walker to Speed & Smith – Brandenburg, KY, 16 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Hunt & Beck to Speed & Smith – Lexington, 13 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

C. S. Snead to John Burks – no place, no date. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Receipt for payment on account related to Wilson, Starbird & Smith – ca. January 1864, 1 p.

Thomas N. Mustain to B. Marshall – Horse Cave, 7 January 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
[Enclosed is deposition of David Philpot, 1 p.]

G. M. Hazen to Speed & Smith – Knoxville, 9 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Government seizures

J. F. Bullitt to Speed & Smith – Barracks, No. 1, 2 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Securities
[Includes a note from James Speed at the bottom of the page and a response from Bullitt]

Jno. P. Vincent to James Speed – Erie, PA, 6 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Business matters

D. A. Sayre & Co. to James Speed – Lexington, KY, 5 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

J. M. Shackelford to Speed & Barret – Madisonville, KY, 11 April 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Godge & Brother to Speed & Smith – Lexington, 25 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Sending payment
[A check is attached to the letter]

Frederick Vincent to James Speed – Washington, 19 May 1864. 3 p., ALS
Business matters

Frederick Vincent to James Speed – New York, 29 June 1864. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous
[Enclosed is a New York state legal document regarding Vincent]

E. Hansbrough to “Cousin Henry” – no place, 6 August 1864. 2 p., ALS
Not coming to Louisville because it is not safe for “a man that is favour of Law”;
business matters

Benjamin H. Bristow to James Speed – Elkton, 13 June 1864. 4 p., ALS
The conduct of “officers & other persons, in connection with the negro question”; “I do not believe the Govnt can ever be permanently reestablished without the abolition of slavery and or this reason I desire it to be abolished, but I want it done legally.”; discusses slaves fleeing to Clarksville, TN, where they enlist in or work for the army; black enlistment in Kentucky

Geo. M. Thomas to James Speed – Vanceburg, KY, 6 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Jno P. Vincent to James Speed – Erie, PA, 17 August 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

James [Blair?] to [James Speed?] – Owensboro, 18 August 1864. 2 p., ALS
Destruction caused by soldiers encamped in public buildings; not concerned whether troops are white or black

[W. W. Pope?] to “Gent.” – At Home, 4 August [1864]. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

John G. Hanson to James Speed – Germantown, KY, 3 August 1864. 4 p., ALS

Legal questions

Ewd. A. Speed to James Speed – Johnson’s Island, OH, 7 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Hopes Speed will send him a change of clothes; asking despite not being sure they are related

McCormick & Gibson to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 16 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

Aaron Landenburger to James Speed – Effingham Co., IL, 28 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

John G. Hanson to James Speed – Germantown, KY, 7 July 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business

Aaron Landenburger to James Speed – Effingham Co., IL, 9 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

A. C. Shacklett to James Speed – Hill Grove, Meade Co., KY, 10 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

W. W. Trimble to James Speed – Covington, 14 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Disloyalty in Kentucky

Joseph Odell to James Speed – Lebanon, KY, 17 June 1864. 4 p., ALS
Offers his service in recruiting black troops; having been threatened since “returning home”

“Statement of Mrs. S. J. Cowley’s Income” – no place, 1859. AD, 1 p.

Theo. [Miling?] to Speed & Smith – Nashville, TN, 18 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

George H. Yeaman to James Speed – Owensboro, 13 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Wants Speed to find two free black men and have them pay him “for service in matter of Jno. Todds will”

A[lexander]. M. Stout to James Speed – Chattanooga, TN, 22 July 1864. 5 p., ALS
Service in the army; wants Speed to help him get promoted to Brigadier General

Folder 41: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, June 1863-October 1864 (23 letters, 3 legal documents)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

Edgar Needham to James Speed – Louisville, 18 August 1864. 2 p., ALS
Internal Revenue business

Lincoln, Smith & Warnock to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 9 [June?] 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Pack Thomas to James Speed – Louisville, 7 September 1864. 2 p., ALS
Business matters

G. W. Simmons to “Friend Richard” – no place, no date. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Sherrod Williams to James Speed – Harrodsburg, 22 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Letter of introduction

R. H. Field to [James Speed?] – Shepherdsville, KY, 8 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

W. S. [?]. Megowan &c. legal document, 11 October 1863. 1 p., AD

H. T. Burge to James Speed – Munfordville, KY, 16 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Attempting to reenlist his regiment (48th Kentucky Infantry) as mounted infantry or cavalry
[Part of the address information is ripped]

George D. Blakey to James Speed – Bowling Green, KY, 16 March 1864. 3 p., ALS
Black enlistment; “I have had opportunities to know something of public sentiment in regard to the drafting of Slaves in this portion of the state and know that the truly loyal men approve it. Rebels and our ideal politicians will attempt to get up a prejudice against it.”; believes Lincoln has yielded too much to Kentucky politicians; “Colonels such as Wolford & Governors such as Magoffin was or as Bramlett is likely to be (according to the Journal) should be held to a strict accountability for insubordination or threats of resistance. I know the people of Kentucky will sustain the President in every thing having a tendency to crush the rebellion even to the assisting any officer either civil or military who gets himself up in opposition to the constituted authorities of the country.”

D. A. Sayre & Co. to James Speed – Lexington, 30 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

H. T. Duncan Jr. to James Speed – Lexington, 3 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

C. B. Owsley to Speed & Smith – Louisville, 20 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

W. P. Ross to James Speed – Carlisle, KY, 23 July 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

James Speed to A. S. Greer – Louisville, 10 February 1864. 1 p., AL
Legal business
[This letter was written by Samuel B. Smith]

Joseph Holt to James Speed – Washington, 29 April 1864. 2 p., LS
The case of Thomas Drummond and the slave he attempted to have freed

Williamson Bacon to James Speed – New York, 18 May 1864. 2 p., ALS
Asks for an exemption from military service for medical reasons
[Includes a note from Dr. John O. Stone stating that Williamson Bacon is unfit for service because of medical reasons]

S. P. Holway to Speed & Smith – New York, 8 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Frederick Vincent to Speed & Smith – New York, 7 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Legal document regarding a business transaction between John Duff and S. D. McCaleb –
Louisville, 9 July 1864. 1 p., AD

David G. Brown to Samuel B. Smith – Philadelphia, 6 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

Legal document related to the will of D. W. Wilson – Jefferson Count, 1 June 1863. 1 p., AD

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, 29 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

R. S. Wintersmith to James Speed – Louisville, 23 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

I. N. Haynie to James Speed – Cairo, IL, 16 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

John F. Fisk to James Speed – Covington, 17 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

[Thos. P.?] Morrow to James Speed – Somerset, KY, 12 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Wants “Lincoln speakers” to help promote Union sentiment around Somerset; believes
Lincoln will receive a majority in the election if the speakers can come

Folder 42: Speed & Smith – Correspondence, July-October 1864 (34 letters)

Correspondence to Speed & Smith regarding legal and political matters. Letters were removed from a letterbook and are in the order they were bound.

Thomas P. Porter to James Speed – Versailles, 16 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Enquires about the “Woodford ‘Confiscation cases’”

Annie G. Ogden and Lizzie Ringeling to James Speed – St. Louis, 12 July 1864. 3 p., ALS
Legal business
[Enclosed is list of expenditures]

Philip Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 16 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Letter of introduction for a deputy Internal Revenue officer interested in knowing about “the ‘modus operandi’ of releasing Prisoners of War”

Duff W. Neal to James Speed – Military Prison, Louisville, 24 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Mentions a fellow POW who wrote to Speed asking for help obtaining his release

W. P. Ross to James Speed – Carlisle, KY, 12 September 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business; “the District Atty has given notice to re-take some depositions taken on behalf of the Gov. in a case agt W. A. Turner.”; having decided not to write to Lincoln “for relief” in a lawsuit

John L. Scott to James Speed – Frankfort, 21 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Announces the meeting of “the unconditional men of this part of the state”; fears the “inaction of the Committee is doing immense injury”; thinks they can build wide support for Lincoln if they get organized

J. M. Shackelford to James Speed – Evansville, 20 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Joseph Combs to James Speed – Madison, 21 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Jno. Carrigan to James Speed – New York, 17 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Remitting payment

F. Ringeling to James Speed – St. Louis, 9 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Milton Stevensen to James Speed – Georgetown, KY, 27 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

Archer C. Dick[erson?] to James Speed – Near Bowling Green, 27 September 1864. 4 p., ALS
Having applied to Lincoln to be a foreign minister to Scotland; having “publicly taught and advocated emancipation in Ky. 15 years ago”; mentions having lost his slaves during

the war

G. M. C. Self to James Speed – Munfordville, 27 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Invites Speed to make a Union speech on county court day

E. A. Minor to James Speed – Near Middletown, KY, 29 September 1864. 3 p., ALS
Asks for Speed to influence “the Administration” to help in obtaining the release of “two servant boys, belonging to my mother and myself, who enlisted in a colored regiment at Louisville”; having “come to the conclusion that the authorities here, do not wish to have a negro soldier released under any circumstances whatever, their sole object being to destroy the institution of slavery immediately, regardless of the poor negro’s future welfare.”

John M. Hume to James Speed – St. Louis, 27 September [1864]. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

James Guthrie to James Speed – Louisville, 29 September 1864. 1 p., form letter
Announcement of L&N Railroad Board of Directors meeting

James Pryor to James Speed – Covington, 27 September 1864. 2 p., ALS
Legal business

W. P. Ross to James Speed – Louisville, 30 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

R. R. Bolling to “My Dear Sir” – no place, 28 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business; mentions “Judge Robertson”

A. G. Hodges to James Speed – Frankfort, 29 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Nominating an elector to take the place of Lucien Anderson, who was selected but found to be ineligible because of being a U.S. Representative

Nathaniel Montgomery to “Speed & _____” – Lockport, KY, 5 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
[includes copy of 1 p. letter from S. W. Burnett]

S. W. Burnett to N. Montgomery – Louisville, 30 July 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Geo. W. [Milliners?] to James Speed – Paris, KY, 31 August 1864. 1 p., ALS
Asks for help getting a pension for a soldier’s widow

William S. Hatch to Speed & Smith – Cincinnati, 15 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

W. C. Harran to Speed & Smith – Hamilton, OH, 22 September 1864. 1 p., ALS

Legal business

Gedge & Brother to Speed & Smith – Covington, 10 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

David L. I[illegible] to S. B. Smith – Philadelphia, 16 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Miscellaneous

H. C. Badger to Samuel B. Smith – Chicago, 9 September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

Thomas C. Calvert to Speed & Smith – Bowling Green, 27 June 1864. 1 p., ALS
The death of John M. Sharp

Richard Lyles to Speed & Smith – Clarksville, TN, September 1864. 1 p., ALS
Lists witnesses to call in Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Richard Lyles, a case regarding
burning of the U.S. Mail

W. N. Potts to Speed & Smith – Camp Nelson, 2 October 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business involving “the Quartermasters department at Louisville”

W. C. Harran to Samuel B. Smith – Oxford, 18 October 1864. 1 p., ALS
Business matters

John Burk, Jr. to Speed & Smith – Utica, NY, 14 October 1864. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Sam. Spalding to Speed & Smith – Lebanon, KY, 13 October 1864. 1 p., ALS
Remitting payment

Box VI

Folder 43: Joshua Fry Speed – Correspondence, 1841-1843 (15 letters)

John Kearney to Joshua Fry Speed – Louisville, 11 January 1841. 1 p., ALS
Having received money from James Speed

A. G. Henry to Joshua Fry Speed – Washington, 27 June 1841. 2 p., ALS
“Clay’s Bank Bill will be sent to the President in all probability. Let him veto it if he
dares.”; miscellaneous matters

P. G. Latham to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 12 February 1842. 3 p., ALS
News from Springfield; the railroad coming into town; the value of various state
currencies
Note from John Irwin on last page regarding a lawsuit

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 15 February 1842. 2 p., ALS

Financial matters; sorry that Speed is permanently moving to Kentucky

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 24 March 1842. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters; the value of Illinois state currency

John Irwin to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 10 April 1842. 2 p., ALS
Congratulations on Speed's marriage; legal matters

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 18 April 1842. 2 p., ALS
J. S. Bradford wanting to trade a slave to Speed for a piece of land near Springfield; a Democrat winning an election because "all whigs in South ward voted for Campbell [the Democrat] & part in Edwards ward & I may add all the Darn abolition second church Mormons Dutch & Irish"

J. S. Bradford to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 30 April 1842. 1 p., ALS
Exchanging a slave for a piece of land Speed owned near Springfield

Unknown to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 1 July 1842. 1 p., AL
Miscellaneous matters

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 3 February 1843. 3 p., ALS
Financial matters

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 14 March 1843. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters; "A desperate struggle is no going on between your old friends Lincoln & Baker for the nomination for Congress in this district which is largely Whig"; more discussion of the contest between Lincoln and Baker

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 18 March 1843. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters; the election between Lincoln and Baker, "Baker it is thought has the strenth [sic] in town Lincoln in the country"; Whigs will make their decision in a vote on March 19

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 21 April 1843. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 24 May 1843. 3 p., ALS
Financial matters; makes reference to Lincoln

Charles R. Hunt to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 28 June 1843. 3 p., ALS
Financial matters; mentions that he and Lincoln have a question about a deposit

Folder 44: Joshua Fry Speed – Correspondence, 1846-1857 (14 letters, 2 envelopes)

William A. Morrison to Joshua Fry Speed – Bridge-Port, KY, 14 November 1846. 1 p., ALS
Selling his farm

William P. Speed to Joshua Fry Speed – Missouri, 9 March 1847. 1 p., ALS
Needing money

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 5 January 1848. 2 p., ALS
Land business

William P. Speed to Joshua Fry Speed – Missouri, 22 May 1848. 1 p., ALS
Having received money from Joshua

W. H. Herndon to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, November 1848. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters; “Friend Lincoln is in Town and will soon write you. He is well and feels finely – is moving this moment and says he has not time to attend to business this day but will on the morrow”; election results in Sangamon County and the surrounding area

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 23 January 1849. 3 p., ALS
Trying to sell a farm for Speed, “the farm is unfortunately situated in Christian County [Illinois] which is settled with the meanest set of Locos in all gods world”; discusses offers on the farm; wants Speed to write “Lincoln & Baker” and help him get confirmed as “Receiver of Public Moneys”

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 11 April 1849. 3 p., ALS
Trying to sell a farm for Speed; Lincoln having encouraged him to apply for “the office of Receiver of the land office” but now having to recommend another man “in order to secure the abolition vote”

James A. Barret to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 23 April 1849. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 4 July 1849. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters

John A. Chesnut to Joshua Fry Speed – Cartinsville, IL, 27 December 1849. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters

William Butler to Joshua Fry Speed – Springfield, IL, 19 June 1850. 1 p., ALS
Efforts to sell Speed’s farm
Note on second page from J. A. Barret regarding an expected visit to Louisville

John A. Chesnut to Joshua Fry Speed – Cartinsville, IL, 15 October 1850. 1 p., ALS
Land transactions

John A. Chesnut to Joshua Fry Speed – Cartinsville, IL, 4 April 1854. 1 p., ALS
Financial matters

Will P. Thomasson to Joshua Fry Speed – Chicago, 23 May 1857. 4 p., ALS
An embarrassing incident on a date in Chicago

Will P. Thomasson to Joshua Fry Speed – [no place], 31 May 1857. 4 p., ALS
Miscellaneous matters

Folder 45: Joshua Fry Speed – Correspondence, 1861-1876 (6 letters)

Joseph Holt to Joshua Fry Speed – Washington, 31 May 1861. 35 p., ALS
An in-depth discussion of secession and neutrality; some references to Lincoln
[This letter was published as a pamphlet in 1861]

John Marshall Harlan to Joshua Fry Speed – Winchester, TN, 14 August 1862. 11 p., ALS
Harlan's opinion of Don Carlos Buell and his General Order No. 37; Buell's mismanagement of troops in the Corinth-Iuka campaign; condemns Buell's policy of protecting rebel property; "And I say here that if Gen. Buell will cease guarding onion palettes for rebels, throw away his silk gown, take the field, and put himself at the head of his army, we can live upon the rebels, and drive the last of them out of Tennessee."; thinks Buell will never attack unless ordered to do so; "My candid judgment is that he is out of place at the Army of the Ohio at this time."

