

ELIAS BARKLEY was born in Ashland County, Ohio, July 20, 1831, a son of Jacob and Harriet (Daugherty) Barkley, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born September 1, 1805, and the latter January 24, 1806. In 1849 the family came to Adams County, Indiana and entered eighty acres of Government land, at the same time buying eighty acres in Union Township, and here the father died September 2, 1879. His paternal grandparents, Jacob and Rosanna Barkley, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and died in Wayne County, Ohio.

Mr. Barkley was married October 16, 1856, to Mary Clem, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, born April 7, 1836, daughter of Noah and Magdelene (Ridenour) Clem, natives of Shennandoah County, Virginia, the former born September 27, 1810, and the latter in 1811. The mother died September 27, 1885, and the father is still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkley have had seven children - Jeremiah, born July 26, 1857; John A., August 2, 1859; Joseph, January 11, 1861; Elizabeth A., January 15, 1868; William Penn, February 2, 1870; Mary T., born March 1, 1872, died October 31, 1879, and David J., born August 14, 1876.

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