



☆ ANCESTRAL HOME OF BARACK OBAMA ☆

President Barack Obama has very little known but deep roots in Indiana. The Dunham family has played the most significant and important role in his life. His mother, Ann Dunham and his grandparents, Stanley and Madelyn Dunham who raised him, were from Kansas. However, if you go back just a few years, you will find that three generations of President Obama's fathers are from Indiana.

Jacob Dunham came to Tipton County, Indiana in the 1840's. He is President Obama's fourth great grandfather. Jacob Dunham died on July 20, 1865 and is laid to rest in Indiana soil at The Kempton Cemetery in Kempton, Indiana. His son, Jacob Mackey Dunham, is President Obama's third great grandfather. He married Lousie Eliza Stroup in Tipton County, Indiana on July 21, 1853. To them a son was born, Jacob William Dunham, President Obama's second great grand father who was born February 7, 1863 in Kempton, Indiana. He later left Indiana for Kansas and past away on August 13, 1930. Thus President Obama's family continued in Kansas to his mother.

Today, there still remains the property his fathers owned. It was passed on to a family member by the name of William Riley Dunham. Ironically or by fate, Mr. Dunham served the Democratic Party for several years and represented Hamilton and Tipton County in the Indiana General House of Assembly. The home, which he built, still stands on the original Dunham land.