BARKLEY, JOHN A, - Born in Sough Carolina, the son of John A. and Mary Barkley. He came to Texas sometime between May 2, 1835 and March 2, 1836. In the headright certificate issued to him in 1838 by the Board of Land Commissioners for Fort Bend County it is simply stated that he arrived in Texas prior to March 2, 1836. But had he arrived before May 2, 1835 this would have been stated in the certificate. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 6003 for 320 acres of land for serving in the army from April 15 to July 15, 1836. He was a member of Captain William H. Patton's Columbia Company and on December 17, 1838 was issued Donation Certificate No. 609 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Barkley died in Fort Bend County in 1844. David Randon was appointed administrator of his estate. On September 15, 1845, Mrs. Mary Barkley, his mother, living in Fayette County, Alabama, made affidavit that she was the sole heir of Mr. Barkley, her husband, John A. Barkley, Sr. having died in South Carolina, were John. A. Barkley, Jr. was born.