C. A. Marshall to [Joshua Fry Speed?] – [no place], [1863]. 2 p., ALS
The Union Democrat Convention; Joshua F. Bell considering declining the nomination as a gubernatorial candidate

Joshua Fry Speed to "Gillespie" – Louisville, 29 April 1876. 4 p., AL [probably a draft]
Discusses the circumstances of his first meeting with Lincoln

Joseph Holt to Joshua Fry Speed – [no place], 19 November 1876. 2 p., ALS
Sending a photograph to Speed; asks Speed to send a photograph of himself

Joseph Holt to Joshua Fry Speed – Washington, 28 December 1876. 4 p., ALS
Receiving a photograph from Speed; the Hayes-Tilden disputed election, "The political outlook is certainly menacing, & cannot but excite alarm with the thoughtful & the patriotic."

Folder 46: Joshua Fry Speed – Legal and financial papers, 1844-1849 (6 documents)

Two receipts dated 1845 and 1847, three tax forms from 1844 and 1849, and one 1844 land document from the sale of a farm in Illinois

Folder 47: Martha B. Adams – Correspondence, 1864 (2 letters)

Martha B. Adams to "Dear Jimmy" – Louisville, 23 August 1864. 4 p., ALS
Guerrillas active in the "county"; personal matters

Martha B. Adams to "Dear Jimmy" – Louisville, 5 October 1864. 6 p., ALS

Family matters; Salmon P. Chase giving a speech in Louisville; wants the war to be over

Folder 48: Joseph Holt – Letter, 1861 (1 letter)

Joseph Holt to “the President” – Washington, 18 February 1861. 11 p., LS

Concerns about a conspiracy preventing Lincoln’s inauguration; condemns secessionists and their dissolution of the Union

Folder 49: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1848-1855 (36 letters)

Thirty-six letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

L. W. Powell to Wilson, Starbird, & Smith – Henderson, 21 January 1850. 1 p., ALS

Receiving notes for two accounts

Tho. P. Porter to D. Howard Smith – Versailles, KY, 25 October 1854. 1 p., ALS

Business matters

Folder 50: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1856 (55 letters)

Fifty-five letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

Folder 51: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1857 (30 letters)

Thirty letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

Folder 52: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1858 (34 letters)

Thirty-four letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

Folder 53: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1859 (32 letters)

Thirty-two letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

Folder 54: Wilson, Starbird & Smith – Correspondence, 1860 (8 letters)

Eight letters concerning the business, mostly debt collection, of Wilson, Starbird & Smith, a wholesale druggist in Louisville

Box VII

Folder 55: Speed & Worthington account book, 1854-1856 (1 volume)

Account book recording various purchases made and payments received by James Speed and E. S. Worthington. The list of payments is related to legal business. Approximately 65 pages have entries.

p. 38 – represented Wilson, Starbird, & Smith in three suits in November and December 1854

p. 61 – represented C. M. Clay in suit against “Timberlake” on April 30, 1855

Folder 56: Speed & Beattie Letterbook, 1857-1858 (185 letters)

Correspondence related to the legal business of Speed & Beattie, a law firm run by James Speed and James A. Beattie.

Russell & Fitzhugh to James Speed – Wheeling, 25 April 1857. 2 p., ALS
Discusses a lawsuit involving a train collision on the B&O Railroad near Wheeling

G. Clay Smith to James Speed – Richmond, KY, 9 May 1857. 1 p., ALS
Remitting payment for services

John S. Alexander to James Speed – Fort Monroe, VA, 8 May 1857. 2 p., ALS
Wants Speed to “use your influence to the Secretary of the Army to grant me my Discharge by Furnishing a Substitute”

T. T. Crittenden to Speed & Beattie – Madison, 12 September 1858. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

Sherrod Williams to Speed & Beattie – Harrodsburg, 22 September 1857. 2 p., ALS
Discusses financial difficulties; believes he will have to “sell a negro” to get the money he needs to pay Speed & Beattie

T. T. Crittenden to Speed & Beattie – Madison, 29 September 1857. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

James B. Clay to Speed & Beattie – Lexington, 12 November 1857. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
[With envelope franked by Clay]

James B. Clay to Speed & Beattie – Lexington, 18 November 1857. 1 p., ALS
Legal business
[With envelope franked by Clay]

A. J. Ballard to Speed & Beattie – [no place], 13 November [1857?]. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

T. T. Crittenden to Speed & Beattie – Madison, 27 November 1857. 1 p., ALS
Legal business

James B. Clay to G. H. Cochran – Lexington, 21 September 1857. 2 p., ALS
Financial matters

Folder 57: Speed & Beattie/Speed, Barret, & Beattie Letterpress book, 1857-1860 (479 p.)

Letterpress copies of approximately 440 letters concerning the legal business of Speed & Beattie and later Speed, Barret, & Beattie. The partners of the firm were James Speed, James A. Beattie and William Barret. Some of the letters are in the hand of James Speed, but the bulk of them were probably written by James Beattie and later William Barret. Most of the letters relate to lawsuits, regarding railroads, land, and various businesses, among others. Although some of the letters are smeared and faded, most of them are legible and in good condition.

Letters in Speed's handwriting, all dealing with routine legal business, are:

4 May 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 14)
9 May 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 20)
9 May 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 21)
16 June 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 59)
22 June 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 60)
24 June 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 61)
25 June 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 62)
2 July 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 66)
2 July 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 67)
5 July 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 71)
5 August 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 78)
25 September 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 111)
12 December 1857. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 153)
16 January 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 166)
16 January 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 166)
8 March 1858. 2 p., Letterpress copy (p. 196-197)
13 March 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 203)
14 March 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 204)
1 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 216)
2 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 217)
3 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 218)
5 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 219)
5 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 220)
8 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 221)
5 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 222)
12 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 223)
14 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 224)
19 September 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 225)
19 April 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 226)
18 May 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 252)
18 May 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 257)

28 June 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 313)
14 August 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 347)
25 September 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 375)
9 October 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 382)
21 October 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 389)
22 October 1858. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 390)
7 January 1859. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 411)
14 January 1859. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 412)
19 January 1859. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 414)
27 January 1859. 1 p., Letterpress copy (p. 422)
2 March 1859. 2 p., Letterpress copy (p. 434-435)

Speed & Beattie to John R. Moore – Louisville, 21 October 1857. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 124)
Regarding the account of James B. Clay

Speed & Beattie to James B. Clay – Louisville, 21 October 1857. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 125)
Plans to obtain money owed Clay

Speed & Beattie to James B. Clay – Louisville, 17 November 1857. Letterpress copy, 1 p.
Plans to obtain money owed Clay (p. 139)

Speed & Beattie to T. T. Crittenden – Louisville, 18 November 1857. Letterpress copy, 1 p.
Legal business (p. 141)

Speed & Beattie to T. T. Crittenden – Louisville, 23 January 1858. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 173)
Legal business

Speed & Beattie to T. T. Crittenden – Louisville, 19 May 1858. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 258)
Legal business

Speed & Beattie to T. T. Crittenden – Louisville, 31 July 1858. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 343)
Legal business

Speed & Beattie to T. T. Crittenden – Louisville, 26 January 1859. Letterpress copy, 1 p. (p. 415)
Legal business

Folder 58: Speed Family Scrapbook

Scrapbook contains mostly typescripts of Speed Family correspondence, diaries, etc. While some of the typescripts, especially those of James Speed's correspondence, are of documents in the collection, others are for items not included. Notably the scrapbook contains a typescript of a diary kept by James Speed in 1844 and then continued by his wife in the 1860s. It is possible that these typescripts were compiled when James Speed, grandson of the Attorney General, was writing *James Speed: A Personality* (1914).

Abraham Lincoln to "Dear Speed" – Springfield, 22 May 1860. 1 p., typescript

Asks about Speed's family

Box VIII

Folder 59: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1862-1865 (32 letters)

Thomas M. Vincent to Colonel M. Sewall, Washington, D.C., 19 November 1862, 1 p., handwritten copy of a telegram.

Requests Lieut. Speed be mustered in as supernumerary 2nd Lieutenant.

James A. Hardie to John Speed, Washington, D.C., April 1863, 1 p., form letter signed.
States Speed's commission of Asst. Adjutant General and request he acknowledge his acceptance.

John Green to John Speed, Columbus, OH, 18 May 1863, 1 p., handwritten special order.
Order to report in person with Brig. General Boyle in Louisville, KY.

A. C. Simple to John Speed, Louisville, KY, 27 May 1863, 1 p., handwritten special order.
Order to take "first train" to Franklin, TN and report to C. C. Gilbert

W. C. Russell to John Speed, Triune, TN, 13 June 1863, 1 p., handwritten special order.
Order for Brig. Gen. C.C. Gilbert's staff officers to remain in place by order of Maj. Gen. G. Granger.

H. Thrall to John Speed, Murfreesboro, TN, 15 June 1863, 1 p., handwritten special field order.
Order for John Speed to proceed at once to Nashville, TN and report for duty.

H. Thrall to John Speed, Murfreesboro, TN, 19 June 1863, 1 p., handwritten special order.
Speed is assigned to duty with the 2nd Brig. 3rd Div. Reserve Corps at Laverne and ordered to report to duty to Brig. Gen. Ward.

W. Anderson to John Speed, Cincinnati, OH, 23 June 1863, 1 p., handwritten special order.
Indicates the resignation of Supernumerary 2nd Lieutenant John Speed from the 9th KY Volunteer Cavalry as accepted and effective 10 May 1863 when he received and accepted his commission as Captain and A.A.G.

W. T. Ward to [unknown], Nashville, TN 24 August 1863, 1p., ALS.
Ward gives his consent for Speed to take charge of a detachment of prisoners and to proceed to Simpsonville, KY.

Geo. Spalding to John Speed, Nashville, TN 25 August 1863, 1 p., handwritten provost order.
Orders Speed to take prisoners and a guard of 15 men to Louisville via the L and N R.R. to be received by Col. Marc Mundy at the command post. Speed is then to return on the first train and report to the office of the Provost in Nashville.

J. Bates Dickson to John Speed, Nashville, TN 18 November 1863, 1 p., form letter signed.

Speed is granted disability leave for 15 days.

Wm. D. Whipple to John Speed, Chattanooga, TN, 12 January 1864, 1 p., handwritten special field order

Assigns Speed to duty and orders him to report to Brig. Gen. W. T. Ward

Wm. D. Whipple to John Speed, Chattanooga, TN 31 January 1864, 1 p., ALS.

Compliments Speed on the condition of the books in his office.

W. R. Thomas to John Speed, Nashville, TN 6 February 1864, 1 p., handwritten special order.

Orders Speed to report to Head Quarters in Murfreesboro, TN.

W. D. Whipple to John Speed, Chattanooga, TN 25 April 1864, 1 p., handwritten special order.

Assigns Speed to duty with the 3rd Div. 20th Army corps and orders him to report to Maj. Gen. Daniel Butterfield.

Southard Hoffman to John Speed, Atlanta, GA 17 September 1864, 1p., handwritten special field order.

Granted leave of absence for 20 days.

Maj. Gen. Thomas, Chattanooga, TN, 13 October 1864, 1 p., railroad voucher

Speed travels from Chattanooga to Nashville by order of Col. L. C. Easton.

H. B. Adams, Chattanooga, TN, 13 October 1864, 1p., Handwritten Railroad Pass.

Speed ordered to travel from Chattanooga to Nashville.

John Speed to Aurore Speed – Chattanooga, 13 October 1864. 1 p.

Date and salutation for an unwritten letter

Maj. Gen. Slocum, Atlanta, GA, 1 November 1864, 1p., Handwritten “confidential” circular.

Notice to prepare for an active campaign.

S. Walkley to John Speed – Chattahoochee River, 2 November 1864, 1p., ALS

Draws Speed’s attention to detained furlough applications.

H. W. Perkins, Kingston, GA, 8 November 1864, 1 p., “Special Field Order No. 119” DS

General Commanding combines corps into an army and informs them that will need to depart the base for new one, involving a “long and difficult march”.

H. W. Perkins, Kingston, GA, 9 November 1864, 2p., “Special Field Orders No. 120” DS.

Marching orders, divides army into two wings and addresses supplies, schedule, formation, as well as property destruction and foraging etiquette.

H. W. Perkins to W.T. Ward – Atlanta, GA, 11 November 1864, 1p., ALS.

Sends copies of printed special field orders from headquarters. Says they are not for distribution at this time.

B. W. Brice, from the Paymaster General's Office, Washington D.C. 3 December 1864, 1p.
printed instructions.
Instructions for paymasters and sureties for executing the official bonds required for the US.

John S Mappitt, Nashville, 29 January 1864, 1p., handwritten receipt.
Receipt for payment received from John Speed for purchase of a bay horse.

Unsigned, to "General", "before Savannah", 21 December 1864, 1p. AL.
Informing that General Geary had possession of the enemy's "works" and advises the recipient to move his picket forward to the town and hold command in readiness.

Charles Moyar, Blackville, SC, 10 February 1865. 1p., ADS.
Orders from Brevet.Maj. A. S. Williams for the command's movements the next day

Edwin Stanton to John Speed – Washington D.C., 22 March 1865. 1 p., form letter signed.
Informs Speed that the President has appointed him "Additional Paymaster of Volunteers" and requests his letter of acceptance.

B. W. Brice to John Speed – Washington 11 April 1865. 1 p., ALS.
Acknowledges Speed acceptance of Additional Paymaster and request that he report to the Washington office in person.

H. W. Perkins, Near Goldsboro, NC, 2 April 1865, 1 p. Special Orders No. 41, Extract.
Speed is dismissed from further duty with command as a result of his appointment to Additional Paymaster and is granted permission to travel to Louisville.

