

FLESHER, JEREMIAH

Jeremiah FLESHER, one of Jefferson township's well known farmers and landowners, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. Mr. FLESHER was born on November 29, 1860, and is a son of Granville and Savilla (LARE) FLESHER, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this county. Granville FLESHER was born in Ohio and was two years of age when his parents, Adam FLESHER and wife, came to Indiana and settled in Jay county. Adam FLESHER was a Virginian who had married and settled in Ohio and who in 1836, the year in which Jay county was organized, came over here and entered a quarter section of land southwest of New Mt. Pleasant in Jefferson township, this county, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, one of the influential pioneers of that community. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, one of whom, Elizabeth, is still living. Granville FLESHER was the second in order of birth of these children. He grew up on the pioneer farm in the New Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, receiving his schooling in the primitive schools of that community, and remained with his father on the farm until he had attained his majority, when he bought an "eighty" across the highway from the home place. After his marriage he established his home there and continued to make that his place of residence for thirty years, at the end of which time he moved into the old home place and there spent his last days. At the time of his death he was the owner of 192 acres and was accounted one of the substantial farmers of the neighborhood. Of the two children born to him and his wife the subject of this sketch alone survives. Jeremiah FLESHER received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was helpful in the labors of developing the home farm. He remained with his father until the latter's death and inherited 112 acres of the home farm. Since then he has disposed of fifty acres and now has a well-kept farm, in the operation of which he is ably assisted by his son William. Mr. FLESHER is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Redkey. He has a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Redkey and he and his family have ever taken an interested part in the social activities of the community in which they live. On September 26, 1885, Jeremiah FLESHER was united in marriage to Charlotte OWENS, who was born in the neighboring county of Randolph, and to this union three children have been born, Joseph, Anna and William, the latter of whom is unmarried and continues to make his home with his parents, actively interested in the operation of the farm. Joseph FLESHER has been twice married. His first wife, Mac CLOYD, died leaving two children, and he later married Letha FRAZEE. To this latter union one child has been born, a daughter, Dorothy. Anna FLESHER married Jasper CARDER and has two children, Mary and Martha CARDER.

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