

**Daniel V. FLESHER**, one of Pike township's well known farmers and landowners and proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 12 out of Portland, has been a resident of Jay county all his life. Mr. FLESHER was born on a farm in Jefferson township, this county, August 21, 1861, and is a son of Israel and Angeline (RATHBUN) FLESHER, whose last days were spent at Redkey. Israel FLESHER was born in Virginia and was but six months of age when his father, Joseph FLESHER, came to Indiana with his family and settled on a quarter section of land he had entered from the Government in Jefferson township, this county, becoming one of the substantial pioneers of that part of the county. On that pioneer farm Israel FLESHER grew to manhood, and there started farming on his own account. Three years later he went to Missouri with a view to settling in that state, but within less than a year returned to Jay county and bought a farm of 219 acres in the southeast corner of Greene township, where he established his home and where he remained until his retirement about the year 1898 and removal to Redkey, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on June 8, 1913. He and his wife were the parents of five children, all of whom are living save one, Jasper, the others, besides the subject of this sketch, being Diantha, George and Arzia.

Reared on the home farm in Greene township, Daniel V. FLESHER received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-seven, after which for five years he was engaged in farming on his father-in-law's place, the Darby farm, in Pike township. He then bought a tract of seventy-seven acres in that township and has since been farming the same, meanwhile having increased his holdings until he has a well kept farm of 192 acres, a part of which lies over the line in Greene township. Mr. FLESHER is a Democrat.

It was on November 25, 1888, that Daniel V. FLESHER was united in marriage to Flora DARBY, of this county, and to this union six children have been born, all of whom are living save one, Merritt, the others being Clynas C., Bessie D., Carl, Kenneth and Keith, the two latter of whom are unmarried. Clynas C. FLESHER married Edith FRANK, of this county, and has two children, Robert and Virginia. Bessie FLESHER married J. O. PIERCE, of Bluff Point, and has two children, Marian and Mary L. Carl FLESHER married Mildred FORD, of Ridgeville, Ind.[Randolph Co.], and has three children, Lowell, Mary and William R.

Mrs. Flora FLESHER was born in Pike township, this county, and is a daughter of Silas and Laura L. DARBY,, the former of whom was born in Clinton county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, later coming over into Indiana and settling in Jay county, where he bought a considerable tract of land and established his home, here spending the remainder of his life, one of the substantial farmers of Pike township.

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