S. F. Chalfin to John Speed – Washington, DC, 20 May 1865. 1 p., form letter signed. 2 copies
Accepts Speed's resignation effective May 19th 1865.

Folder 60: John Speed (1842-1920) – Military papers, 1862-1865 (8 documents)

Muster roll for John Speed into the 9th Kentucky Cavalry, commanded by R. T. Jacob, 24 August 1862.

[John Speed], ca. September 1864. 2 p., handwritten note.
Account of commands and troop movements, mostly in Georgia, from January 1 to September 1, 1864.

Receipt roll for clothing, Atlanta, GA, 31 October 1864, 1 p.

"Monthly return of clothing, camp and garrison equipage," Atlanta, GA, 31 October 1864, 6 p.
Account of clothing issued by Speed

Receipt for clothing received by five Union soldiers from John Speed, 3 November 1864, 1 p.

“Return of Clothing Camp and Garrison Equipage,” Savannah, GA, 31 December 1864. 1 p., handwritten receipt.

Lists number of “shelter tents” on hand

“List of Quartermaster’s Stores, &c., Recd by Capt R. E. Beecher,” 2 April 1865. 1 p., 2 copies
Acknowledges the receipt of 5 shelter tents

Bond to guarantee Speed’s role as “Additional Paymaster in the Army of the United States,” 14 April 1865. 1 p, DS.

Bond for twenty thousand dollars signed by John Speed, Joshua F. Speed and Phillip Speed.

Folder 61: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1866-1880 (6 letters)

Six letters concerning a variety of topics, including the deed and mortgage for land Joshua & his sister wish to sell, a welcome to Gen. U.S. Grant written by KY’s ex U.S. soldiers, and a letter from Daniel Dustin to John Speed reminiscing about the war and updating him on the status of their war buddies.

Folder 62: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1894 (6 letters)

Six letters concerning a variety of topics, including the purchase of land, receipt for services, and a letter from his brother, Joshua Speed.

Folder 63: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1895 (28 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, and miscellaneous topics

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 11 March 1895. 2 p., ALS.

Reports on having a dream about John running a bear farm

George Froh to John Speed – La Grange, 17 December 1895. 3 p., ALS.

Asks Speed to assist with helping a penitentiary worker with “only one limb and shot through the arm”

Folder 64: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1896 (31 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues and miscellaneous topics

George Froh to John Speed – La Grange, 18 February 1896. 1 p., ALS.

Asks for Speed’s recommendation to help him become the penitentiary chaplain

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 1 August 1896. 2 p., ALS

“There are a great number of crazy people they say. Still I hope not enough to precipitate the country into the follies of populism.”

Breck Speed to John Speed – Union, MO, 31 August 1896. 4 p., ALS

Difficulties keeping the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado Railroad open during recent heavy rains; Franklin Co., MO being heavily Republican; “Free Silver is no go here. Every body is against it.”

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 15 September 1896. 7 p., TLS

Politics, “Now suppose the American people should vote for Bryan and all that he represents, a blow like a cyclone would strike all our institutions.”; “To vote for Bryan and the Chicago platform, is to vote against our institutions. It will weaken confidence in our organization of society, it will encourage lawlessness, and to that extent weaken the confidence which is the basis of all getting along.”

Edward Davis to John Speed – Washington, 2 December 1896. 1 p., TLS

His military service; wants a recommendation for a position in the Atty General’s office

Alfred Pirtle to John Speed – Louisville, 28 December 1896. 1 p., TLS

Mentions Thomas Speed working on a book about Union soldiers from Kentucky; asks Speed to write “a short sketch of your military history”

Folder 65: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1897 (31 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues and miscellaneous topics

Alice B. Castleman to John Speed – Louisville, 31 January 1897. 3 p., ALS

Asks to borrow a portrait of James Speed for an “exhibition of portraits from a historical standpoint”

Folder 66: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1898 (45 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, agriculture, and miscellaneous topics

Gilbert Van Zandt to John Speed – Kansas City, MO, 10 January 1898. 4 p., ALS

Details his service in the 78th Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War

William Hardenbrook to John Speed – Wellington, KS, 16 January 1898. 1 p., ALS

Discusses his service in the 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and having been on Gen. William T. Ward’s staff; mentions people who served with him

Breck Speed to John Speed – Union, MO, 16 March 1898. 3 p., ALS

The Spanish-American War, “Well, I suppose you have pulled down your old sword, and have cleaned it up, so as to be on the first Kentuckians to respond to the call.”; “The President and others in power are too slow, and am afraid Spain will yet Bully rag us. Perhaps I am too hot headed, but every nation in the world seems to able to insult us with

impunity. We are too big and powerful a country to be insulted at will, and no notice taken of it.”

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 9 July 1898. 4 p., ALS

Worries about Americans fighting in the Spanish-American War; American success in the war, “I said all the time that Spain alone could not fight us. If other powers come in we might have trouble but with only incidental fighting we can wipe out the Spanish.”; “We will get through this little breeze with a credit abroad we never had before. It will make the Old World study about the power and resources of the United States. The powers will respect us more, and be disposed to keep peace with us.”

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 2 September 1898. 4 p., ALS

The Constitution, “Every organization from a game of marbles up to the Government of a country must have rules, and I call our constitution and laws the Rules of the Game. They are made by the people themselves. I do not see how society could be better organized so far as the principles of organization go, than we are organized in this country.”; equality, “Of course you can’t make people equal. They are naturally unequal in natural endowments, but they can all have equality before the law.”; wants the U.S. to get more admiration for its ideals of freedom and for Europe to receive less praise; “...all forms and effects of Monarchy are wrong.”

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 11 November 1898. 3 p., ALS

Indictments for voter intimidation; being satisfied with election results; “The terrible conditions in North Carolina should caution our good people to try to accommodate differences, rather than widen them. The white people have all the advantages, and the blacks are a great set of blockheads.”

Folder 67: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1899 (43 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

J. C. Pegram to John Speed – no place, 28 May 1899. 4 p., ALS

Spanish-American War, “I can’t say that I was affected by the ‘War fever.’ Although as a graduate of the Naval Academy, I at once offered my services to the Navy Department, in fact I had no sympathy with the popular craze and was rather glad not to be called upon to take part in what seemed to me then (and what subsequently proved to be) a fight between a giant and a sick cripple.”; believes the results of the war are “inconsistent with our whole national history and vocation”

T. Scott Sayre to John Speed – Montgomery, AL, 11 October 1899. 1 p., ALS

“I still retain my strong interest in the defeat of Goebelism and corruption.”; worries that Goebel is going to win the gubernatorial election

G. W. Long to “My Dear Sir” – Louisville, 21 October 1899. 1 p., circular letter

Encourages Republicans to vote on election day; “If we lose this time we shall not have

another opportunity to win for a generation, and even Republican counties will drop into the Democratic column and the local offices be filled according to the wishes of the boss of Kenton.”; wants “at least five good men” at each precinct to make sure the election is legitimate

G. W. Long to “My Dear Sir” – Louisville, [October 1899]. 1 p., circular letter
Concerns about “the threat of Goebelism”; worries about the use of “fraud and force”; encourages the formation of Republican Clubs and sending men to monitor the election

Folder 68: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, January-July 1900 (45 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Attila Cox, by J. C. Van Pelt to John Speed – Louisville, 22 January 1900. 1 p., TL
Thanks Speed for his donation to the United Confederate Veterans reunion entertainment fund

Citizens Committee to “My Dear Sir” – Louisville, 20 March 1900. 1 p., circular letter
Announces the founding of a legal committee to assist in the defense of William Goebel’s alleged assassins; asks for a donation
Attached is another circular laying out the “purposes of the movement,” which would defend those accused of assassinating Goebel, in an effort to ensure that the guilty men be convicted and the innocent men be acquitted
Committee members included: John H. Ward, Andrew Cowan, John H. Leathers, and Richard W. Knott

T. M. Cardwell to John Speed – Harrodsburg, KY, 11 May 1900. 1 p., TLS
Sends “the proceedings of the Nicholasville Convention for your signature”; “. . . it would seem a little strange to have a Republican Convention without your presence”

Folder 69: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, August-December 1900 (52 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

C. H. Duty to “Dear Sir” – Louisville, 15 October 1900. 1 p., circular letter
Republican votes not being counted due to improperly filled out ballots in the 1899 election; wanting Republicans to stand at the polls and inform voters how to mark their ballots; “. . . we take it that it is not, as a rule, the negro who loses his vote in this way, but that it is the intelligent white voter who does, and this being the case, the men you select for this work must be responsible, reliable, intelligent and tactful men.”

Folder 70: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, January-July 1901 (48 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

R. H. Arnot to John Speed – Rochester, NY, 15 April 1901. 1 p., ALS
Wanting to obtain a photograph of James Speed for a political club

Folder 71: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, August-December 1901 (60 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

William L. H. Owens to J. B. Kincheloe, et al – Louisville, 14 August 1901. 1 p., ALS
Proposes establishing a Republican newspaper in Kentucky

Citizens Committee to “Dear Sir” – Louisville, 3 October 1901. 1 p., ALS
Asks for donations to help defend Caleb Powers in the Goebel assassination trial

Folder 72: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1902 (17 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business and miscellaneous topics

Folder 73: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, January-April 1903 (75 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Pennebaker & Jones to John Speed – Washington, 13 January 1903. 1 p., ALS
Needing documentation for Speed’s claim for back pay from military service

Folder 74: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, May-August 1903 (61 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Augustus E. Willson to John Speed – Louisville, 19 May 1903. 1 p., TLS.
Asks for Speed’s help in building a pro-Willson delegation in Spencer County

Augustus E. Willson to John Speed – Louisville, 22 May 1903. 1 p., TLS
Thanks Speed for his letter

Thomas Speed to John Speed – Louisville, 23 June 1903. 2 p., ALS
His opinion of Nicola Marschall’s portrait in progress of John Speed, “He had not caught you truly.”

Nicola Marschall to John Speed – Louisville, 1 July 1903. 1 p., ALS

Wanting John and Aurore Speed to view his portrait of John, "I think it very good, but it has to stand the criticism of Mrs Speed and yourself."

Nicola Marschall to John Speed – Louisville, 20 July 1903. 1 p., ALS
Fees for his portrait of Speed

Nicola Marschall to John Speed – Louisville, 23 July 1903. 1 p., ALS
Having received payment for his portrait of Speed

Folder 75: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, Sept.-December 1903 (35 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Civil War veteran organizations, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Folder 76: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, January-March 1904 (57 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Folder 77: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, April-June 1904 (43 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Civil War veteran organizations, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

Folder 78: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, July-December 1904 (48 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Civil War veteran organizations, Republican politics, and miscellaneous topics

James Speed to John Speed – "World's Fair," [ca. August 1904]. 5 p., ALS
Describes the St. Louis World's Fair, "When the weather is cool this fall, you and mother must be sure to run over for a week and stay on the grounds & be perfectly comfortable. If you don't do a thing but go each evening and sit and listen to the band concerts in the Plaza in front of the Festival Hall and watch the illumination it is well worth the trip. Unlike most electric displays this one is soft in its effect because all the lights, which outline the huge buildings are small incandescent bulbs and there is none of the blue of the common big street arc lights. The grass & flowers appear almost as in daylight under this intense soft light."

Richard P. Ernst & Tom L. Walker to John Speed – Louisville, 30 August 1904. 1 p., form letter
Informing Speed that he was selected to be "a member of the local Election Board in your county"

James Speed to John Speed – Carlinville, IL, 4 October 1904. 3 p., ALS

“The C&A [Chicago & Alton RR], also, has a new rule for World’s Fair trains, when they lose time they are to run on that time and not strive to make any of it up. They claim that with the heavy traffic it makes travel too dangerous.”

Folder 79: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1905-1907 (25 letters)

Correspondence dealing with business, legal matters, family issues, Civil War veteran pensions and organizations, and miscellaneous topics

M. B. Gary to John Speed – Cleveland, Ohio, 19 February 1907.

Details his military service with Battery C of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery from September 1861 to June 1865; discusses differing opinions in Ohio and Kentucky of William Nelson’s death; relates a story about “Gen. Ward” preferring a certain camp site outside of Atlanta in 1864 because he received few visitors and “his whiskey would last all summer.”

V. Warner to John Speed – Washington, 8 April 1907. 1 p., postcard

Regarding Speed’s pension claim for military service during the Civil War

Folder 80: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, 1915 (1 letter)

John Speed to Aurore Speed – Berea, 27 September 1915. 18 p., TLS

Details his military service during the Civil War; enlisted in the 9th Kentucky Cavalry (USA) in August 1862; eventually promoted to Major; advised General Nelson on how to defend Louisville during Bragg’s invasion of Kentucky; describes events surrounding the Battle of Perryville; pursuing Morgan through central Kentucky and being captured and paroled; exchanged the next summer; fighting guerrillas in Tennessee; winter conditions in camp; Atlanta campaign and the march to Savannah; the end of the war

Folder 81: John Speed (1842-1920) – Correspondence, undated (13 letters)

Correspondence dealing with personal and family issues

Folder 82: John Speed (1842-1920) – Legal papers, 1866-1904 (16 documents)

Papers dealing with miscellaneous legal issues, including land, horses, and taxes

Agreement between John Creighton and James Speed, 28 July 1874. 3 p., ADS.

Regarding a lawsuit concerning land ownership

Will of Joshua F. Speed, 14 November 1881. 4 p., printed document

Two documents certifying John Speed as an Election Commissioner for Spencer Co., Aug. 1904

Folder 83: John Speed (1842-1920) – Miscellaneous (4 documents)

Two copies of "Address by Captain John Speed Delivered before the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, 'The Confederate Invasion of Kentucky in 1862.' October 18th, 1911." 16 p., pamphlet.

Biographical sketches of Col. Joshua Fry and his son, Joshua. 12 p., typescript.

Trade card for Carlin-McDonald Live Stock Com. Co.

Folder 84: John Speed (1842-1920) – Account book, 1898-1902 (1 volume)

Ledger of various farm expenditures and income for Speed's farm in Spencer Co.

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Folder 85: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1882-1885 (22 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 86: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1895-1896 (11 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 87: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1897 (18 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 88: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1898 (61 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 89: Speed Family – Receipts, January-June 1899 (40 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 90: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, July-December 1899 (51 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 91: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1900 (57 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 92: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1901 (73 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 93: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, January-April 1903 (75 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

"Notification of Allowance," 21 April 1903. Pays John Speed \$14.48 for service as an officer during the Civil War.

