

Samuel Barkshire, cooper, b 1798 KY mulatto

Frances Barkshire, b.

Samuel and Frances Barkshire were free in 1840, living in Dearborn County, IN. Samuel's family is in Rising Sun in 1850, and is active in helping Laura Haviland in the attempted rescue of the Stephens slaves. Samuel's son, Arthur Barkshire (b. in Boone County), is involved in a case in 1856:

Barkshire v. State, 7 Ind. 389 (1856)

While Freeman received considerable justice from the Indiana courts, not all blacks fared as well. This was most apparent in cases involving prosecutions for illegally bringing persons of color into the state. The appeal of one such conviction was pursued by Arthur Barkshire, who brought a black woman from Ohio to his home in Rising Sun, Indiana, and married her. He was prosecuted for the offense of bringing her to Indiana in defiance of Article XIII of the state constitution. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars. Barkshire's conviction was affirmed.

He married a woman named Elizabeth Keith in Ohio in 1854, but it's unclear if she was a fugitive.

Arthur and family are in Scioto County, OH in 1860, he enlists in the military in 1863. Unclear if he was active in the UGRR in Scioto County.