

JOSEPH PARENT, a farmer of Washington Township, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, October 11, 1841, son of Paul and Angeline Parent, both of whom were born in Lower Canada and of French ancestry. They had several children, six of whom are living - Joseph, Gilbert, Matilda, Militime, Paul and Mary L. The mother died August 9, 1859, and the father November 5, 1880. He was reared on a farm in his native country, and educated in the early schools of his time. June 22, 1870, he was married to Phoebe A. Troutner, born in Allen County, Indiana, January 4, 1854, daughter of John and Frances Troutner, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a pioneer of Allen County, this State. He used to carry the mail over the Government trails between Defiance, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He died March 14, 1870, in his seventy-ninth year. To Mr. and Mrs. Parent have been born seven children - Joseph A., born December 21, 1871; William H., born October 19, 1873; Priscilla, born March 30, 1876; Mary A., born August 26, 1878; Eddie E., born July 26, 1882; Vivena M., born February 5, 1885, and Francis T., born March 30, 1887. Mr. Parent came to this county in 1870, and in 1873 was naturalized. He owns a good farm of eighty acres, and is a successful farmer. He is a member of the Catholic church, and in politics a Democrat.

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