Folder 94: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, May-August 1903 (51 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 95: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, September-December 1903 (65 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 96: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, January-April 1904 (53 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 97: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, May-July 1904 (43 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 98: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, August-December 1904 (41 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 99: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, 1905-1906 (11 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 100: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, January-June 1907 (58 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases, services and taxes

Folder 101: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, July-December 1907 (95 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 102: John Speed (1842-1920) – Receipts, undated (16 receipts)

Receipts for miscellaneous purchases and services

Folder 103: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1894 (24 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 104: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1895 (approx. 120 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 105: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1896 (approx. 120 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 106: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1897 (approx. 110 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 107: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1898 (approx. 100 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 108: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1899 (approx. 50 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 109: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1900 (approx. 90 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 110: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1901 (approx. 110 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 111: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, 1902 (approx. 120 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 112: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, Nov. 1902-Nov. 1903 (approx. 150 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 113: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, Feb. 1904-March 1905 (approx. 200 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 114: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, March 1905-1907 (approx. 140 checks)

Miscellaneous checks

Folder 115: John Speed (1842-1920) – Fidelity Trust Checks, 1903-05 (approx. 170 checks)

Miscellaneous checks from the Fidelity Trust & Safety Vault

Folder 116: John Speed (1842-1920) – Checks, undated (9 items)

Undated checks, fragments, and miscellany

Folder 117-Folder 125:

Checkbooks and bank account books for John Speed (1842-1920) dated 1894-1901

Box X

Folder 126: James Speed (1867-1945) – Correspondence, 1915-1949, Receipts (10 letters)

Correspondence regarding family matters, business, Speed's biography of James Speed, and miscellaneous. Three miscellaneous receipts

George Dewey to James Speed – Washington, 9 February 1915. TLS, 1 p.

Thanks Speed for sending a copy of his James Speed biography

William H. Townsend to James Speed – Lexington, 31 December 1942. TLS, 1 p.

Mentions a Lincoln bust in "the Henry Watterson collection at the Library"; discusses a pamphlet containing an address by Speed on the unveiling of a Lincoln bust in Louisville; expresses interest in Joshua Speed's letter to "Mr. Gillespie"

Folder 127: James Speed (1867-1945) – Radio Talks, August 1943

Typescripts of talks James Speed gave on WINN, a Louisville radio station, in August 1943. Most of the talks address his memories of Louisville during his childhood. Topics include, among others, early bicycles, the Louisville Exposition of 1872, popular songs, travel by buggy, and drying foods. A talk about barbecues and similar events mentions that Bennett H. Young used to hold barbecues along the lines of the Louisville Southern Railroad to help bond sales.

Folder 128: James Speed (1867-1945) – Radio Talks, Drafts

Drafts of the talks James Speed gave on WINN in August 1943.

Folder 129: James Speed (1867-1945) – Radio Talks, “Dick and Harriet”

An eight-part play regarding Dick and Harriett, 10 year-old twin brother and sister.

Folder 130: James Speed (1867-1945) – Article Manuscripts

Typewritten manuscripts for articles on a number of topics related to animals and nature.

Folder 131: James Speed (1867-1945) – Manuscript for school book

Handwritten/typewritten manuscript for “6th or 7th grade” book to be used to “seat work.” Much of the text deals with “Jack and I” going camping. Speed describes the sights and sounds of their experience in the natural world, particularly animals.

Folder 132: James Speed (1867-1945) – Untitled story

Typewritten copy of untitled story, probably by Speed.

Folder 133: James Speed (1867-1945) – “Notes on Mexican Trip”

Two copies, one incomplete, of typewritten journal of trip through Texas into Mexico, March 20-April 6 [1927]. While in Texas, Speed mostly detailed his speaking engagements and local agriculture. In Mexico, Speed described local agriculture, schools, scenery, and people. On March 30th, he mentioned visiting pyramids outside of Mexico City.

Folder 134: James Speed (1867-1945) – “Negro Music”

Sheet music for nine folk songs. All of the pieces are five lines or shorter.

Folder 135: James Speed (1867-1945) – Pamphlets

Pamphlets, probably written by Speed, on the histories of various Louisville businesses and . Topics covered include Coca-Cola, the Mengel Company, German Insurance Company, Belknap Hardware & Manufacturing Company, Bacon’s, Pearson’s Funeral Home, Peaslee-Gaulbert Corporation, the bourbon industry, the tobacco industry, and the Louisville park system.

Folder 136: James Speed (1867-1945) – Louisville Pamphlets

Pamphlets on the Speed Art Museum, commerce and industry in Louisville, the Now and Then Club of ’63, and “The Cavalcade of Louisville, 1778-1938.”

Folder 137: James Speed (1867-1945) – Miscellaneous Pamphlets

Miscellaneous pamphlets, possibly written by Speed, on nature and the *Southern Agriculturalist*. Other pamphlets are *Youth and the Wise Men* and a history of the “House of Tiles” in Mexico.

Folder 138: James Speed (1867-1945) – Newspaper Clippings

Clippings of articles, some written by Speed, from Louisville newspapers

Folder 139: James Speed (1867-1945) – Radio Talks Scrapbook, 1928-1931

Typewritten talks given by Speed on the radio for an unknown station. Most of the talks deal with nature, agriculture and animals.

Folder 140: James Speed (1867-1945) – Journal, 1925

Typewritten diary kept by Speed. Speed recorded when and where he spoke, as well as the audience size. Most journal entries record Speed's travels around Kentucky and the region, describing things that he saw and people he met. His descriptions often focus on agriculture and wildlife. In August and September, Speed took a trip across southern Canada with the American Agricultural Editor's Association, and he recorded his travel experiences, mostly related to visiting schools and observing agricultural methods.

Folder 141: James Speed (1867-1945) – Journal, 1927

Typewritten diary kept by Speed. Speed recorded when and where he spoke, as well as the audience size. Most journal entries record Speed's travels around Kentucky and the southeastern U.S., describing things that he saw and people he met. His descriptions often focus on agriculture and wildlife. In March and April, Speed traveled through the southwestern U.S. and into Mexico. It is likely he took this trip with the American Agricultural Editor's Association. While in Texas, Speed mostly detailed his speaking engagements and local agriculture. In Mexico, Speed described local agriculture, schools, scenery, and people. On March 30th, he mentioned visiting pyramids outside of Mexico City.

Folder 142: James Speed (1867-1945) – Journal, 1929

Typewritten diary kept by Speed. Speed recorded when and where he spoke, as well as the audience size. He also includes a list of dates and topics for radio talks he gave. Most journal entries record Speed's travels around Kentucky and the southeastern U.S., describing things that he saw and people he met. His descriptions often focus on agriculture and wildlife. In May, Speed went on a trip with the American Agricultural Editor's Association through the southwestern U.S. to California, returning through Utah and Colorado on the way to St. Louis. He recorded his travel experiences, particularly local agriculture and wildlife, in his journal. On numerous trips in the summer and fall, he mentioned giving speeches and described meeting professors and others affiliated with universities. In October, he also attended the National Dairy Show in St. Louis.

Folder 143: James Speed (1867-1945) – Journal, 1930

Typewritten diary kept by Speed. Speed recorded when and where he spoke, as well as the audience size. He also includes a list of dates and topics for radio talks he gave. Most journal entries record Speed's travels around Kentucky and the southeastern U.S., describing things that he saw and people he met. His descriptions often focus on agriculture and wildlife. In June, Speed traveled to Canada with the American Agricultural Editors Association. He did not record his experiences, but he pasted a printed description of the trip into his journal.

Folder 144: James Speed (1867-1945) – Checkbooks, 1932-1939

Miscellaneous checkbooks

Folder 145: James Speed (1867-1945) – *Southern Agriculturalist* Prints

Prints of various animals used by the *Southern Agriculturalist*, a magazine with which Speed was involved

Folder 146: James Speed (1867-1945) – Miscellaneous

Box VI

Folder 147: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, ca. 1883-1887

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings from newspapers and periodicals

Folder 148: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, January-November 1933

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 149: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, April-May 1933

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 150: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, August-September 1933

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 151: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, October-November 1933

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 152: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, Nov. 1933-January 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 153: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, January-February 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 154: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, March-April 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 155: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, April-May 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 156: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, June-July 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 157: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, July-October 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 158: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, October-November 1934

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 159: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, Nov. 1934-January 1935

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 160: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, December 1934-March 1935

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 161: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, March-August 1935

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 162: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, August-September 1935

Clippings of articles written by Speed for the *Louisville Herald-Post*. Most articles either cover local people or nature.

Folder 163: James Speed (1867-1945) – Clippings Scrapbook, undated

Clippings of articles written by Speed for an unknown newspaper. Most of the articles are about birds and other wildlife.

Folder 164: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, 1909-1916 (8 letters)

This folder includes postcards from John Speed's travels to Boston, Massachusetts, Niagara Falls, and Texas. In letters from 1909, John Speed writes to his mother about a fair in Taylorsville, KY. In letters from 1915 and 1916, Speed writes from Purdue about his schoolwork, activities, and involvement in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Folder 165: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, undated while a student at Purdue (5 letters)

In these letters, John Speed writes of his activities at Purdue including rehearsals and plays of the Harlequin Club, and events at his fraternity house, Phi Delta Theta.

Folder 166: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, February-April 1917 (14 letters)

In letters to his parents and brother, John Speed writes about his social activities at Purdue including the prom, fraternity house parties, and his involvement with the Harlequin Club. In letters during March and April, John Speed discusses applying and interviewing for a job with "Mr. Ryder." He states that the job will require much traveling and doing "journalistic work." He also discusses national and world issues.

John Speed to Jane Speed – Lafayette, IN, ca. 16 March 1917. 7 p., ALS

Discusses a railroad strike and its possible effect on Purdue; mentions the Russian

Revolution

John Speed to Jane Speed – Lafayette, IN, 22 March 1917. 4 p., ALS

Asks for his mother's thoughts on the "German situation," and states his feelings that war between the U.S. and Germany is coming.

John Speed to Jane Speed – Lafayette, IN, 2 April 1917. 4 p., ALS

Asks his parents feelings on the German situation, and states that the faculty of Purdue will be meeting to decide on a policy in case of war.

John Speed to James Speed – Lafayette, IN, ca. April-May 1917. 6 p., ALS

Discusses controversy in the newspapers and on college campuses as to whether college students should hurry and enlist in the army or wait until they are finished with their degrees; the feeling at Purdue is that they should wait.

Folder 167: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, May-June 1917 (26 letters)

In these letters, John Speed writes of the transition of the Purdue campus from peacetime to wartime and his first few months of training at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

John Speed to Jane Speed – West Lafayette, IN, 6 May 1917. 2 p., ALS

Mentions that the university and the frat house in particular are quickly being deserted as men are leaving for the military

John Speed to James Speed – West Lafayette, IN, 11 May 1917. 4 p., ALS

Will be leaving for Ft. Harrison the next day

John Speed to James Speed – Lafayette, IN, ca. 11 May 1917. 4 p., ALS

Gives update on travels to Ft. Harrison

John Speed to James Speed – Indianapolis, IN, ca. 16 May 1917. 3 p., ALS

Discusses training; his brother, Thomas, is in the same camp

John Speed to James Speed – [Lafayette, IN?], ca. May 1917. 10 p., ALS

Not as much "hooray type patriotism" at Purdue, "The fellows have all been talking it over and thinking."

John Speed to Jane Speed – Lafayette, IN, ca. May 1917. 2 p., ALS

Only nine boys left at the fraternity house now; out of the 1700 fellows at school, 900 have left for the military or agriculture work

John Speed to Jane Speed – Indianapolis, IN, 26 June 1917. 4 p., ALS.

Discusses training and target practices; troops haven't been paid, are broke, and don't know when they will be paid

John Speed to James Speed - Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. 27 June 1917. 2 p., ALS

Will be getting paid; will have to register for conscription to keep track of where the men are and who is over the age minimum; women visiting the camp

John Speed to Jane Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. June 1917. 8 p. ALS

Discusses improvement of the recruits; the food has gotten better; describes having some time off to go out in town – did not see one man under the influence

John Speed to Jane Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. June-July 1917. 2 p., ALS

Weather; mentions that the effects of a tornado have passed over

Folder 168: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, July-August 1917 (20 letters)

John Speed discusses completing his training at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Other letters mention his schedule, getting vaccinations and camp life.

John Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, 10 July 1917. 7 p., ALS

Gives advice as to how Louisville can prepare for servicemen stationed there; recommends that the police watch “Green St & the saloons & bootlegging”; states that bootlegging is a real problem in Indianapolis; discusses mounted training and how hard the soldiers work

John Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. early July 1917. 3 p., ALS

Discusses a “confidential” report that his father heard that some men in the camp had been poisoned; they did have some bad food which “loosened” the men up a bit

John Speed to Jane Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, 22 July 1917. 4 p., ALS

Discusses the draft and men who would not make good soldiers

John Speed to Jane Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. July-August 1917. 4 p., ALS

Both he and Thomas received commissions as Second Lieutenants

John Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison, IN, ca. July-August 1917. 4 p., ALS

Describes maneuvers carried out by the Ohio battalion of field artillery

Folder 169: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, September-October 1917 (13 letters)

Speed describes his experiences traveling from the U.S. to Europe on the *S.S. Manchuria*. He gives his opinions of France and mentions that he is training at the Ecole Militaire d’Artillerie, an artillery school near Fontainebleau, France. He often describes the countryside near the school.

John Speed to Jane Speed – Atlantic Ocean, 9 September 1917. 4 p., ALS

Describes his experiences on the ship; seasickness

John Speed to Thomas Speed – Atlantic Ocean, ca. September 1917. 4 p., ALS

Describes his trip; watching target practice

John Speed to James Speed – Atlantic Ocean, ca. September 1917. 4 p., ALS
Describes the trip across the ocean; soldiers have been amusing themselves by catching jelly fish

John Speed to Thomas Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 29 September 1917. 7 p, ALS
Stationed at an artillery school in France; describes the French countryside and the castle where he is living; advises Thomas to brush up on his French

John Speed to James Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 3 October 1917. 4 p., ALS
Describes riding paths through the woods; speaks of the politeness and hospitality of the French people

John Speed to Jane Speed – Paris, 7 October 1917. 3 p., ALS
Describes what he has seen in Paris; is staying at the old chateau of Napoleon and Henry IV

Folder 170: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, November -December 1917 (18 letters)

In letters from November of 1917, John Speed writes of his time in Fontainebleau, mentioning biking and visiting nearby castles. He often describes the countryside and the area around where he is stationed. At the end of November, John Speed left Fontainebleau for Samur, and his letters from December describe that town and the surrounding area.

John Speed to James Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 5 November 1917. 11 p., ALS
Has heard that the Supreme Court reversed a Louisville segregation ordinance; fears that the end of segregation in the South will occur before “the negroes are educated and raised above their present standing.” He also states, “All I hope is that the darker citizen of Louisville will realize their position and not try to step beyond their limits on account of this action in their favor.”

John Speed to Jane Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 12-25 November 1917. 16 p., ALS
Describes the carts that the French are using; states that he is keeping notes and taking photos of agricultural practices in France

John Speed to Jane and James Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 29 November 1917. 3 p., ALS
Mentions leaving the Ecole Militaire D’ Artillerie the next day to go to another section of France; having gone to Paris but being unable to get a Thanksgiving dinner

John Speed to Jane Speed – “Somewhere in France,” 25 November 1917. 12 p., ALS
Describes a farewell party given to them by the citizens of the town

John Speed to Thomas Speed – France, 3 December 1917. 6 p., ALS
Visiting Paris and the women there

John Speed to James Speed – France, 21-22 December 1917. 13 p., ALS
Describes agricultural practices in France; states that he has heard of an awful train wreck in Shepherdsville, Kentucky

John Speed to Thomas Speed – France, 28 December 1917. 5 p., ALS
Having been transferred to the heavy artillery

Box XII

Folder 171: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, January-February 1918 (13 letters)

During January and February 1918, John Speed prepared for his unit's move to the front at the end of February. Most of the letters describe life behind the lines, including scenery, food, and soldier life. On February 2, John Speed refers to some articles that his parents sent him about the Kaiser, and also expresses his negative feelings towards men who have not enlisted. At the end of February, Speed's unit begins hiking towards the front. On February 19, he writes that the outdoor life is agreeing with him. On February 26, he writes that he has become the telephone operator for the 3rd Battalion.

John Speed and James and Jane Speed – France, 1-2 January 1918. 4 p., ALS
Being placed in his old Indiana regiment (the 150th); having seen several men who were in his battery on the Mexican border

John Speed to James Speed – France, 30 January 1918. 9 p., ALS
Describes an article in the *New York Herald*, which examined alcohol consumption by soldiers overseas; states that this article is inaccurate, as hard liquor is prohibited for men in uniform and that all districts are patrolled by military police; sending some snap shots home, which is allowed if they don't reveal anything about where he is stationed

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 2 February 1918. 5 p., ALS
Hopes it won't take long "to let the old Satan Kaiser know just how he stands in this old democratic world of ours"; thinks that it won't take long to win the war; gives his opinions of men who have not enlisted in the military, "I for one wouldn't so much as wipe my foot on a slacker especially of that type."

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 26 February 1918. 4 p., ALS
Serving as a telephone operator of the 3rd Battalion

Folder 172: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, March-May 1918 (20 letters)

Speed's correspondence describes life on the front lines, including living and fighting in trenches and witnessing aerial combat. He also describes soldier life and the area surrounding the front.

John Speed to Jane and James Speed – "On the Front," 10 March 1918. 2 p., ALS

Describes fighting, "Yesterday when the guns were banging away pretty lively the birds kept on singing as through nothing had ever happened. It is strange how a person's opinion of war will change after he has been up here and seen it for himself. I always imagined it as a horrible affair but so far it has been very pleasant. We have a good deep, (some odd yards of good old mother earth & logs, etc) dry dugout with a good place to sleep & plenty of good food. So what more could a person wish."; advises what Thomas should bring with him to the front

John Speed to Thomas Speed, "On the Front," 12 March 1918. 4 p., ALS

Life at the front, "It really is very hard for me to realize that this is actually the front and that we are not on range work. However, I have realized it at last. It took several of Fritz's shells to impress it on my mind."; aerial combat between the "boche" and the French

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 24 March 1918. 4 p., ALS

Describes combat; "Several days ago we go[t] our first real ba[p]tism of fire; just five days ago to be exact. They cut loose on us with their 'big boys' & gave us a good bunch of them for about to hours. Of course, we piled in our dug outs & came out with flying colors. However it kept my bunch busying fixing telephone lines after it was over. From that time on things got hotter and hotter & it was one continual roar of guns & shells bursting all the time."

John Speed to Jane Speed - France, 2 April 1918. 6 p., ALS

Mentions that he has to censor the letters for his unit

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 8 April 1918. 6 p., ALS

The Somme, "My but it tickles me to see the way the British & French are moving down the Boche up on the Somme. It must be a joy forever for the machine gunners for it is a rich harvest of boche for them."

John Speed to Thomas Speed – "On the Front," 15 April 1918. 8 p., ALS

Few artillery attacks lately; has a good dugout forty feet below the ground to use when necessary; discusses German "mass formation attacks" and their failure; describes the countryside

John Speed to Jane Speed – "On the Front," 4 May 1918. 5 p., ALS

Asks their opinion on the "great drive" that the Germans are making and states that it is faltering; describes an aerial dogfight

John Speed to Jane Speed – [near Vacqueville], 8 May 1918. 6 p., ALS

Describes German prisoners, who were surprised by the amount of food the Americans had to eat

John Speed to Jane Speed – [near Vacqueville], 16-17 May 1918. 12 p., ALS

Currently with headquarters in a little French village and can sleep in an iron bed every night ; wants to go up on of the observation posts to have a look at Germany

John Speed to James Speed – [near Vacqueville], 22 May 1918. 8 p., ALS
Having had a little party in town with some Red Cross nurses; had missed talking to American girls

Folder 173: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, June-September 1918 (20 letters)

Speed's correspondence describes life on the front, including ground and aerial combat and conditions in the trenches.

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 1 June 1918. 16 p., ALS – France – near Vacqueville
Mentions having been on the front for three months; one of the batteries has installed electric lights and has improvised some showers; Americans have with speaking French; having had several gas alarms during the night

John Speed to James Speed – France, 2 July 1918. 4 p., ALS
States that some of the men have "cooties"

John Speed to Mr. & Mrs. Dunlop – France, 14-16 July 1918. 4 p., ALS
Waiting for another attack to start [attack started while he was writing the letter]; on the 16th, states that they are holding the Germans off and "mowing them down by the score"

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 21 July 1918. 6 p., ALS
Attacking the Germans and taking prisoners, some as young as fifteen or sixteen, "One of the sergeant[s] who captured one of these boys said afterwards, 'When I saw him coming I just didn't have the nerve to kill him he was so young.'"; many of the German prisoners expected to be killed when captured; enjoys seeing the German planes shot down because of the damage that they have done to hospitals and towns killing innocent women and children

John Speed to unknown – France, ca. July-August 1918. 4 p., ALS (incomplete)
Discusses a Lugar that he found, "However a pistol is of little use to an artilleryman for they seldom if ever get to use them. I have never even used mine on the boche other than very low flying planes up in the Chateau Thierry [sic] scrap."

John Speed to James Speed – France, 2 August 1918. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the Germans retreating and the Americans following them; being attacked by German aircraft; seeing German planes shot down; intends to send home one of the many German helmets left behind; describes the vast amount of equipment that the Germans were forced to abandon

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 17-18 August 1918. 8 p., ALS
Describes American troop movements in mid- July; discusses a Franco-American counter-offensive at Chateau-Thierry that routed the Germans; the people don't like clear nights because it allows German planes to bomb Paris

John Speed to James Speed – Meuvy, 24 August 1918. 11 p., ALS

Glad to be back where they can get fresh vegetables, butter, milk, and eggs; has been made Regimental Telephone Officer

John Speed to James and Jane Speed – France, 30 August 1918. 4 p., ALS

Discusses his feelings on his service in Europe, “Oh this war is great, for you always have a lively time in the line & then a good old comfortable time in the rear...”

John Speed to Jane Speed – France, 17 September 1918. 8 p., ALS

Describes the German retreat and the large numbers of prisoners; believes that the war will be over soon

John Speed to James Speed – France, 18 September 1918. 8 p., ALS

Having found some war relief materials sent to Belgium that had been confiscated by a German soldier; describes French women yelling at the German prisoners for the treatment that they received from the Germans

Folder 174: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, October-December 1918 (27 letters)

John Speed’s correspondence discusses his activities as the war is winding down, including the constant American advance and German retreat. He discusses combat and also describes the effects of the war on villages in France, Luxembourg and Germany.

5 October 1918 – John Speed to James Speed – 6 pages – Lorraine area of France

Describes destroyed French villages, “Last year at home Mother use to often say that she thought that the devastated villages of France were more of a myth & the photos were of a certain few wrecked villages. I was much of the same opinion but now I know differently. . . . Many are pounded almost into bits especially if they are near the front lines & in an active sector.”

John Speed to James Speed – France, 15 November 1918. 3 p., TLS

Describes soldiers celebrating when they found about the armistice

John Speed to James Speed – Luxembourg, 24 November 1918. 4 p., ALS

Describes the villages that he has been marching through, “In France & Belgium these villages for the most part were either entirely burned or pretty well torn up.”

John Speed to James Speed – Sauey, Luxembourg, Thanksgiving, 29 November 1918. 8 p., ALS

Having had problems with lice since Chateau-Thierry

John Speed to James and Jane Speed – Ahrdorf, Germany, 14 December 1918. 12 p., ALS

Describes Germany, “The smaller towns are very pretty places from a distance but filthy holes once you get near them. The streets are nothing but mud, mud & mud & one manure pile after another. For a county that claimed so much ‘Kultur’ & such advanced

ideas on science, etc., Germany must have had a very exalted opinion of herself. Well it is typical of the square headed people here.”; describes political differences among the Germans, “The people on this side of the Rhine hate the Prussians & want to be freed from them & have a separate state of their own. Some want separate republics, but the majority seem to want a series of states in Germany with a republic of the group.”; mentions men in America who are sorry they didn’t get to serve in the war, “You may tell them for me that they wouldn’t feel so darn bloodthirsty if they had been over here nearly a year & a half. And too, after the first one pops real close to you and makes you realize that you don’t bear a charmed life you get over many of those peculiar ideas you had before.”

John Speed to [James or Jane Speed] – no place, [ca. 1918]. 4 p., ALS (incomplete)
Describes the appearance of German prisoners of war, “All of them are either quite young or are men of forty or over. By the time they are taken prisoners they are pretty well bashed up by our boys. I have seen several with beautiful black eyes evidently caused by a gentle tap of some dough boys fist.”

Folder 175: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, January-February 1919 (16 letters)

John Speed’s letters discuss being stationed in Europe after the war, particularly social activities for the soldiers and hoping to be sent home. He also discusses his pride at having been a combat soldier and expresses regret that he will have to take off his “service stripe” when he gets back to the U.S.

John Speed to Jane Speed – Neuenahr, 8 January 1919. 12 p., ALS
Mentions the 84th Infantry Division getting sent home before seeing combat, “All the same I would not have traded places with a soul in that division for a stack of Liberty Bonds that would make John D. ashamed of himself. I’ve enjoyed the life over here and have had a great time on the front. In fact the best part of the whole war will be when we get home & hear the different tales grow.”; hearing tall tales in this war has made him stop wondering about the marvels of the Civil War

John Speed to James Speed – Neuenahr, 12 January 1919. 9 p., ALS
Mentions that his unit is about to be motorized but he hates to see their horses go

John Speed to Jane Speed – Coblenz, 28 February 1919. 6 p., ALS
Expects to leave for the U.S. in April; his work at “the school” regarding air service having a new found respect for it; describes the condition of the air service during the war

Folder 176: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, March-April 1919 (21 letters)

John Speed’s correspondence describes his experiences in Europe following World War I, including traveling and attending school at Beaune, France. Beginning in late-April, he also discusses returning to the U.S.

John Speed to James Speed – Coblenz. 2 March 1919. 7 p., ALS
Describes his first experience flying and seeing Coblenz from the air

John Speed and Jane and James Speed – Beaune, France, 9 March 1919. 6 p., ALS
Attending school at Beaune

John Speed to Jane Speed – Beaune, France, 16 March 1919. 6 p., ALS
Discusses the faculty at the university; taking French, agricultural chemistry, agricultural journalism

John Speed to James Speed – Camp Merritt, NJ, 26 April 1919. 3 p., ALS
Describes pulling in to New York harbor

John Speed to Jane Speed – Camp Merritt, NJ, 28 April 1919. 5 p., ALS
Being happy to be back in a place where “beauty and sanitation stand foremost”; hoping to leaving New York by the middle of the week

John Speed to Thomas Speed – Camp Merritt, NJ, 28 April 1919. 6 p., ALS
Will go to Indianapolis to parade and then to Camp Taylor to be mustered out

Folder 177: John Speed (1893-1968) – Correspondence, undated (3 letters)

John Speed to Jane Speed – [no place], 17 February [no year]. 4 p., ALS
Preparing for target practice; had to run a telephone system; doesn't know when he will be able to get home

Folder 178: John Speed (1893-1968) – Miscellaneous envelopes

Miscellaneous envelopes sent from John Speed in U.S. and Europe that could not be matched up with letters

Folder 179: John Speed (1893-1968) – Journal, November 1917-February 1918

Journal describing training in France and visiting Paris

Folder 180: John Speed (1893-1968) – Journal, February-June 1918

Journal describing troop movements through France, life on the front, aerial combat, being shelled, the use of mustard gas and life in trenches

Folder 181: John Speed (1893-1968) – Orders, 1917-1919 (15 orders)

Miscellaneous orders giving details on troop movements, insisting upon secrecy for overseas arrivals and departures, and congratulating the U.S. Army on their service

Secretary of War – General Orders, No. 94, 16 July 1917. 1 p., typed.
Orders military officials to be secretive about their departures and arrivals overseas and to only provide the most necessary information to family

“Major General McNair” – Special Orders No. 146, 26 May 1919. 1 p., typed.
Orders the honorable discharge of John Speed and other officers

Folder 182: John Speed (1893-1968) – Military records & certificates (8 documents)

Miscellaneous certificates, commissions, and passes

Discharge for John Speed from the National Guard, 12 January 1917. 1 p.

Commission as Second Lieutenant for John Speed, 15 August 1917. 1 p.

Commission as First Lieutenant for John Speed, 13 August 1918. 1 p.

Folder 183: John Speed (1893-1968) – Maps & topography material

Two hand-drawn maps and one booklet listing locations between Vulaines and Machault, France with coordinates and altitude

Folder 184: John Speed (1893-1968) – Artillery School material

Notebook with notes on gunnery, artillery, and firing kept while training at the Ecole Militaire de l'Artillerie in Fountainebleau, France, October-November 1917

Notebook with note on gunnery taken while training at Ecole Militaire de l'Artillerie in Fountainebleau, France, November 1917

“Scheme of Technical Instruction” for American Student-Officers at the Ecole Militaire De L'Artillerie. 7 p., booklet

Folder 185: John Speed (1893-1968) – Chronology of Service

Chronology of John Speed's service in the Army, 1917-1919. 5 p, typed.

Description and history of the 42nd division and the 150th Field Artillery in World War I. 43 p., typed
Lists major operations of the 42nd division and includes extracts from Gen. Pershing's Report to Secretary of War Baker, copies of orders, and charts with casualties by battle

Folder 186: John Speed (1893-1968) – World War I ephemera & miscellaneous, 1916-1919

Miscellaneous items including European money, certificates for war bonds, event programs, etc.

Boarding pass for S.S. Manuchuria, September 1917

German propaganda, “Never Say Die” – 26 October 1918. 1 p., printed

“You have had to hear many high falutin words about ‘liberty’ ‘humanity’ and ‘making the world safe for democracy’ but honest now, aren’t these catch words merely sugar coating to the bitter pill making you spend wretched months far from home.”

U.S. propaganda, “Last Will and Testament of the Kaiser” – no date. 2 p., printed
Satirical will for “H.I.M. Wilhelm, Lord of the Land, See and Air, Not forgetting the Sausages and Lager Beer”

Folder 187: John Speed (1893-1968) – Address Book

Folder 188: John Speed (1893-1968) – Pamphlets

“Inter-Allied Games, Pershing Stadium, Paris 1919” – 18 pages – in English and French – includes a newspaper clipping on a horse named “Warrior” who served in World War I

Wolf, Walter B. “History of the 42nd Rainbow Division,” New York: Rand McNally & Co., 61 pgs. Includes map of the Western Front showing the areas occupied by the 42nd Division

Folder 189: John Speed (1893-1968) – French-English Dictionary

McLaughlin, J., “Nouvel Vocabulaire Francais-Anglais” Paris: Librarie Garnier Freres, no publishing date, acquired by John Speed, September 1917

Folder 190: John Speed (1893-1968) – Purdue ephemera, 1914-1917, 1942, 1967

Miscellaneous items related to Speed’s time as a student at Purdue and items regarding the 25th and 50th reunions of his class

Excused absence slip for John Speed to attend battery camp, 22 May 1915. 1 p., postcard

Notification of enlistment for John Speed from Purdue University Registrar, ca. Spring 1917., 1p., TLS

Folder 191: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook, Correspondence, 1915-1917 (13 letters, 8 miscellaneous items)

Miscellaneous correspondence concerning Speed’s time at Purdue University; also includes two references to Speed’s military service on the Mexican border in 1916

Folder 192: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook, Purdue Miscellaneous (30 items)

Miscellaneous event programs, tickets, receipts, and greeting cards from a scrapbook Speed kept while at Purdue

Folder 193: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook, Purdue Ephemera, 1916-1917

Miscellaneous dance cards, tickets, and greeting cards from a scrapbook Speed kept while at Purdue

Folder 194: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook, Newspaper Articles Written by John Speed (3 clippings)

Miscellaneous newspaper articles regarding nature and animals

Folder 195: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook, printed material and clippings

Miscellaneous printed material, event programs, and clippings from a scrapbook Speed kept while at Purdue

Copy of *The Purdue Phi*, November 1914

Copy of *The Purdue Exponent* newspaper, 24 October 1915

Copy of *The Purdue Exponent* newspaper, 27 April 1917

Copy of *The Purdue Exponent* newspaper, 28 April 1917

Copy of the *Purdue Alumnus Newsletter and War Bulletin*, February 1919

Folder 196: John Speed (1893-1968) – Wickliffe Mounds

Miscellaneous printed material, clippings, and other items regarding Wickliffe Mounds

Folder 197: John Speed (1893-1968) – Miscellaneous (7 items)

Real Estate License for John Speed, ca. 1930-40

Radio operator license for John Speed, ca. 1940s

Certificate from Gov. A.B. Chandler appointing John Speed to the Kentucky Sesquicentennial Commission, 28 January 1958

Folder 198: Thomas B. Speed (1895-1952) – Correspondence, 1917 (18 letters)

Letters written by Thomas Speed describe training at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

May 1917 – Thomas Speed to Jane Speed – 2 pages – Indianapolis
Has arrived at training camp

Thomas Speed to James Speed – [Ft. Harrison], 18 May 1917. 3 p., ALS
Describes his schedule during the day from 5:30 in the morning to 9:45 at night

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison. ca. 3 June 1917. 2 p., ALS
Describes training, including wading through water and hiking

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison, ca. 25 July 1917. 4 p., ALS
Discusses his hopes for a commission

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Ft. Harrison, 9 August 1917. 1 p., telegram
Having received commission as a 2nd Lieutenant

Folder 199: Thomas B. Speed (1895-1952) – Correspondence, January – September 1918 (15 letters)

Letters written by Thomas Speed during the summer of 1918 describe training at Camp Perry in Chillicothe, Ohio; later correspondence describes traveling to New York and Nova Scotia

Thomas Speed to Jane Speed – Camp Perry, OH, ca. July 1918. 6 p., ALS
Taking target practice when a plane ran out of gas and landed on their rifle range

Thomas Speed to James Speed – Camp Perry, OH, ca. July-August 1918. 6 p., ALS
Being assigned to the ammunition trains; “He [Major Godfrey] stated that you were not cramped up in the trenches & were out on the outside and saw all the real life. He also stated that it was also bunk about it being so horribly dangerous as all their work was done at night.”

Thomas Speed to Jane Speed – New York, “Sunday,” ca. August-Sept. 1918. 3 p., ALS
Describes New York City; seeing an air show with stunt planes; visiting night clubs

Thomas Speed to James Speed – New York, “Tuesday,” ca. August-Sept. 1918. 3 p., ALS
Describes visiting New York City

Thomas Speed to Jane and James Speed – Sidney, Nova Scotia, 28 September 1918. 1 p., ALS
Three companies have been put into quarantine with the Spanish influenza, but he is well and is being quartered in a large skating rink

Folder 200: Thomas B. Speed (1895-1952) – Correspondence, October-December 1918 (17 letters)

Letters written by Thomas Speed describing Nova Scotia, the journey to Europe, and France, particularly his time at Camp De Souge.

Thomas Speed to Jane and James Speed – France, 29 October 1918. 4 p., ALS
Describes his voyage overseas, “Our trip was delightful and I enjoyed every minute of it except for one day and believe me I knew all of the horrors of sea-sickness on that day.”

Thomas Speed to “Unks and Aunt Bertha” – Camp De Souge, France, 13 November 1918. 2 p.
TLS

Describes the camp near Bordeaux; worries that the armistice will prevent his promotion to 1st Lieutenant

Thomas Speed to Jane and James Speed – Camp De Souge, France, 8 December 1918. 1 p., ALS
Having had hemorrhoid surgery on his “rear projection”

Thomas Speed to Jane and James Speed – Camp De Souge, 11 December 1918. 1 p., ALS
Complains about being confined to camp; describes going to dinner in a nearby town

Folder 201: Thomas B. Speed (1895-1952) – Correspondence, no date (4 letters, 6 envelopes)

Undated correspondence from Thomas Speed describing life in training camp and preparations to ship out to Europe

Folder 202: Thomas B. Speed (1895-1952) – Orders & Certificates (7 documents)

Orders from August 1917 informing Thomas Speed that he has been placed on active service and is required to report to Camp Taylor; certificates related to training camp and Speed’s 1919 appointment to the Officers’ Reserve Corps

Folder 203: World War I ephemera (7 items)

Miscellaneous items from the Speeds’ time in Europe during World War I

Folder 204: World War I newspaper clippings

Newspaper clippings related to American troops during World War I

Folder 205: James Speed (1930-2006) – Baby Book

Includes information about his birth, baby statistics and first 6 months of his life.

Folder 206: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1949-1950 (4 letters)

Miscellaneous correspondence to James Speed

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Folder 207: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, Jan.-Oct. 1951 (28 letters)

Letters concerning James Speed being drafted into the US Army and his experiences in Boot Camp and Training Camp.

James Speed to Mr. & Mrs. John Speed – Fort Meade, 8 August 1951. 1 p., postcard
Describes his first days in the service

James Speed to “Family” – Annville, PA, 22 August 1951. 1 p., form postcard
Gives his new assignment and mailing address

James Speed to "Family" – Annville, PA, 23 August 1951. 4 p., ALS
Describes the camp near Annville

Clara to James Speed – Sweet Briar, VA, 22 September 1951. 2 p., ALS
Describes college life at Sweet Briar College.

Folder 208: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, Nov.-Dec. 1951 (11 letters)

Letters describing James Speed's life during training camp in Pennsylvania while in the U.S. Army

Folder 209: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, January 1952 (21 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed while in training camp in Pennsylvania.

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Indiantown Gap, PA, 15 January 1952. 4 p., ALS
Asks for advice on Officer Training School

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, [January 1952]. 1 p., TLS.
Offers advice about whether James should attend Officers Training School.

Folder 210: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, February 1952 (15 letters) Letters describing James Speed's life while in training camp in Pennsylvania

Gran to James Speed – Mobile, AL, 9 February 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses family members attending University of Virginia as far back as the Civil War.

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Indiantown Gap, PA, [February 1952]. 6 p., ALS
Describes life in camp; includes clipping about Capt. Lewis L. Millett, who earned the Medal of Honor and is one of his instructors.

Folder 211: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence, March 1952 (6 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed while in training camp in Pennsylvania and his last trip home before shipping out to Korea.

Folder 212: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence, April 1952 (5 letters)

Letters written while James Speed is being shipped out to Korea describing his trip.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 16 April 1952. 1 p., TLS
Gives James advice, "Be a good soldier but not a foolish one."

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Seattle, 18 April 1952. 5 p., ALS.
Explains point system for discharge from service in Korea.

Folder 213: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, May 1-15 1952 (22 letters, 1 newsletter)

Letters written while James Speed is on his way to Korea and when he first lands there. He describes his journey and his combat experiences.

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – [no place], 24 April 1952. 14 p., ALS
Letter was dated 24 April but was written over a period ending 3 May 1952;
describes the trip to Japan.

James Speed to Mr. & Mrs. John Speed – Tokyo, 4 May 1952. 1p., telegram
States that he has arrived "all well and safe" in Tokyo.

Copy of "The Brewster Booster" newsletter from the troop ship taking James Speed to Japan –
very brown with acid damage and fragile.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 7 May 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses watching the Derby on television

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 12 May 1952. 2 p., ALS
Describes first impression of Korea; Sabre jets; helicopter with wounded strapped to the
sides

James Speed to Nina Speed – Korea, 12 May 1952. 2 p., ALS
Describes Korean children begging for scraps from the garbage at U.S. base;
includes a patch with a gold thunderbird symbol on a red background

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 14 May 1952. 2 p., ALS.
Discusses artillery barrage and unit casualties; includes Thunderbird patch

Folder 214: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence, May 16-31 1952 (27 letters)

Letters from Speed detailing his experiences on the front lines in Korea; letters from his relatives
in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 18 May 1952. 3 p., ALS
Describes the front lines as "pretty safe" because they are two miles away from
the North Koreans; "Anything that I said about positions, strength, etc. keep it
confidential as I am not even supposed to tell what I did but I thought you all would like
to know what the scoop is."

"Tony" to James Speed – [Washington, DC?], 20 May 1952. 2 p., TLS
Marched in an "Armed Services Day Parade" before Harry Truman and United
Nations delegates; states he wish he had three rounds in his gun – one for "Harry" and
two Russians diplomats.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 27 May 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses photographs taken on "Brooster" on the way to Japan.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 29 May 1952. 1 p., TLS
Watching training maneuvers; Russians, "I don't see why we put up with so much

from them. I guess the U.S. will have to learn the hard way again.” Includes 5 cent Military Certificate.

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 31 May 1952. 1 p., TLS
Describes soldier life; mentions plans for troop movement. Includes some Thunderbird decals.

Folder 215: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence, June 1-15 1952 (27 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed’s front line experiences in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 3 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses move to the front, friendly fire incident and photographs taken.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 3 June 1952. 1 p., TLS.
Mentions having served as a clerk along Mexican border in 1916.

“Jani” & Arthur “Artie” Peter to James Speed – [Fort Knox], 3 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses girls and drinking
[The letter has Jani’s name on the signature, but the letter was written by Artie]

Charles “Charlie” Kannapell to James Speed – Camp Chaffee, 4 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses artillery training at Camp Chaffee; Jack Young writing bad checks and forced out of Louisville when the Country Club found out

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 5 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Describes an air attack on “a ‘Chink’ position,” in which P51s used napalm

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 6 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Air attacks on Korean positions; describes Chinese prisoners coming across the lines stripped naked “for safety measures”

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 7 June 1952.
Air attacks on Korean positions, “I’m telling you those chinks were literally blasted out of the ground.”; describes soldiers wearing nylon vests that will stop bullets up to 30 caliber and shrapnel

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 9 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Mentions taking pictures of an air strike; Includes a newspaper clipping from *Stars & Stripes*, a newsletter for the 45th Division and a propaganda leaflet dropped on the North Koreans.

Kenny Clarke to James Speed – Louisville – 9 June 1952. 2 p., ALS
Women, “I bet you’ve got half a dozen slant eyed women over there already. You take care of them over there and I’ll take care of them here.”

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 11 June 1952. 1 p., TLS.

Being transferred away from the front lines; discusses his experience during an artillery attack, "That shell didn't have my name on it, but I'll be damned if it didn't have my address or something to get that close."

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 12 June 1952. 1 p., TLS

Combat; being transferred away from the front line; getting his first shower in two weeks

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 13 June 1952. 2 p., TLS

His company taking a hill that an entire battalion couldn't take earlier in the day; includes a copy of the 45th Division newsletter with articles about his company.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 14 June 1952. 1 p., TLS

"One of the fellows brought in a 'Chink' prisinor [sic] this morning and he was quite proud of the fact because the 180th Regiment has only taken 3 prisoners in over six months on the line."

Folder 216: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence, June 16-30 1952 (24 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed's front line experiences in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 16 June 1952. 1 p., TLS

Discusses his service in artillery during World War I

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 16 June 1952. 1 p., TLS

Discusses the recent combat Co. K of the 45th Division has been in recently.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 17 June 1952. 2 p., ALS

Miscellaneous; includes a copy of the newsletter "Warrior" dated 15 June 1952

James Speed to Family – Korea, 19 June 1952. 2 p., ALS

Replaced as company clerk; soldier life; "This afternoon we all were entertained with a U.S.O. show. It wasn't too hot but it still had American girls in it."

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 25 June 1952. 2 p., ALS

Second anniversary of start of the war, "Our Air Force seems to have remembers that date because from what I've heard this morning it sounds as though the entire front has been bombed and strafed [sic]. Just this morning alone I counted some 175 odd planes coming over just this immediate area headed toward the front."; assassination attempt on Truman, "Too bad the gun mis-fired – third time is charm."

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 26 June 1952. 2 p., TLS

John Speed discusses his experience in artillery bombardment during WWI; a trip to the zoo in Chicago where he spoke to Marlin Perkins.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 27 June 1952. 2 p., ALS

Discusses combat operations. Includes three Letters of Appreciation from superior officers regarding his company and division.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 30 June 1952. 2 p., TLS.

Discusses British objections to bombing hydroelectric plants in North Korea; “With their one division over there it certainly took a lot of nerve from them to even open their mouths.”

Folder 217: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, July 1-15 1952 (28 letters; 1 newspaper)

Letters dealing with James Speed’s front line experiences in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 4 July 1952. 3 p., ALS

Describes the 4th of July celebration barrage along the front lines, “All our artillery, mortars, tanks, machineguns, airplanes, rifles, and hand grenades opened up at midnight for a half hour to celebrate the 4th.”; the point system to rotate back to the U.S.

James Speed to Family – Korea, 5 July 1952. 3 p., ALS

Only being able to get beer with low alcohol content; replacement soldiers; sleeping conditions, “The only problem there [in the trenches] is rats keep you awake all night running over and around you.”

James Speed to Family – Korea, 7 July 1952. 2 p., ALS

Soldier life; combat; letter ends with a diagram map of his patrol of the night before and a note – “Don’t spread this around.”

James Speed to Family – Korea, 10 July 1952. 2 p., ALS

Having earned his Combat Infantryman’s Badge – the “wings” of infantry units.

Arthur “Artie” Peter to James Speed – Fort Knox – 11-29 July 1952. 2 p., ALS

Drinking and carousing, “I almost got booted out last weekend. A (former) buddy or classmate of mine caught me in Louisville drunk (as I am every weekend) and in civies. The bastard reported it to my tactical officer. If it hadn’t been for the fact that I have a terrific tactical officer, I’d be on my way over now.”

Copy of the 11 July 1952 edition of the 45th Division News.

Folder 218: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence July 16-31 1952 (28 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed’s front lines experience in Korea and his transfer to the Military Police Unit that was part of General Van Fleet’s Honor Guard; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 16 July 1952. 2 p., ALS

Describes watching an F-80 being shot down and the pilot landing behind enemy lines

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 20 July 1952. 1 p., ALS
Being assigned to the honor guard at headquarters for "the General"

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 21 July 1952. 2 p., ALS
Being assigned to the honor guard for General Van Fleet, the head of the 8th Army.

"Dee" to James Speed – Korea, 23 July 1952. 1 p., TLS
Miscellaneous; includes two pin up girls from Esquire and another girl from a magazine

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 28 July 1952. 2 p., ALS
Being stationed with the 558 MPs; his situation being "better than in the States"; how easy his duties are as honor guard

James Speed to "Dad, Dee, Nina" – Korea, 30 July 1952. 2 p., ALS
States that he read about the flying saucers over Washington, "People are beginning to have wild [imagination]s now days – aren't they?"; going on a tour of MP posts, "Post 21 is the best of all. Duties there consist of searching Koreans who work in the compound as they enter and leave. A Korean M.P. is there to assist and help translate their monkey talk."

Folder 219: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 August 1952 (letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed's experiences as a M.P. on General Van Fleet's Honor Guard; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to Family – Korea, 3 August 1952. 2 p., ALS
Admits that it was illegal to draw that diagram of patrol, but the mail is not censored

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 10 August 1952. 1 p., ALS
Discusses Malaria drugs; Army spraying DDT once a week to kill mosquitoes

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 11 August 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses polio epidemic in Louisville with 200 cases and 15 deaths.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee, and Nina" – Korea, 14 August 1952.
Stopped General and Mrs. Mark Clark while on guard duty at General Van Fleet's home last night

Folder 220: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-31 August 1952 (28 letters)

Letters dealing with James Speed's experiences as a M.P. on General Van Fleet's Honor Guard in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 17 August 1952. 2 p., TLS
Discusses the polio epidemic in Louisville.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 18 August 1952. 2 p., ALS

Describes a typhoon blowing over the steel superstructure of a building on base.

“Castner” to James Speed – Louisville, 23 August 1952. 2 p., ALS
Presidential election, “Both candidates seem to be better than average, but I think its high time to get the Democrats out.”

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 27 August 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses TV repairs and cost.

Folder 221: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 September 1952 (22 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was on the Honor Guard for General Van Fleet in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

Kenny Clarke to James Speed – Parris Island, SC, 1 September 1952. 3 p., ALS
Discusses boot camp; includes a poem about being a Marine.

Charleen Riehlman to James Speed – Louisville, 2 September 1952. 6 p., ALS
Schools may be delayed in opening because of polio.

James Speed to Family – Korea, 2 September 1952. 2 p., ALS
Increased duty because General Van Fleet is coming to visit; includes a Korean 1,000 won bill.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 9 September 1952. 1 p., TLS
The family sold Farmington; the School Board opened Schools despite the polio epidemic; infections of and deaths from polio

Charleen Riehlman to James Speed – Louisville, 10 September 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the polio epidemic in Louisville

Folder 222: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence 16-30 September 1952 (21 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was serving as an M.P. on General van Fleet’s Honor Guard in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 7 September 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses the polio epidemic and the number of deaths of adults.

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – 17 September 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the sale of Farmington

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 18 September 1952. 2 p., ALS
Transferred to Seoul

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 24 September 1952. 2 p., TLS
Discusses plans for Beechland after the sale of Farmington

Meredith Smythe to James Speed – Sweet Briar College, 26 September 1952. 4 p., ALS
Makes comments about war and wastefulness in America.

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 28 September 1952. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous; includes a uniform patch – white cross on red.

Charleen Riehlman to James Speed – Louisville, 29 September 1952. 3 p., ALS
Polio epidemic improving

Folder 223: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 October 1952 (23 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. on General Van Fleet’s Honor Guard in Seoul, Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to Family – Korea, 6 October 1952. 3 p., ALS
Describes pilots discussing mission in the bar at Kimpo airfield.

James Speed to Family – Korea, 9 October 1952. 3 p., ALS
Discusses a communist attack and the fact that line soldier are no longer sent home on points, just their discharge date.

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 15 October 1952. 4 p., ALS
Miscellaneous; ends with a poem about soldier life written by Speed and his buddies

Folder 224: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-31 October 1952 (25 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. with General Van Fleet’s Honor Guard in Seoul, Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

Henry “Hank” Dosker to James Speed – Korea, 17 October 1952. 1 p., ALS
Discusses his job at “Skyline Drive”; asks about Speed’s luck with women while on R&R

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 22 October 1952. 1 p., TLS
Discusses the election and television coverage of it; criticizes Truman’s tactics against Eisenhower

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 22 October 1952. 2 p., ALS
He was Jeep driver in escort for Gen. Mark Clark, Pres. Syngman Rhee and John Foster Dulles.

Castner to James Speed – Louisville, 29 October 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses his views of politics with 20 years of Democrats in charge taking away the liberties of the people

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 31 October 1952. 2 p., TLS
Discusses how politics effect the war and that Truman wants to remove Van Fleet.

Folder 225: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 November 1952 (21 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. on General Van Fleet's Honor Guard in Seoul, Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 5 [November] 1952. 2 p., ALS

Discusses the election and states the troops were for Stevenson, "No kidding practically everyone over here was against Eisenhower [sic] since he made the statement that all G.I.'s should be extended in their tour of duty."

James Speed to "Rimy" – Korea, 6 November 1952. 2 p., ALS

Discusses the election and states the troops are for Stevenson.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 7 November 1952. 4 p., ALS

States that John Foster Dulles's trip was fairly quiet; Anna Rosenberg is expected to arrive soon, "Wish a 'Chink' shell would get her. No kidding she is very much disliked by all servicemen."

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 13 November 1952. 2 p., ALS

Miscellaneous; includes some U.S. propaganda leaflets and orders explaining them.

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 15 November 1952. 3 p., ALS

Discusses a new club for MPs on base.

Folder 226: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-30 November 1952 (20 letters)

Letters written while James Speed while serving as an M.P. in General Van Fleet's Honor Guard in Seoul, Korea, including discussion of Eisenhower's upcoming visit; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to Family – Korea, 21 November 1952. 2 p., ALS

States that his MP unit will be in charge of security during the Eisenhower visit to Seoul

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 25 November 1952.

Describes preparations for Eisenhower's visit; discusses how his unit will operate while Eisenhower is at the base

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 27 November 1952. 2 p., ALS

Discusses preparations for Eisenhower's visit; includes clippings of Ike's upcoming visit preparations, cartoons from Stars and Stripes and the Thanksgiving day menu.

Folder 227: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 December 1952 (22 letters, 1 newspaper)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. in General Van Fleet's Honor Guard in Seoul, Korea, including discussion of Ike's visit to Korea and Speed's transfer to Panmunjom as a guard at the negotiation site in the neutral zone; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 7 December 1952. 3 p., ALS.

Details Eisenhower's visit to Seoul; drove a Jeep in Eisenhower's escort and guarded the compound where Eisenhower and Van Fleet met; includes his pass for EUSAK compound.

Issue of "Stars and Stripes" from 6 December 1952 covering Eisenhower's visit.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 14 December 1952. 4 p., ALS
Has been transferred to duty at Panmunjom guarding the negotiation tent in the neutral zone

Folder 228: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-31 December 1952 (31 letters)

Letters written while James Speed served as an M.P. in the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

Castner to James Speed – Louisville, 16 December 1952. 2 p., ALS
Thinks Eisenhower will have a better chance of ending the war than the Truman administration did with their "defeatist attitude"

James Speed to "Rimy" – Korea, 17 December 1952. 2 p., ALS
Served as witness at Panmunjom in a case of a violation of the Neutral Zone

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 18 December 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses acting as a witness in a Neutral Zone dispute; includes a copy of the camp's newsletter.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 20 December 1952. 2 p., ALS
Tells of meeting Edward R. Murrow while on duty at Panmunjom

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 26 December 1952. 4 p., ALS
Describes the Christmas services he attended; air raids near the neutral zone; includes program from the Christmas services

Henry "Hank" Dosker to James Speed – Korea, 28 December 1952. 2 p., ALS
Not having any interest in serving at Panmunjom, "I can't see this chumming around with gooks unarmed. For myself, I say shoot all the bastards. Actually I suppose it is safe enough but still it sounds like a powder keg to me."

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Folder 229: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 January 1953 (17 letters, 1 newsletter)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Family" – Korea, 1 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Miscellaneous; includes the newsletter Apple Orchard Argus.

Newsletter Apple Orchard Argus dated 3 January 1953 with articles marked by James Speed.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 3 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Describes "the Commie guards" at Panmunjom, "The North Koreans are used entirely for the job of guarding the conference area. The Chinese act as a sort of secret police similar to our FBI although I personally don't think they do very much work of that sort."

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 6 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Air strikes, "Air strikes are getting to be so common around here that hardly anyone pays attention to them"
Included in the same envelope was Speed's 8 January 1953 (2 p., ALS) letter to "Dad, Dee and Nina" discussing combat just outside the neutral zone.

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 13 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Cold weather, "I'm on duty now in the Delegates tent and the communist guards are outside running all over the place trying to keep warm. As far as I'm concerned they can all freeze to death. The more I see of these slant eyed b____s the more dislike I have for them."; rumors that draftees will receive an extension of service

Folder 230: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-31 January 1953 (25 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to Family – Korea, 24 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Describes walking neutral zone perimeter.

James Speed to Gran – Korea, 28 January 1953. 2 p., ALS
Presidential inauguration, "Sure was glad to see Harry Truman and his administration leave Washington on the 20th."

Folder 231: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 February 1953 (25 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 3 February 1953. 1 p., TLS
Having finalized sale of Farmington

James Speed to Family – Korea, 8 February 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses Chinese soldiers surrendering to them at Panmunjom

James Speed to "Rimy" – Korea, 13 February 1953. 2 p., ALS
Mentions the sale of Farmington

Folder 232: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-28 February 1953 (15 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 16 February 1953. 4 p., TLS
Miscellaneous; includes two pages of typed military humor from WWI

James Speed to “Rimy” – Korea, 18 February 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses accidental shelling in the neutral zone

James Speed to “All” – Korea, 20 February 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses a U.S. Marine attack on a village in “Chinese territory”

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 23 February 1953. 2 p., TLS
Discusses investing in “krillium” soil additive.

Charleen Riehlman to James Speed – Louisville, 25 February 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses seeing a 3D movie.

Folder 233: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 March 1953 (18 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

Charleen Riehlman to James Speed – Louisville, 2 March 1953. 4 p., ALS
Discusses “Bwana Devil”, a 3D movie she saw

James Speed to “Dad, Dee and Nina” – Korea, 4 March 1953. 3 p., ALS
Discusses his trip to Seoul.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 4 March 1953. 1 p., TLS
Discusses Stalin’s ill health and possible death, “I bet the old boy has been dead or murdered – purged, I mean – from some time back.”

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 7 March 1953.
He has “the crabs”; discusses Stalin’s death and wonders how it will effect Korea and Indochina

Folder 234: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence 16-31 March 1953 (14 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to “Family” – Korea, 16 March 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the accidental bombing at Kaesong and the UN investigation

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 17 March 1953. 1 p., TLS
Discusses the “crabs”; watching coverage on T.V. of an atomic bomb explosion in Nevada

James Speed to "Dad, Dee and Nina" – Korea, 19 March 1953. 2 p., ALS
Having eradicated his crabs

Folder 235: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 1-15 April 1953 (22 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

Jean Entwistle to Jenny Speed – Tokyo, 2 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Describes James Speed's trip to Tokyo

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 3 April 1953. 5 p., ALS
Describes his trip to Tokyo

James Speed to "Rimy" – Korea, 4 April 1953 from James Speed to Rimey.
Discusses the resumed peace talks; includes an invitation to Nina's wedding dated 6 April 1953

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 6 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses difficulties of keeping reporters and photographers away from the peace talks

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 8 April 1953. 3 p., TL
Discusses Nina's wedding and the prisoner exchange in Korea; speculates about a power struggle in the Kremlin

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 8 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the prisoner exchange and changing attitudes of the communist negotiators

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 11 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the preparations in the neutral zone for the prisoner exchange

James Speed to "Rimy" – Korea, 14 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the preparation for the prisoner exchange

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 14 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Asks for film so he could photograph the prisoner of war exchange

Folder 236: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, 16-30 April 1953 (20 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 16 April 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses prisoner exchange; mentions that only 120 Americans were exchanged for 6,000 communist prisoners

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 20 April 1953. 2 p., ALS

Describes prisoner exchange, day one.

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 22 April 1952. 2 p., ALS
Discusses prisoner exchange

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 25 April 1953. 1 p., ALS
Includes orders promoting James to Corporal

Folder 237: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, May 1953 (32 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was an M.P. guarding the neutral zone in Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 6 May 1953. 2 p., TLS
Fed up with Pentagon propaganda and treatment of some of the returned prisoners

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Korea, 8 May 1953. 2 p., ALS
Thinks a new proposal by the communists should be considered at peace talks

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 10 May 1953. 1 p., TLS
Discusses Syngman Rhee's stance on a united Korea as a stumbling block to peace

James Speed to "Dee and Dad" – Louisville, 18 May 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the need to readjust to civilian life when he comes home, "You know, after a fellow has been in Korea with an environment such as I have for well over a year one becomes practically uncivilized."

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 22 May 1953. 1 p., TL
Having captured a Chinese soldier in the neutral zone

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 28 May 1953. 2 p., ALS
Describes a violation of the neutral zone by the Chinese

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 31 May 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses reports that the violation of the neutral zone was ROK soldiers disguised as North Koreans

Folder 238: James Speed (1930-2006) – Correspondence, June-July 1953 (13 letters)

Letters written while James Speed was returning home from Korea; letters from his relatives in the U.S. give family and local news

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 1 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
Tells them to stop writing when they receive the letter because he will be coming home

James Speed to "Dad and Dee" – Korea, 4 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the peace talks but he can not say what was said even though he heard every word since he was guarding the door

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, 6 June 1953. 1 p., TLS
Discusses a fire at the chemical plant where he works

James Speed to “Dad and Dee” – Korea, 6 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
States that the peace talks look good with both sides giving ground

James Speed to “Dad and Dee” – Korea, 8 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
Discusses about the Armistice and prisoner exchange

James Speed to “Dad and Dee” – Korea, 11 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
Describes what he thinks his route home will be – by boat to New York City

James Speed to “Dad and Dee” – Korea, 15 June 1953. 2 p., ALS
Going home on the General Walker and hope to be on the west coast by July 4

Orders dated 1 July 1953 to report to Camp Breckinridge, Ky. for discharge.

Folder 239: James Speed (1930-2006) - Correspondence 1954, undated (29 letters)

Letters to James Speed from his future wife, Ann, who lived in Bowling Green, Kentucky, as they prepare to be married

Ann to James Speed – Bowling Green, 14 June 1954. 3 p., ALS
Discusses arrangements for fall wedding

Ann to James Speed – Bowling Green, 19 July 1954. 5 p., ALS
Describes a drowning incident Ann witnessed.

John Speed to James Speed – Louisville, undated [ca. 1951]. 1 p., ALS
Discusses Nina’s ill health while at college

Folder 240: James Speed (1930-2006) – Training papers

Schedule of Quizzes on Leadership Subjects.
Lesson plan and presentation.
Lesson plan and presentation.
Brief sheet – Administration of Military Justice.
General rules for sentinels.
Objectives of the Leader.
Introduction to Leadership.
Lesson plan and Presentation
Newspaper clipping from Panmunjom.
Physical Fitness scorecard.
Presentation speaking notes.
Lesson plan II test.
Scrap paper with notes.

Folder 241: James Speed (1930-2006) – Discharge papers

Orders 12 June 1953 Clearance slip.
Letter of Transfer or return to Reserve Component.
Special Orders 162 (2 copies) dated 11 June 1953.
Special Order 117 dated 4 August 1953.
Letter of Transfer to Camp Breckinridge dated 8 July 1953.
Discharge paper dated 8 July 1953.
Application for program of education and training
Certificate for education and training.
Certificate of Service - James Speed
Period of Active Duty – James Speed
Draft registration card.
Memo from United Nations Command Advance – Security Guard for Panmunjom
Conference site, dated 7 March 1953.
Special Orders 182 dated 1 July 1953.
Program for Devine Services Military Sea Transport Service – Pacific, dated 21
June 1953.
Certificate – Domain of the Golden Dragon – James Speed dated 27 April 1952.
Issued for crossing the International Date Line.

Folder 242: James Speed (1930-2006) – Notebooks

Notebook – 1952 – Military heavy weapons and atomic blast notes.
Spiral Notebook – some notes on first aid and a list of names.

Folder 243: James Speed (1930-2006) – Miscellaneous

San Francisco Call-Bulletin dated 1 July 1953. USS General Walker returning with
Korean Veterans
Joke book, *The Tickler File*

Folder 244: John Speed (b. 1955) – Correspondence, 1970 (16 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time at South Kent School in Connecticut

Folder 245: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1971 (34 letters, 1 newspaper)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time at South Kent School in Connecticut; most of
his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to “Family” – [South Kent, CT], 24 January 1971. 4 p., ALS
Discusses plans to go to school in Australia.

Issue of “The Pigtail” dated 13 November 1971. South Kent School Newspaper.

John Speed to “Family” – [South Kent, CT], 30 November 1971. 4 p., ALS
Describes vacation to New York City for Thanksgiving; went to Pete Seeger concert

Folder 246: James Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1972 (19 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time at South Kent School in Connecticut; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

Folder 247: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1973-1974 (34 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing being in Australia and trying to get into a college; others discuss his enrollment in the University of Sydney, Faculty of Science; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to “All” – Narrabundah, Australia, 6 February 1974. 2 p., ALS
Has applied to Colleges and been accepted by the University of Sydney in Science, but hoping for University of Adelaide in Medicine

John Speed to “All” – Abbotsford, Australia, 26 February 1974. 2 p., ALS
Discusses starting classes at university

John Speed to “All” – Abbotsford, Australia, 26 February 1974. 2 p., ALS
Continues previous letter about starting classes

John Speed to “All” – Newtown, Australia, 6 August 1974. 1 p, ALS
Discusses Watergate; busing in Louisville

John Speed to “All” – Narrabundah, Australia, 19 August 1974. 2 p., ALS
Having celebrated Nixon’s resignation

John Speed to “All” – Narrabundah, Australia, 28 October 1974. 2 p., ALS
Discusses having seen on the Ali-Forman fight

Folder 248: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1975 (29 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney, Faculty of Science, studying zoology; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to “All” – Chippendale, Australia, 5 June 1975. 2 p., ALS
Describes his biology studies, including a field trip to “the bush”

John Speed to “All” – Chippendale, Australia, 21 August 1975. 2 p., ALS
Describes a research trip to study the effects of DDT on Kookaburra eggs

John Speed to “All” – Chippendale, Australia, 9 September 1975. 2 p., ALS
Inquires about the busing demonstrations in Louisville

John Speed to “All” – Chippendale, Australia, 24 September 1975. 2 p., ALS
News coverage of the busing demonstrations makes Louisville sound like it has its own chapter of the KKK

Folder 249: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1976 (25 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney, Faculty of Science, studying zoology; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to "All" - Glebe, Australia, 21 July 1976. 2 p., ALS
Research trips; having heard reports on DDT's effects on kookaburra eggs; student boycott at University of Sydney

John Speed to "All" – Glebe, Australia, 28 September 1976. 2 p., ALS
Missed presidential debates but his friends were not impressed by Ford or Carter

Folder 250: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1977 (23 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to "All" – Narrabundah, Australia, 31 January [1977]. 3 p., ALS
Describes visiting San Francisco and the trip back to Australia

John Speed to James Speed – Glebe, Australia, 17 February 1977. 2 p., ALS
Having been accepted into medical school

Folder 251: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1978 (27 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney, Medical School; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to "The Speeds" – Glebe, Australia, 18 January 1978. 2 p., ALS
Working in the outback at a hospital; visiting an aboriginal reservation

John Speed to "All" – Glebe, Australia, 25 January 1978. 2 p., ALS
More descriptions of the outback and his work there

John Speed to "All" – Glebe, Australia, 11 February 1978. 2 p., ALS
Discusses the bombing of a hotel where Asian and Pacific diplomats were meeting;
"Australia has entered the age of terrorism."

John Speed to "All" – Glebe, Australia, 16 July 1978. 2 p., ALS
Had his first experience with "ultramodern technology" (an EKG) at the hospital

John Speed to "Mom and Dad" – Glebe, Australia, 7 September 1978. 2 p., ALS
Describes traveling to Adelaide and attending a medical conference there

Folder 252: John Speed (b. 1955) – Correspondence, 1979 (17 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney, Medical School; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to "The Speeds"- Bangkok, 22 June 1979. Postcard.

Visiting Bangkok on his trip back to the U.S.

John Speed to "The Speeds" – Srinagar, India, 1 July 1979. 2 p., ALS

Describes his trip to Kashmir; will be working in a hospital for several weeks as part of his training

John Speed to "All" – Srinagar, India, 8 July 1979. 2 p., ALS

Describes hospital work; a strike in hospital.

John Speed to "All" – Srinagar, India, 29 July 1979. 2 p., ALS

Describes trips in countryside of Kashmir and Ladakh

John Speed to "All" – Srinagar, India, 12 August 1979. 2 p., ALS

Describes pilgrimage to a cave that is a holy site for Hindus

John Speed to "Mom and Dad" – no place [Australia], 8 October 1979. 4 p., ALS

Describes return trip to Australia; discusses his surgery training in the hospital

Folder 253: John Speed (b.1955) – Correspondence, 1980-1981 (3 letters)

Letters written by John Speed discussing his time as a student at the University of Sydney, Medical School; most of his letters discuss his studies and his leisurely activities

John Speed to "Mom and Dad" – Glebe, Australia, 24 February 1980. 2 p., ALS

Discusses Soviet-Afghan relations; describes his pediatrics professor, who is "one of those domineering old homosexuals"

John Speed to "Mom and Dad" – [Australia], 18-22 January 1981. 8 p., ALS

Details his internship in Australia; discusses Iran, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, "I think Carter will go down in history as a much better president that people give him credit for now. It also annoys me to read about the 'ransom' for the hostages – that \$ was Iran's to begin with, & there was no way in the world to get them released, without provoking a war."

Folder 254: Speed Family – Miscellaneous correspondence, 1840-1931 (8 letters)

Priscilla to Fanny P. Henning – Shelbyville, 11 December 1840. 3 p., ALS

Family matters

R. M. Chapman to "Mrs. Speed" – Vincennes, 13 September [ca. 1850s-1860s]. 4 p., ALS

Education of "the boys," Breck and Jimmy

James Speed, Jr. to "My dear Brother" – Louisville, 6 March 1879. 2 p., ALS

Personal and family matters

J. Gillespie to J. Smith Speed – Evansville, 29 May 1882. 2 p., ALS

Expresses his sympathy on the death of Joshua Fry Speed; "a more agreeable companion,

a truer friend, a better Husband, and a purer Patriot it has never been my lot to meet”

“Sister Helen” to “My dear Brother” – Mehose, MA, 12 May 1886. 3 p., ALS
Expresses sympathy on the death of “Jennie”

John H. Heywood to “My dear Mrs. Breckinridge” – Mehose, MA, 5 January 1888. 4 p., ALS
Wishes he could visit Louisville more often; expresses his feelings about James Speed

“Hallie Bish” to Aurore Speed – [no place], 18 January 1915. 4 p., ALS
Praise’s James Speed’s biography of his grandfather, James Speed

“Tav” to “Bertha & Ship” – London, England, 20 August 1931. 1 p., postcard
Visiting London

Folder 255: Barker-Owen Family Papers, 1841-1862

Thomas J. Barker composition, “On the employment of youth.” 29 January 1841. 1 p., AD

Thomas J. Barker composition, “Die gloria transit mundi.” 18 August 1842. 3 p., AD

“The alphabet of requisites.” Undated. 1 p., AD
Discusses the desired attributes of a wife

Jennie Owen journal, 1860-1862. 1 volume.
Lists accounts with merchants, p. 1-38
Diary (May-July 1860, May 1861) begins, p. 39; traveling from Taylorsville to Missouri;
visiting in Missouri; weather; going to church

Folder 256: Speed Family Genealogy and Transcripts

Transcripts of Speed family letters, approximately 70 pages, dating 1797-1882. Most of the letters relate to family matters, farming, and various aspects of everyday life. The bulk of the letters are from Judge John Speed and his sons, James, Joshua, and Philip. The originals of some of the letters, particularly those written by James Speed, are available in other parts of the collection. One letter is from Abraham Lincoln to Mary Speed, dated 27 September 1841, discussing his return trip from Louisville (the original is in the Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress).

Extracts from Jefferson County records related to the Speed family.

Folder 257: Thomas Lincoln (1812) Gravesite

Miscellaneous material related to the gravesite of Thomas Lincoln, the younger brother of Abraham who died in infancy near Hodgenville, Kentucky.

Folder 258: Pamphlets & Magazines

Miscellaneous pamphlets and magazines on a variety of topics

Union Soldiers and Sailors' Monument at Louisville, Kentucky. Address of Captain Thomas Speed, President of the Association, Upon the Inauguration of the Movement, August 30, 1895 (1895)

Folder 259: Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous documents, typescripts, Photostats, clippings, etc. related to a variety of subjects, some related to the Speeds and others not.

Wrapped and Oversize

Folder 260: John Speed (1893-1968) – Scrapbook

This Scrapbook chronicles John Speed's experiences at Purdue University between 1914 and 1917. The scrapbook contains the names and addresses of Speed's friends, a listing of several football and basketball games and the scores, several pieces of ephemera, and a large number of photographs. Ephemera includes dance cards from Phi Delta Theta and other university dances, a program for a Phi Delta Theta banquet, and regulations for the Purdue University Corps of Cadets from 1914. Also in the scrapbook are two letters describing a task for John Speed to undertake dated March 1915, possibly while he was pledging Phi Delta Theta fraternity. See photograph inventory for a complete description of photographs in the scrapbook.

Folder 261: John Speed (1893-1968) – World War I Maps (11 maps, Oversize)

3 May 1918 – "Hageville (Chambley 6)" - Map of Eastern France near Hageville showing roads, railroads, topography, telephone lines, and practice trenches?

ca. June 1918? – Grid showing the Telephone Lines between various U.S. Army divisions in Eastern France near Chalons-en-Champagne – Printed

12 August 1918 – "Verdun A" - Map of Trench Lines in Eastern France near Avocourt – Printed by Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

14 August 1918 – "Vouziers" - Map of Vouziers Section of France showing topography and nearby towns - Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, Army

19 September 1918 – Map of the Foret D'Argonne showing both the Allies and Axis trenches - Printed

8 October 1918 – "Hattonchatel" - Maps of trenches in France near Hattonchatel – Printed

19 October 1918 – Partial map of Chenney, France showing routes to Barricour and Remonville (front, printed), Both printed and hand-drawn Map of Telephone Lines for the 67th Field Artillery Brigade dated 30 October 1918 (back)

21 October 1918 – “St. Mihiel”- Map showing St. Mihiel area of France – shows topography, towns, trenches? – Printed by G-2-C 2nd Army

25 October 1918 – “Enemy Information” - Map of German lines in Eastern France in the area of Imecourt, Champigneulle, and Briquenay – shows batteries, fox hole, roads of greatest activity, location of machine guns, observation posts, buildings, and gun emplacements – Drawn & Printed by G-2-C

30 October 1918 – “Artillery Objective and Infantry Assault Map” – Eastern France in the area around Remonville – shows trenches and positions of German batteries – Hand-drawn positions on printed map – Prepared and printed by G-2-C

1918 – “Mezieres” - Map of Mezieres Area of France shows topography and location of towns and roads – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

Folder 262: John Speed (1893-1968) – World War I Maps (Oversize)

1918 – “Prum” - Topographic Map of area around Prum in Prussia – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

1918- “Coblenz” - Topographic Map of Coblenz area of Prussia – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

1918 – “Le Chesne” – Topographic Map of Eastern France near Brussels in the area of Sauville and Omont – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

1918 – “Thiaucourt” - Map of Eastern France near Thiaucourt – includes a hand-drawn route from Ansaurville North to Pannes and then West past Varvinay – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

1918 – “Francheval” - Map of the French and Belgian border near the city of Francheval, France shows topography, towns, and railroads – Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

1918 – “Raucourt” - Topographical Map of Eastern France near the Belgium border at Raucourt - includes hand-drawn positions of the 83rd and 84th Brigades – Printed at Base Printing plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

Late 1918 – Early 1919 – “42nd Division Area Comprising Kreis Ahrweiler, Germany” -Map of area surrounding Ahrweiler, Germany showing roads and road conditions – Includes hand-written notes - Lithographed by the 117th Engineers

1919 – “Linz” - Map of the Linz area of Germany showing roads, railroads, and topographical information – Printed by Base Printing Plant, 29th Engineers, U.S. Army

16 February 1919 – “Demonstration of Attack by Battalion of Wf. With Aux. Weapons” Hand-drawn map with demonstration Aerial attack on Remagen, Germany

N.d. – Printed map of the area near Fontainebleau, France